



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 4, 2021

WE ARE ALL SAD TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO ALEX

We are in great appreciation for the two years Alex was with us to bless us with his incredible talent. Though we are sad to lose him, we certainly wish him the best as he pursues his degree in sacred music at Florida International University. In order to prepare to begin classes in the Fall, he needed to go ahead and move there to establish residence. We will all one day be able to say, “I knew him when.....” I have put a new organist job opportunity on the website of the “Charlotte chapter of the American Guild of Organists” from which we hired Alex. The music committee will be actively interviewing and searching for someone to play our beautiful organ.....so, be in prayer that God will provide.

Pastor Gary



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:

Betty Prater
 Anthony, Stephen & Taylor Price
 Harley Price
 Wendy Price & Justin Cote
 Hernan & Chelsea Puga-Luna
 Todd, Melissa, Evan & Addison Punch

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIAL Music Fund

In memory of Terry Martin on his May 2nd birthday
 by: Tony & Kathy Martin



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.

Billy "Bill" Lawrence Little, 86, of Claremont and father of Brad Little, died Thursday, April 29, 2021. A graveside service with military honors and Masonic Grave Rites to celebrate Bill's life was held Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 3pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church cemetery in Claremont. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brad, Kim and the family during this difficult time.

MANY THANKS

The Homecoming Committee would like to thank everyone who made our 66th Homecoming Sunday a success. We were honored to have Dolores Setzer with us and we thank her so much for her remembrances. We thank our former pastor, Rev. Mickey Moree, for his sermon and remembrances. We thank the Praise Team for their beautiful and uplifting music. We thank our Staff for the excellent job that they do for us. We thank Dr., Gary Royals for his leadership and pastoral care these last 6 years. We look ahead to our 67th Homecoming.

CIRCLE #2



Women's Group 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

NEWS TO USE

RISING HOPE FARMS

Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, Rising Hope Farms is a local ministry that we have supported for the last several years, and some of our church members volunteer there regularly.

Rising Hope has been provided a godsend of an opportunity. A company has offered a grant to match funds raised **within the next two weeks up to \$18,000.00!**

The funds would be used to complete construction of Rising Hopes' driveway and parking areas to create a safer entrance onto the property. This is an expensive endeavor, estimated to cost over \$60,000.00.

Rising Hope serves members of the special needs community and their families by offering therapeutic horseback riding at no cost, as well as a variety of other free programs that benefit at risk youth and patients/families undergoing hospice care.

Please prayerfully consider donating **before Wednesday, May 12th** to be part of the grant fundraiser.

Make checks payable to Rising Hope Farms and write "grant match" on the memo line. Mail to:

Rising Hope Farms
C/O Gail Wartner
3775 Bethany Church Road
Claremont N.C.

OR credit card and PayPal donations are accepted online at risinghopefarms.com. Click the "donate" button on the home page.

I want to express my deepest gratitude in advance for your support of this ministry that is so close to my heart.

Sincerely,

Caroline M. Williams



PASTOR'S QUIZ



"Ask, and it shall be given you," said Jesus, since you, being evil,

- nevertheless will not give your son a stone when he asks for bread
- deny others so much, your Father must compensate for your sins
- will sink under your iniquities if you receive no aid
- still are good enough to deserve some charity

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 2, 2021
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
10:30am Service	132
Live Streaming	<u>112</u>
Total	244

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 12,235.50
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	40.50
Columbarium Fund	2,005.00
Music Fund	<u>100.00</u>

Total \$ 14,381.00

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

The Staff of First UMC Conover would like to thank the SPRC and their church family for the gift card of appreciation given to each of them at the 66th Homecoming celebration held Sunday, May 6, 2021.

The Staff are: Robin Mays, Jon Rogers, Shannon Rogers, Luisa Bryan & Pilar Tobar.

The Preschool Staff are: Ginger Doub, Julie Robinson, Jenene Nellenbach, Yvette Bumgarner, Jamie Thornburg, Madigan Gioscio & Colleen Fox.

The Senior Pastor and the Associate Pastor will be recognized in October during Clergy Appreciation month.

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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!

If you do not have access to a computer please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 and I will be happy to make the appointment for you.

Robin Mays
Administrative Assistant



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
a. nevertheless will not give your son a stone when he asks for bread (*Matthew 7:7, 9-11*)

GUESTS for Sunday, May 2, 2021:

62 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 112
10:30am Service - 132
Total: 244

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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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
Website:	(828) 464-4635-church
Pastor's phone numbers	(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

EVEN MORE NEWS

2021 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHO: Dear Church Family and Community,
Come and pray. Do share this opportunity - INVITE OTHERS!

WHEN: Thursday, May 6, 2021 - OPEN: 8:00AM - 6:00PM

WHAT: The National Day of Prayer celebrated in our Sanctuary.
First United Methodist Church Conover

WHY: God calls us to pray!
Our entire nation needs healing and restoration. Every person, every family, every town and city, every county, every state in America needs God's grace and guidance for better lives. The Bible tells of nations turning to God in prayer and experiencing His powerful help.

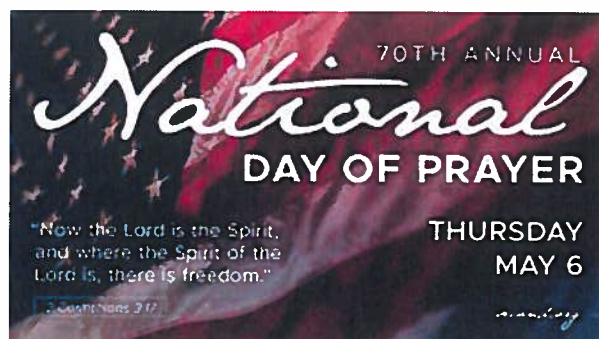
God's word encourages us in II Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land."

HOW: Prayer is talking with God. It is not a formula or a ritual. Most of us talk so come have a conversation with God. He cares about and welcomes all. He already knows your heart and thoughts but lovingly desires your personal connection. There are no concerns too small or too big. Our Triune God leans in to hear you and to act on your petitions for your good and for His glory.

Your prayers multiply until it effects our entire country - changing America.

Come and pray. It delights our LORD and heals our land.

Tommi Anderson





Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

May '21

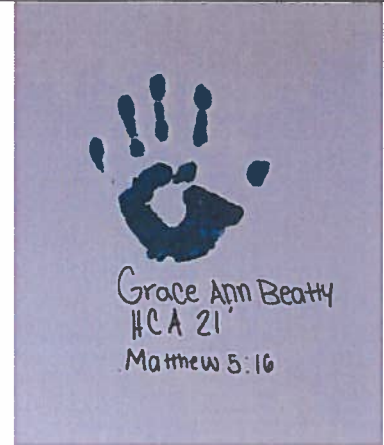
16 - Ministry Teams
Practice

23 - Youth Sunday



Senior Hand Prints

At our May 2nd meeting we celebrated our only senior this year, Grace Ann Beatty. Each year the seniors leave their handprint and a legacy verse for those coming behind them. This is Grace Ann's.



Ministry Teams Practice - May 16th

Extra ministry team practice in the life center
Dance - 4pm
Drama - 5pm

Youth Sunday May 23rd

Two services, 8:45 and 11 in the Connor Family Life Center. Report times are forthcoming.



#FUMCCYouth

Join our Youth Facebook Page 

For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact Charles Hornick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net) Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)