



## *Our Vision:*

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



CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST

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

*May 18, 2021*



CLASS OF 2021: Left to right, Wyatt Rockett, Luna McClure, Aileen Stewart, James Davis, Daniel Flowers, Grayson Lee, Ellie Heck and Coby Tekieniewski

## 55 YEARS OF PRESCHOOL GRADUATION FROM FUMCC PRESCHOOL

2020 did not stop the FUMCC Preschool! By the grace of GOD and the willingness of the church council we have had another great year. We have had to make some changes and adjustments, but with the parent's cooperation and the teaching staff working a little harder we were able to have a complete and full year.

We are very proud of the preschool here at First United Methodist Church of Conover. This Program has been in continuous service for 55 years. This ministry began in 1966 with a dream and a prayer for this community and was followed through by Betty Moritz and supporters in the church. It is such a blessing over time to see adults who attended this program as children return to bring their children and grandchildren. Madigan Gioscio, 3 year old teacher with Julie Robinson, was a student here when she was 3 and has the Great-Grandson of Betty Moritz in her classroom. Can you see GOD'S Plan?

I would like to send a special thank you to the wonderful preschool staff: Julie Robinson, Jenene Nellenbach, Yvette Bumgarner, Jaime Thornburg, Colleen Fox and Madigan Gioscio. This has been a challenging year and everyone has been great to step up and keep going through it all. Thank you ladies!! Also, a special thanks to Robin Mays and Pastor Charmaine for all the support throughout this school year.

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL!  
Ginger Doub, Preschool Director

# \*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. The families for this week are:

Pete & Phyllis Robinson  
Charles & Lucy Rockett  
Dan, Kathy & Anna Rockett  
David, Ginger, Tanner & Taylor Rockett  
Doug, Samantha, Jack, Reese & Wyatt Rockett  
Clay, Vicki, Cassandra, Elizabeth & Alexander Rockett

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Michael Moritz at Home  
Beverly Stone at Carolina Caring (Room 2245)

## THANK YOU TO THE FUMCC UNITED METHODIST MEN

Thank you to the Methodist Men for the Mother's Day gift cards and flowers that were presented on Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Also, Thank you to the Methodist Men for providing lunch to all of the players in this year's ECCCM golf tournament fund raiser!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore needs Volunteers to work alongside our Staff. There are many opportunities for service here at the ReStore.

The ReStore receives donations, sells those items, and the proceeds are used by Habitat for Humanity to build and repair homes here in Catawba County. We also have an online store at [shopcatawbarestore.org](http://shopcatawbarestore.org).

Many of our volunteers have not returned due to COVID concerns and/or medical issues. We know churches are great partners with Habitat, and we are reaching out to see if there are people or groups interested in helping our mission. Several of our volunteers stated they have made new friends while volunteering, and they look forward to continued safe social interactions at the ReStore.

We continue to follow COVID precautions, currently requiring everyone to wear masks while working or shopping. Gloves, masks, soap, and hand sanitizers are available, as well as disinfecting and cleaning solutions

Thanking you in advance.

Blessings!

Kristi Biggar

(828) 327-7467



## 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.

# NEWS TO USE

## ABERNATHY MEMORIAL HOSTING A FOUR WEEK SEMINAR

Rev. Logan Miller, the pastor at Abernathy Memorial UMC is hosting a four week seminar on the future of the United Methodist Church.

Our Pastor, Dr. Gary Royals, will be speaking at Abernathy Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 4:00 pm on the topic of "Why Must We Separate".

Pastor Miller invites everyone from FUMCC to attend.

## 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/>



## 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



"Founded upon a rock" and "built...upon the sand" in Matthew 7 refer to a

- a. temple
- b. dam
- c. house
- d. wall

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 16, 2021  
Sunday School  
48

Worship:	
8:45am Service	113
11:00am Service	85
Live Streaming	86
Total	284

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

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

Children's Bank 10.00  
Total \$ 12,439.00

## JUST A REMINDER

Please remember to wear your name tags when attending church services. Thank you.



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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. house (*Matthew 7:24-27*)

**GUESTS for Sunday, May 16, 2021:**

48 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 1.8 persons per household = 86  
 8:45am Service - 113; 11:00am Service - 85  
 Total: 284

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
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Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
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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**

## **YOUTH SUNDAY**

### **This Sunday - May 23rd**

Spring Youth Sunday is this coming Sunday, May 23rd.

We will have 1 service @ 10am

Location: Connor Family Life Center

The service will be live streamed.



### **Report Times**

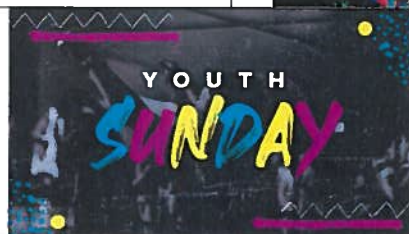
Drama team - 8:30am

Dance team - 9:15am

Praise team - 9:30am

Everyone else by 9:45am

**Wear your Tie-Dye Youth Shirt  
and Jeans**



Join our Youth Facebook Page -  
FUMCC Youth



#FUMCCYouth

**Date:** Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 22

**Time:** 5:45pm to 8:30pm

**Pre-Register. Only 70 slots available!**

Rising 3yr-old—5th Grade

**What to expect:**

**Island Style Family Luau on Sunday, July 18 at 5pm**

to celebrate the return of Vacation Bible School.

Bring beach/lawn chairs! Dinner is on us.

**First Opening Session:** In the CFLC at 6:15pm.

**Dismissal at 8:30pm.**

**Light Dinner will be served between 5:45pm and**



**And More...**

Watch this space for news on **Youth VBS!!** During the afternoon on the same dates.

**Adult VBS** will be offered during evening VBS.

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