



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

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 20, 2021

JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

COVID did not stand in our way to host a safe and very blessed Easter experience this year! This was made possible by an amazing team of people; fearlessly lead by Anthony Price and Ralph Hatch. Months and months of preparations set the stage - and brought people who would otherwise not know one another together - as we worked shoulder to shoulder to get ready for this three day worship event. Which included, amongst other things the construction of 95 Room Divider frames (Ken Johnson & Ralph Hatch); sewing new costumes (Carole Cloninger, Sharon Hedrick & Diane Hollar); paintings throughout the Walk (Kaye Cloninger); filling the 200 luminary bases with sand (Sandy Baucom); securing and transporting the plants used (Ralph and Patricia Hatch); Scriptures and prompts (Charmagne, Michele Moritz and Patricia); and the covering of all the windows and glass doors (Nancy Wall; Carole Cloninger; Anita Deal). I cannot neglect to thank Mark Pennell for the amazing transformation of Doug Rockette and Corey Keisler into our living depiction of Jesus. Samantha Rockett who provided much needed and appreciated childcare with the help of Erin and Debbie Moritz, and Parking team (Keith Hall, Jarrett Rheeder, Michael Van Rooyen and Alex Copeland). Bob and Lois Goodson, Jackie Lowdermilk for getting participants into the door in a COVID-fashioned strategy. For the many shopping runs, setting up, staffing the event and providing snacks in the breakroom (Sweet Tea Bed and Breakfast!) and cleaning up THANK YOU to the entire team that included those mentioned above as well as Alex Wilson, Charlie (our angel) and Tommi Anderson, Christine and John Van Rooyen, Sandy and whip yielding Gerald Loftin, Gerhardt Rheeder, Harold Robertson, John, Shannon and Mackenzie Rogers, Laci Matthews, Laurette and Pierre Rheeder, Lee & Michele Moritz, Lindsay Keisler, Mary Jean Hollar and Susan Hunsucker.

Through it all we could see and feel God at work. A visitor that stepped foot in a church for the first time in many years. Personal walls were broken down as the true meaning of Christ's sacrifice became real through the images on the "Journey." Prayers were being lifted and people were prayed with and for.

Alfredo Dominguez captured the "Journey" on video. It will be available shortly. On behalf of the congregation and the community, "Thank you" to all that made this Easter experience possible.

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:

Elbert & Lee Ann Parris
*Jerry & Julie Patterson
Courtney Patterson
Ray & Pam Penley
Gilda Pennell
Mark, Faith & Saryn Pennell

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Linda Beck at Frye Regional Medical Center

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Barbara Wilcox by:
Eddie & Connie Henderson
Richard & Gail Younts

Organ Fund

In memory of Charles Connor by:
M.G. Doub

ADDRESS

Wendy Wilcox (daughter of Barbara Wilcox)
2868 Bellarosa Circle
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



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

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.

FUMCC HOMECOMING 2021

On Sunday, May 2, 2021, our 66th Anniversary and Homecoming will be celebrated here at FUMCC. We will have one service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary and any overflow will gather in the CFLC for live streaming. No meal will be served because of COVID restrictions. Masks will be required.

Our guest speaker will be our former pastor, Rev. Mickey Moree. Rev. Moree served at FUMCC from 2003-2015. He was instrumental in starting the Children's Church Bank collections for needy children in the area. He also was instrumental in talks between the church and the Shell family in acquiring the Shell property beside the church.

Our church family, Rev. Dr. Gary Royals and Staff look forward to renewing old friendships and having you worship with us on May 2nd.

No invitations will be mailed.

The Homecoming Committee



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
 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



"No man can serve two masters," said Jesus, because

- if one master loves him the other will hate him
- no two masters can cooperate
- no day is long enough for double service
- he will love one master and hate or despise the other

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 18, 2021
 Sunday School
 33

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| Worship: | |
| 8:45am Service | 75 |
| 11:00am Service | 65 |
| Live Streaming | <u>121</u> |
| Total | 261 |

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 9,415.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

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| Children's Bank | 30.00 |
| Organ Fund | 50.00 |
| UMCOR | <u>275.00</u> |

Total \$ 9,770.00

ECCCM March Madness

Thanks to everyone that donated food and/or monetary donations! These donations equaled 31,895 lbs. of needed food to pass on to those that need this help. Our church's donations equaled 4,146 lbs. (3rd among the 22 churches that donated)! UNC was declared the winner of the year's March Madness!

As a reminder, Tuesday, May 4th is FUMCC next scheduled volunteer day! But come down and help any Monday through Thursday!

Eddie Warren



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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:

d. he will love one master and hate or despise the other
(Matthew 6:24)

GUESTS for Sunday, April 18, 2021:

67 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 121
8:45am Service - 75; 11:00am Service - 65;
Total: 261

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Pastor | Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org) |
| Associate Pastor of Faith Dev. | Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com) |
| Administrative Assistant | Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.org) |
| Music Director | Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019 |
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| Organist | Alex Wilson (organistfumconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396 |
| Preschool Director | Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumconover.org) |
| Lead Nursery Worker | Pilar Tobar |
| Custodian | Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635 |
| Church Office | www.fumconover.org (828) 464-4635-church (704) 787-0598-cell |
| Website: | |
| Pastor's phone numbers | |
| 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 |



Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

May '21

2 - Youth Meetings &
Ministry Teams

16 - Ministry Teams
Practice

23 - Youth Sunday



Youth Meeting May 2nd

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 2nd.

3:30 - Praise team (Life Center)

4:15 - Dance team (Life Center)

5:00 - Youth Meeting (Gray House)

6:30 - Drama Team (Life Center)



Ministry Teams Practice May 16th

Extra ministry team practice
in the life center

Dance - 4pm

Drama - 5pm

Parent Help

Parent help is needed with
youth snack supper. for the
May 2nd meeting

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

Information

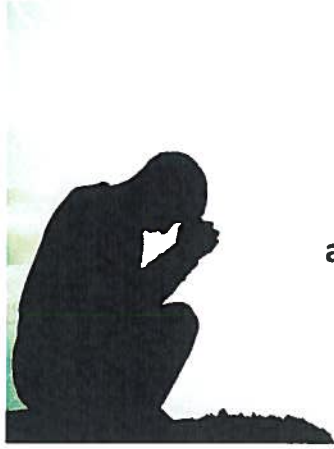
Please watch here, email, and
our Facebook page for the
latest!



#FUMCCYouth

For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact
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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.

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