



CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
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## *Our Vision:*

*“By knowing Him, we  
Seek to make Him known to  
all people  
Through the love and  
Grace of Jesus Christ.”*



*The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover*

*April 13, 2021*

### **HOMECOMING AT FUMC-CONOVER**

Dear Members in Christ,

On May 2nd, we will celebrate the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving our Lord at First United Methodist Church in Conover. We invite you and your family to worship with us at our Homecoming service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with overflow in the CFLC. Our speaker this year will be Rev. Mickey Moree, who served FUMCC from 2003-2015.

God continues to bless us with members who support our many mission and outreach ministries. Our church was instrumental in helping to establish E.C.C.C.M., (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries), which continues to serve Eastern Catawba County. We also continue to support The Corner Table financially. Because of COVID-19, our help has been limited.

Our youth are very active in church and their youth programs. Target grades are 6-Graduating seniors, which represent 6 different public high school districts, parochial schools, and home school groups. Mission Projects for last year and this year have also been limited. The Youth were able to do the Souper Bowl of Caring.

The Scouting program at First United Methodist church is a vital ministry. It consists of Cub Scout Pack #322, Boy Scout Troop #322, and Girl Scout Troop 10441. Scouts participate in Community, National & World service projects by helping others in need through projects such as the Scouting for Food drive in cooperation with ECCCM.

Through the 26 years, the Cub Pack has achieved more that 42 boys receiving the highest award, the 'Arrow of Light'. After 38 years and as of this date, The Troop has achieved 74 boys earning the highest rank of 'Eagle Scout' with 4 more boys to complete this year.

During the 3 years of being sponsored by FUMCC, the Girl Scout Troop has had 6 girls receive the highest rank, the 'Gold Award', with 3 more girls working toward completion.

We are also involved in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box ministry which provides gifts and the Gospel to children throughout the world.

We also have a Children's Church Bank ministry which Pastor Mickey started in 2003. The children bring an offering each Sunday and it is supplemented by the first Sunday birthday and anniversary offerings. Since last homecoming we have given to children's ministries over \$1,380.00. Since the beginning of this ministry we have given away over \$47,400. This ministry includes such things as our Matthew Bolick Scholarship Program, Conover School, the FUMC Conover Preschool, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Troop 322, Hospice for Children, ECCCM, The Corner Table, Rising Hope Farms, Girl Scouts, NC Boys Academy and several other ministries that are primarily to aid children.

Our church family, Staff and Pastor Dr. Gary Royals look forward to renewing old friendships and having you worship with us on May 2nd. We will not be having a meal together this year because of the restrictions of COVID-19. No invitations will be mailed.

In Christ,

The Homecoming Committee



# \*PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS\*



## Let Us Pray...

As an ongoing part of our Nurturing Ministry, we are asking all members of our church to pray for six specific families. Each week we will identify a different group of six families as we work our way through our church roll. Those with an asterisk are non-members. The families for this week are:

Wendy Norman  
 Heather Norman & Ayvah Hearne  
 Bill & Brenda Novotny  
 John & Elizabeth Padgett  
 Sethu Palmer  
 Rick & Linda Parker

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

## MEMORIALS

### General Fund

In memory of Barbara Wilcox by:  
 Beverly & Gene Swithenbank  
 Sharron Plumley

## NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Janis Daniels Cashion, age 79 of Statesville and mother of Michael Cashion, died Sunday, April 11, 2021. She would have been 80 on June 16th,

No service has been planned at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Michael, Laurie and the family during this difficult time.



## DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!

Betty Fisher - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 606)  
 581 NC-16 S Taylorsville 28681  
 Cell - (828) 302-6608

Nell Johnson Kingston Residence  
 904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109  
 Hickory, NC 28601  
 (828) 328-9962 - landline  
 (828) 228-7396 - cell

Betty Moritz, Trinity Village Rehab (Room 313)  
 1265 21st St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601  
 (828) 267-3697

Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at  
 Rock Barn (Room 107)  
 4174 Shook Road  
 Claremont, NC 28610

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M.G. Doub, 319 7th Street Place SW #A6  
 Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237  
 Conover, NC 28613

Glenna Sherrill, 2038 North Deal Avenue  
 Newton, NC 28658

Beverly Stone, 403 Rock Barn Rd., NE  
 Conover, NC 28613

If you know of any homebound members that need to be on our list, please contact the church office at (828) 464-4635.

## CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

**Deadline: April 15th at 4:00pm**

Applications must be completed as outlined on the cover page of the application. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

You may pick up an application during the church's office hours, Monday - Thursday from 8am-12noon and 1-4pm. You may also email the church office at [fumcc@fumccconover.org](mailto:fumcc@fumccconover.org) to have an application and the instructions emailed to you. Please indicate which application (high school or college) you need. Completed applications must be turned in to Denise Moose or to the church office by 4pm on April 15th. They can be submitted to Denise or to the church office in electronic or hard copy formats.

Thank you,

Denise Moose



# NEWS TO USE

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: 2021

Photo dates are:  
Tuesday, June 8  
Wednesday, June 9  
Thursday, June 10  
Time: 2:00pm—8:30pm

You may sign-up on our website:  
[www.fumcconover.org](http://www.fumcconover.org)  
Go to "News" and click on link!



## NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Nursery Workers are needed on Sunday at the 8:45am and the 11:00am services. Please contact Laurette Rheeder at (828) 238-8101 or you may go online to the church's website and sign-up.

Thank you each and everyone for your willingness to volunteer for this much needed ministry of our church.



## NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM

Tuesday, May 4, 2021



## PASTOR'S QUIZ



You should not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, said Jesus; that is, you should

- a. try to do but one good deed at a time
- b. overcome your baser impulses
- c. give alms in secret
- d. cut off either hand if it offends you

(The correct answer is on the back of the newsletter.)

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 11, 2021  
Sunday School  
31

Worship:	
8:45am Service	89
11:00am Service	71
Live Streaming	<u>131</u>
Total	291

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 12,657.00  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank 57.00  
ECCCM (March Madness) 100.00  
UMCOR 1,972.00

Total \$ 14,786.00

## 2021 CONOVER LITTER SWEEP!

When: Saturday, April 17, 2021  
9am-12pm

Where: Conover City Park

Grab a group of volunteers from work, church, or your neighborhood and help us keep our community clean and beautiful!

The city will provide trash bags, safety vests, Gloves and Maps.





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## 2021 FLOWER CHART

Please note that if you wish to sign up on the 2021 flower chart, call the church office at (828) 464-4635 Monday-Thursday to reserve your date. You may either have a local florist deliver your flowers (most have a key to the church and can deliver on Saturday), or in lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the church budget or to a designated fund of the church in memory or in honor of someone.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. give alms in secret  
(Matthew 6:3-4)

## **GUESTS for Sunday, April 11, 2021:**

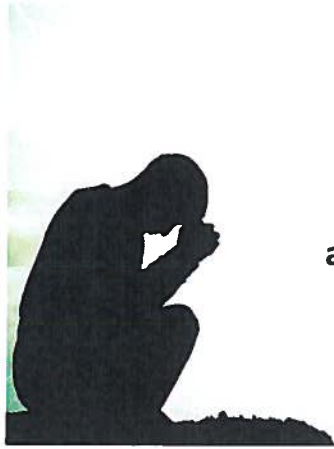
73 households viewed by live-streaming at  
1.8 persons per household = 131  
8:45am Service - 89; 11:00am Service - 71;  
Total: 291

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumcconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumcconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	Website: www.fumcconover.org
Pastor's phone numbers	(828) 464-4635-church (704) 787-0598-cell
Pastor's address	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
Associate Pastor's phone #	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

# Fueling Faith



“If my people,  
which are called by my name,  
shall humble themselves,  
and pray, and seek my face,  
and turn from their wicked ways;  
then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin,  
and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14



May 6 is National Day of Prayer.

The 2021 theme is “**Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, And Liberty**” from the theme verse, “Now the Lord is Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17

## Significance of the National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, this day has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation and in Washington, D.C. Every year, local, state, and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for our nation. It is estimated that over two million people attended more than 30,000 observances – organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers. At state capitols, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activities and gathered for prayer.

## The National Day of Prayer is Ours

The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds. Mrs. Shirley Dobson, NDP chairman emeritus, reminded us: “We have lost many of our freedoms in America because we have been asleep. I feel if we do not become involved and support the annual National Day of Prayer, we could end up forfeiting this freedom, too.”

**Feel called to be part of this ministry? Reach out to Pastor Charmaine.**

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: [pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com) / Text : (781) 913-4415



Ephesians 6:10-11

# First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

## Calendar Watch

### April '21

18 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

### May '21

2 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

16 - possible Ministry Teams

23 - Youth Sunday



## Youth Meeting April 18th

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 18th. Enter at the Life Center

3:30 - Praise team

4:15 - Dance team

5:00 - Youth Meeting

6:30 - Drama Team



## Parent Help

Parent help is needed in greeting youth as they come to the meeting. We also need help with youth snack supper.

Please see email if you can help in this important endeavor.



## Information

Please watch here, email, and our Facebook page for the latest!

#FUMCCYouth

For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact  
Charles Hornick (828-381-7231 / charles\_h71@charter.net)  
Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)