

Our Vision:



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

*“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

June 2, 2021

CONFIRMATION, GRADUATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Sunday, May 30 was a busy and beautiful Sunday in the life of our church. At the 8:45 service we celebrated Haley Matthews and Bryson Lowdermilk confirming their faith and entering into membership of the church. Congratulations to you both and your families. A big thank you to Steve Danner who journeyed with these young people before, during and after COVID.

The 11:00 service was quite busy! New members joined, we recognized our Graduates and Scholarships were awarded through the Connor Scholarship Fund.

Grace Ann Beatty graduated from Hickory Christian Academy. She is heading to King University in Bristol, TN to pursue a degree in Psychology with a minor in Security Intelligence. Grace Ann has been elected to be on the Tumbling Team. **Saryn Grace Pennell** graduated from Newton-Conover High School, Cum Laude. She is headed to Ferrum College to study Nursing and play Volleyball. **Elizabeth Hornick** graduated from UNC with a BA in Media and Journalism, a BA in Communication and a Minor in Women's and Gender studies. Elizabeth is currently in Colorado working at the YMCA of the Rockies. **Evan Punch** graduated from UNCC with a degree in Geography with a minor in Urban Planning. **Nickolas Joyner** graduated from Western Carolina University with a Masters of Science in Chemistry. He will continue his education at the University of Alabama to pursue a Doctorate. **Ashley Markland Hite** will graduate July 31 from UNC Chapel Hill with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Connor scholarships were awarded to Grace Ann Beatty, Drew Danner, Parker Garrison, Kaitlin Hornick, Saryn Pennell, Ashley Sierzenga and Caroline Williams.

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Congratulations to you all!
Pastor Charmaine



Confirmands

Pictured left to right:
Bryson Lowdermilk
and Haley Matthews



Connor Scholarship Recipients

Pictured left to right: Grace Ann Beatty, Caroline Williams, Denise Moose & Jean Connor, Presenters, Drew Danner and Kaitlin Hornick. Not pictured: Parker Garrison, Saryn Pennell & Ashley Sierzenga.

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:

Jacob Scott
Richard & Guynell Sears
Dolores Setzer
Jerry & Terry Shepherd
Glenna Sherrill
Don & Vata Shook

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Beverly Stone at Carolina Caring (Room 2245)
Dottie Harris at Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 102)
Gerald Loftin (outpatient)



PASTOR GARY AND DEBBIE!

As we say "Goodbye and Happy Retirement" to Pastor Gary & Debbie, we would like to show our love and appreciation in the way of a reception on their last Sunday. On June 27th, we will have one service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the CFLC. At this time, we would like to present them with a love offering from their church family. You are invited to contribute to this love offering by placing cash or a check in the offering plate indicating "Pastor's Love Offering" in the memo section or on the envelope. Offerings will be accepted until Sunday, June 20th. A basket will be available at the reception for cards. Checks included in these cards should be made payable to "Rev. Dr. Gary Royals."

SPRC Committee

THANK YOU

The Trustees would like to say a special thanks to all the volunteers that helped spread mulch and pick up debris this past Saturday. We also enjoyed great fellowship.

Keith Hall
Trustees Chairperson

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH 2021

Donations to the Church Organ Fund and the Sound System Fund are being accepted through the end of 2021.



DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!



Betty Fisher - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 606)
581 NC-16 S Taylorsville NC 28681
Cell - (828) 302-6608

Dottie Harris - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 102)
581 NC-16 S Taylorsville NC 28681

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

MORE ROOM IN THE SANCTUARY!!!

Because of the new guidelines given by the CDC and the Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference, we will begin opening up more pews in the Sanctuary to provide more seating. Our attendance numbers have been increasing these last few weeks and this will make it more accommodating for everyone. If you have been vaccinated, you will no longer be required to wear a mask. If not, please use your own judgment to determine if you wish to wear a mask or not. We will not be enforcing or requiring face masks at either service.

Bob Goodson,
Church Council Chairperson



PASTOR'S QUIZ



"Let the dead bury their dead," said Jesus, upon

- leaving the leper colony after curing those still living
- entering Capernaum
- hearing a disciple's request for leave to bury his father
- learning that the Pharisees refused to hear Him

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 30, 2021
Sunday School
67

Worship:	
8:45am Service	110
11:00am Service	105
Live Streaming	83
Total	298

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 17,244.50
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	43.50
Columbarium Fund	2,005.00
Youth Fund	12.25
Total	\$ 19,305.25

Deposit to General Fund May 25, 2021
Refund of Sales & Use Tax \$5,397.79
(1/1/19-6/30/19)



Choir Practice Resumes

For all those interested in resuming choir practice or wishing to join the choir... we will begin rehearsing this Wednesday night, June 2, 2021 at 7:00pm in the choir room!

Hope to see you there!
Jon & Shannon Rogers

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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. hearing a disciple's request for leave to bury his father
(Matthew 8:21-22)

GUESTS for Sunday, May 30, 2021:

46 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 83
8:45am Service - 110; 11:00am Service - 105
Total: 298

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
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Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fumcconover.org
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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

**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS TO FUMCC
SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021**



**Johann C. & Annabella E. Stoltz
139 Autumn Leaf Road
Troutman, NC 28166**

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Annabella's phone: 704-241-9314

Johann's Email: johannstoltz@gmail.com

Annabella's Email: oumabella@gmail.com

Johann's birthday: 4/1 Annabella's birthday: 11/18

Wedding Anniversary: 7/5

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST CONFIRMED MEMBERS TO FUMCC SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021



**These are our newest members through
confirmation.**

Pictured 3rd from left:
Bryson Lowdermilk with his grandparents,
Larry & Pam Lowdermilk;

Pictured 3rd from right:
Haley Matthews with her parents,
Kelly & Mike Matthews;

Pictured far right:
Dr. Gary Royals, Pastor.