



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

May 25, 2021

Why Vacation Bible School (VBS)?

The Good News translation of Proverbs 22:6 reads: *Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.* We are all called to make disciples of all of God's people.

To help you in the process of leading your children to a relationship/deeper relationship with God, we believe they should be engaged, having fun and learning the Christian language. We HAVE to create a space where children WANT to be. I can think of no better place to start than a summer program where kids can be free to express their creativity, play fun games, be silly as they sing and dance to wonderful (new!) music. A program where the Bible story is reinforced at every station and the Scripture is being interpreted to form their faith and grow into practical theologians.

The foundation for this year's VBS *Discovery on Adventure Island* is Isaiah 60:1, *Arise! Shine! Your light has come: the Lord's glory has shone upon you!* Key Learnings for the week: Arise! Shine with Love! Arise! Shine with Trust! Arise! Shine with Faith! Arise! Shine with Joy! And Arise! Shine with Hope!

This year we are adding a Youth VBS in the afternoons before the Elementary age VBS. The planned Summer school schedules will influence the start time, but we will update you well in advance. Transport could be arranged for Youth who need it.

A VBS program for adults will be running alongside the evening VBS. Parents and grandparents, this opportunity is designed for you to learn what your children are learning at VBS and to set up a foundation for continuing conversations with your child upon which you can build. Of course, any adult is welcome to stay, have dinner and join in the discussion, even if you have no children participating.

We are still in need of a few volunteers. Prayerfully consider how you could be involved. Remember, there is plenty to do to set up and get ready to host VBS. Volunteers can "sign up" by registering online. Please refer to the [Fueling Faith page](#) (insert) for registration instructions.

Most importantly, the VBS team is requesting that you start praying God's blessing upon each participant and volunteer..

Your partner in Faith Formation,

Pastor Charmaigne



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:

Jon, Shannon, Mackenzie & Jon Michael Rogers
Rev. Dr. Gary & Debbie Royals
Donna Rudisill
Lisa Rudisill
Mary Rudisill
Lori Schulze

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Beverly Stone at Carolina Caring (Room 2245)
Dottie Harris at Wake Forest (Baptist)
Cliff Wike (out patient)
Greg Reed at Wake Forest (Baptist) (At home)

A NOTE OF SYMPAHTY

Dorothy "Dot" Evelyn Proctor Bumgarner, 90, of Maiden and mother of Terry Shepherd, died Friday, May 14, 2021 at Carolina Caring in Newton.
A celebration of life service will be held Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 2pm at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Maiden. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:45pm at the church prior to the service. Burial will follow in Maiden City Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Terry, Jerry and the family during this sad time.

ECCCM NEWS

Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 126.75 hours with 5 volunteers during April 2021. As you know, 20% of homes in our community live with food insecurity. Your hard work helped alleviate that problem.

If anyone in your congregation would like to volunteer with us regularly, please contact Allen Sherrill at (828) 465-1702 or at a.sherrill@eccccm.org.

Next Volunteer Day: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

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.



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.

NEWS TO USE

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

May 9 – 18, 2022

Now that the COVID is diminishing, Israel is once again allowing tourists back into the land. I have been in contact with Educational Opportunities and we now have a trip scheduled for May 9 – 18, 2022. Our itinerary includes three nights right on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and four nights in the heart of Jerusalem in First Class Hotels. We will take Communion at the empty tomb, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, re-affirm our baptism in the Jordan River, take a boat ride out on the Sea of Galilee, take a cable car to the top of Masada and relive the history, walk the way of the cross and even take a swim in the Dead Sea. This is the trip of a lifetime.....I promise you!! If you are interested, I invite you to an informational meeting on **June 13, at 4:00 PM** in the Connor family life center. Feel free to bring a friend who may also be interested. We will go over everything including cost so that you can have the information needed to make your decision.

Dr. Gary

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Jesus' exclamation, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel," was elicited by the words of the

- a. leper
- b. centurion
- c. men possessed of demons
- d. Peter's mother-in-law

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 23, 2021

Sunday School

N/A

Worship:

10:00am Service 163

Total 163

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 8,400.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Youth Fund 367.00

Total \$ 8,767.00

TRUSTEES' REPORT

News on our Pending and Completed projects:

1. The Trustees met on April 24, 2021 and signed the documents to have the Deed for the property of FUMC transferred under one Deed with all partials combined. Has been filed. **Completed.**
2. We approved the replacing of the Education Building roof. Ballard Roofing was awarded the contract to replace the Educational Roof. Projected start date is August 2021. **Pending**
3. Cleaning and Polishing of floors have been done. **Completed**
4. Alan Thornburg has finished the cabinet for the Narthex closet. **Completed**
5. The Trustees met on April 24, 2021 and approved the corporation officers for 2021. We also approved that the Trustees officers and the Corporation officers will be the same each year.
6. All beds have been covered with new mulch at the front of the church.
7. All accounts are up to date. We have spent \$49,000 of our \$ 143,000 budget. Both fixed cost items and extra projects are running below budget for the year.

Our next general clean up day is scheduled for May 29, from 9am till 12noon. Bring your favorite rake and bucket. We will be spreading mulch and picking up debris.

Keith Hall, Trustee Chair

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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. centurion (*Matthew 8:5-10*)

JUST A REMINDER

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



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaine@gmail.com)
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Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
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Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

Fueling Faith



“Discovery on Adventure Island” VBS

Date: Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 22

Time: 5:45pm to 8:30pm

Where: Connor Family Life Center (gym)

Who: Children up to 5th Grade

Only 70 children's slots available!

Youth: Rising 6th - Raising 12th grades

Adult: anyone else

<https://conoverfirstunitedmethodist.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

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 every night.

Dinner: 5:45pm to 6:15pm, Monday - Thursday.



INVITE a FRIEND!

June 2021

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5
08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's	6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	2-8:30pm -Photos-Directory (CFLC)	1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) 2-8:30pm -Photos-Directory	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	09am-12pm UMW (Clark classroom) 2-4PM Vigue-Baby Shower (CFLC 12:30-5pm)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's 4pm - Holy Land (CFLC)	6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	2-8:30pm -Photos-Directory (CFLC)	1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) 2-8:30pm -Photos-Directory	2-8:30pm -Photos-Directory (CFLC) 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame	6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	1pm Queen Esther's (Clark classroom)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's 4pm - Holy Land (CFLC)	2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)		1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	2-4pm Lee & Betty Moritz Anniversary Celebration (CFLC)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
00-Father's Day 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's	6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)		1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	
27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3
0-No Sunday school 10:30am - One Service (Sanctuary) 11:45am - Reception 3-6pm Domino's	6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)		1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)			

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Liam Bunton	2 Brandon Greco Sharon Hendricks	3 Barbara Bruner Jeff Mays Tristan Mays	4 Will James	5 Alex Arndt Joshua Langlois
6	7	8	9 Carl Sigmon Elec Yount	10 Rebekah MacKinnon	11 George Bruner Julie Patterson Tyler Peile	12 Michelle Gilleland
13 Tammy Goode Tony Jarrett Beaver Williams	14 Charles Rockett	15 Drew Fisher Jeffrey Hefner Kathryn Knecht Lucy Rockett	16 Alexis Mays Michael Thornburg Krystle Watson	17 Christy Cannon Chris Cooke Kim Thornburg	18 Jenny Harris	19 Addie Copeland David Hamilton Leonard Lawing
20 Don Hedrick	21 Kathy Monroe Pierre Rheeder	22 Martha Johnston Stella Koenig	23 Jarrett Rheeder Mike Stewart	24 Brian Dellinger Mary Jean Hollar	25 Jolie Baucom	26 Sarah Cushman Ryan Garrison Stephen Price
27	28 Lee Sr. Moritz	29	30			

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bruce and Elizabeth Swanson	2	3	4	5 Pat and Alice Woods
6 Cliff and Debbie Wike	7 Kevin McDuffie and Katie	8	9 Ronnie and Jean Hampton Steve and Kathy Monroe	10 Ray and Linda Birchfield	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Alex and Hiley Baucom	18 Mike and Kelly Matthews	19 Pierre and Laurette Rheeder
20	21 Michael and Christy Greco	22	23 Lee Sr. and Betty Moritz Lynn and Rita Watson	24	25 Chris and Mary Ann Cooke Randy and Diane Howard	26 Emmett and Jane Wike
27	28 Ray and Judy Elkin	29 Eddie and Connie Henderson Craig and Marea Pinto	30 Armando and Joyce Lagunas			