



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 6, 2021

God's Mission, Our Mission

(The following is from UMC/EMC –Blog articles for UMCOR.)

God's Holy Spirit calls the Church into being for mission. The Church experiences and engages in God's mission as it pours itself out for others, ready to cross every boundary to call for true human dignity among all peoples. As Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

UMCOR, The United Methodist Committee on Relief, takes this call to heart. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **UMCOR** is the hands and feet of Jesus whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

Since 1940, **UMCOR** has grown from providing necessities to refugees and displaced populations, to getting involved in reconstruction, rehabilitation and repatriation of refugees and prisoners of war, restoration of churches and civil operations, and reconciliation – an effort to restore peace and goodwill. Later it expanded its scope to include agricultural and community development projects, as well as medical relief and development, and disaster risk reduction programs.

UMCOR's stated mission is: "Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called United Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing."

People around the world now know the transformative power of Christ through the action of first responders and volunteers of UMCOR. Their vision is to come together to strengthen and transform people and communities. We pray constantly for God's grace to be known through us as we provide sustainable, practical and purposeful relief to those in need around the globe.

We will be highlighting UMCOR during our services, this Sunday, April 11th.

Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something **"they" do, it can be something "we" do**. We hope that you will give generously this upcoming UMCOR Sunday so that we, along with our United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation. Ushers will be handing out special envelopes. Make your check payable to FUMCC and in the memo section, put "UMCOR". Please place your offering in the envelope provided and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

Lois Goodson, Missions and Outreach

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:

Lee & Betty Moritz
Michael, Debbie, Kyle & Erin Moritz
Patrick, Crystal, Matthew & McKenzie Morrow
Gary, Tammy, Kathryn, Jack & Emma Muller; Lawson Kincaid
Mark & Lynn Murphy
Tony & Jenene Nellenbach

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Linda Beck at Frye (At home)

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Barbara Elizabeth Ingold Wilcox, age 79 and a member of FUMCC, died Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Frye Regional Medical Center.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Catawba Funeral Home with Dr. Gary Royals officiating. Burial will follow at Catawba Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 11am to 1pm at the funeral home.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter, Wendy, and the family during this sad and 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

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@fumcconover.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 FOR 2021

Dates Have Been Set to Take Family Photos For the New Church Directory in June.

JUNE 8, 9 & 10!

More information will be forth coming in the next few weeks on how to sign-up for your appointment!



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.



PASTOR'S QUIZ



"Ye are the light of the world," said Jesus to the disciples, warning against

- a. blinding others by overpowering display
- b. believing that others too have light
- c. hiding their light under a bushel
- d. assuming that all others will agree

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 4, 2021
Sunday School
22

Worship:	
8:45am Service	118
11:00am Service	105
Live Streaming	148
Total	371

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 16,304.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Miracle Moms' Ministry 25.00

Total \$ 16,329.00

HAND & FOOT CARDGAME

We will start back playing on Wednesday, April 7th at 1:00pm in the Middle High Classroom upstairs. We hope you will join us!

DOMINOS

We will start back playing on Friday, April 9th at 7:00pm in the Faithbuilders classroom. Come join us!

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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. hiding their light under a bushel
(Matthew 5:14-16)

GUESTS for Sunday, April 4, 2021:

82 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 148
 8:45am Service - 118; 11:00am Service - 105;
 Total: 371

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

JOIN US IN CONOVER FOR OUR 2021 LITTER SWEEP DAY!

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.**

