



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 27, 2021

Dear First United Methodist Church,

It is a day of new beginnings, and the future awaits. The last 2.5 years have been amazing serving the church as organist. I want to thank all who have been there, and supported me at FUMCC in any way they could. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to partake in the purchase and installation of a new Rodgers organ, the dedication of the organ, helping with the Prayer Walk, VBS... there is just too much stuff to list. I will miss everyone very much, but I also know that God has led me in this way, and will continue to guide me. I wish the church the best, as it continues to grow, and spread the good news!

Warmest regards,

Alex

Alex Wilson
935 NW 197 Ter
Pembroke Pines, FL 33029



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:

Jo Anne Phillips
Craig, Marea & Mary Pinto
Nick, Crystin, Camryn & Connor Pittman
Brent & Brittany Ponthiex
Caroline Porter
Randy, Jody & Quentin Porter

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Linda Beck at Frye Regional MC (At home)

MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Janis Cashion by:
Doug & LaRue Black

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday
May 2nd due to homecoming at 10:30 a.m.



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. **Please remember to wear your name tags.**

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!



UPPER ROOMS

The May / June "Upper Room" devotional books are available for pick-up. They are located in the bookcase outside the Conference Room by Pastor Charmaine's office. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going on line to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>



ECCCM News:

Congratulations to Rev. Bob Silber on his retirement as Director of ECCCM. Thanks Bob for your many great years of service!

Also, congratulations to Kristal Manning for accepting and becoming ECCCM's next Director!

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Do not "cast ye your pearls before swine," said Jesus, lest they

- a. flee in fear
- b. trample the pearls and turn to attack you
- c. gulp them as common food
- d. exhibit gross indifference

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 25, 2021
 Sunday School
 35

Worship:	
8:45am Service	105
11:00am Service	74
Live Streaming	<u>112</u>
Total	291

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 10,429.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Boy Scouts	1,000.00
Organ Fund	100.00
UMCOR	<u>3,000.00</u>

Total \$ 14,529.00

Separate Deposit made 4/22/21:

Organ Fund	\$3,500.00
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CIRCLE #2

Circle #2 will resume meeting on Monday, May 10th at 2:00pm in the Conference Room. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. Please come join us!

Rita Watson



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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:

b. trample the pearls and turn to attack you
(Matthew 7:6)

GUESTS for Sunday, April 25, 2021:

62 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 112
 8:45am Service - 105; 11:00am Service - 74;
 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)
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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	www.fumcconover.org
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Pastor's phone numbers	(704) 787-0598-cell
Pastor's address	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
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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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Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)

May 2021

May 2021							June 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
30	31						29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
2 10:30am HOMECOMING 3-6pm Domino's 3pm-8pm Yth Mtgs	3 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	4	5 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	6 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	7 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	8
9 00-Mother's Day 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service	10 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	11	12 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	13	14 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders)	15
16 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's	17 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	18	19 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	20	21 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	22
23 01-YOUTH SUNDAY 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service	24 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	25	26 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	27	28 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders)	29
30 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's	31 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED	Jun 1	2	3	4	5

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Nikki Kelly Alice Woods	3 Andrea Little	4 Colt Briggs Elizabeth Rockett	5	6 Julie Lawing	7	1 Quentin Porter Jake Stines
9 Monte Connor Jennifer Fiorucci Eddie Warren	10 Brooke Connor Jack Muller Theresa Sutton	11 Thomas Boston Judy Rayburn-Young Jay Shepherd Michelle Sierzenga	12 Jim Duncan Michael Moritz	13 Andrea Beatty Spencer Brackett Jacob Fisher Sharon Green Dottie Harris Neil Johnson	14 Donald Gobie Clyde Kistler Trenia Monk	8 Laurette Rheeder Brenda Teague Wendy Robinson Phyllis Watson Sybil Windsor
16 Bradley Clark Mackenzie Thornburg	17 Susan Hunsucker Gary Royals Brittany Starnes	18 Michael Bryan Lindsay Keisler Mike Matthews Charles Reed	19 Tammy Muller Ginger Rockett Charles Whitlock	20 Harmony Hammock Charles Hornick	21 Crystal Hefner Denise Moose Chris Reynolds	15 Rachel Hamilton Dale Lafone Lee Ann Parris
23 Dave Markland	24 Jackie Cagle Kenneth Hollar Windy Mays Maverick Steelmon	25 Linda Beck Angela Garrison Al Hernandez Bonnie Ingle	26 Amy Hawn Brent Henderson Randy Howard Mary Pinto Laura Zinkhan	27 J.T. Igims Connie McCoy Dan Rockett	28	22 Harper Brackett Ginger Doub Jackie Lowdermilk Gerhardt Rheeder Ruthie Thornburg
30 Scottie Hentschel Jack Rockett Margie Sparkman	31 Jo Ellen Knecht Leonard Walling					29

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Brien and DeAnn Bowen	Jody and Michelle Brackett		Windy and Robin Mays
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Carl and Lori Sigmon		Tony and Margaret Garrison Doug and Samantha Rockett		Gary and Debbie Royals	Aaron Teague and Nicole Hahna
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Randy and Jody Porter	Will and Sue James Pete and Phyllis Robinson Rick and Nancy Wall		Jeff and Michelle Sierzenga Troy and Suzanne Spencer	Roger and Lisa Johnson	Wayne and Sybil Windsor
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Charles and Mary Hornick			Charles and Carolyn Whitlock	Leonard and Julie Lawing		Jonathan and Alyssa Myers Beaver and Marsha Williams
30	31					
David and Ginger Rockett						

2021 NATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, we look up and see the billions of stars You created, and we praise You. We look around and see the billions of people You created in Your image; uniquely, fearfully, wonderfully, and we thank You. Wrap us in Your Spirit and unite us in Your family, Lord.

Thank You for loving us first. In Your love for the whole world, You sent Your Son to save us.

Jesus, in You alone we have abundant and everlasting life. Thank you for teaching and leading us to love and live, fruitful, and faithful. In Your life, death, resurrection, and ascension You are our Lord, our love, our life, and our liberty. You came to "bind up the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners." You have freed us from the penalty and shame of our sin; free to live life as You designed and Your destiny for our Nation.

Spirit search us, convict us, as we repent for our sin and the sins of America. Please cleanse, fill, and send us. We rejoice, knowing that Your forgiveness makes us acceptable and effective vessels for Your love, life and liberty in our family, church, education, workplace, military, government, art, entertainment, and media.

We pray that America will be united in love to serve You with all our hearts, all our ways, and all of our days. Unite us to pray, love; to live and walk by the Spirit. Conform and transform us as we pray and proclaim, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We pray this is the name of Jesus, Amen.

"Now the Lord is
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there is liberty."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021



LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND

Liberty

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

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FAMILY

SPRIT OF THE LORD WE PRAY YOU:

Ephesians 3:19-25 ...prompt every family to bow before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name; granting them, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit, rooted and grounded in love, and be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Acts 17:24-28 ...fill our family; drawing us closer to You and one another. Make our families Your instruments of love, life and liberty in the communities where You have established us.

Luke 3:21 ...rest on families and all children would hear affirmation and affection from their parents, as the Lord spoke over His Son, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

CHURCH

WE PRAY THE SPIRIT WOULD FILL US:

Ephesians 4:3-5 ...that we would be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace knowing there is one body and one Spirit, just we were called in one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Galatians 6:10 ...and unite us in love, bringing churches together to spread the gospel and do justice bringing love, life and liberty throughout their communities.

Psalms 33:1-5 ...that we would sing and serve skillfully with shouts of joy, work and worship in accordance to His Word, will and ways.

WORKPLACE

WE PRAY YOUR SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE IN THE WORKPLACE WOULD:

Colossians 3:23 ...work as for the Lord...

1 Cor. 15:58 ...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, love, life and liberty, knowing that our toil is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ...be filled, taught, and inspired with the Word and Spirit of the Lord to be equipped for every good work

EDUCATION

PRAY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WOULD FILL EVERY CAMPUS AND THAT EVERY EDUCATOR AND STUDENT WOULD:

Isaiah 1:17 ...learn to do good...

Colossians 1:9 ...be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Psalms 119:73 ...be taught that God's hands made and fashioned them and given understanding, that they may learn and discern what is holy and what is profane, and follow the Lord's commandments so that they know His love and liberty.

MILITARY

PRAY AMERICA'S MILITARY WOULD:

Zechariah 10:5 ...be strong and mighty, fighting for the Lord, to trample the enemy and defend the afflicted.

Acts 1:8 ...be filled with Your power to be Your witnesses, worshippers, and warriors bringing love, life and liberty as they defend freedom.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 ...be protected from being entangled and distracted by everyday earthly affairs; always focused in mind and body on their Lord, mission, and leaders.

GOVERNMENT

PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT WOULD GUIDE AND GUARD LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SO THAT:

Isaiah 11:1-5 ...all elected and appointed leaders would be filled with the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD and will judge with righteousness, by His Spirit they will make laws and give decisions.

Psalms 33:12 ...America would be known and blessed as a nation whose God is the LORD, and a faithful people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

Psalms 89:14 ...America's foundations would align with the righteousness and justice in the foundation of God's throne; lovingkindness and truth will surround us as Christ's love, life and liberty are found in us.

ART, MEDIA, & ENTERTAINMENT

PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS AND FRUIT WOULD FILL THIS INFLUENTIAL INDUSTRY SO THAT:

1 Peter 4:10 ...the Holy Spirit's gifts would inspire the creativity, performance and content of writers, entertainers, artists, and the media so that audiences would hear and see beauty and hear Truth.

Isaiah 26:7-9 ...Christians would not have to compromise their faith to get work but would be treated equitably in this industry so that God would be magnified not mocked, and our screens and stages would be filled with Spirit-filled meaningful messages of love, life, and liberty.

Ephesians 4:25 ...media would speak factually, truthfully, truth, and defer to no one; not being political or partial to any in their research and reports.