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FIRST UNITED
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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

June 15, 2021

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to Covid 19 we had a slight bump in the road which disrupted our routine of attending Sunday school on a weekly basis. Well the road has become less bumpy and Sunday School classes are starting to meet in person once again. The Bible says God's word is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." *Psalm 119:105* As Sunday school classes resume, may scripture be our guiding light. I want to welcome all those returning to their current classes. I would also like to assist those that are currently looking to become a member of a class. I have been a teacher for a number of years and can be found each Sunday in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom or you can reach me by phone. My number is in the Church Directory if you have any questions. Listed below are the classes for children, young adults and adults.

Class:

Nursery (Birth-Age 2) - Pilar Tobar
Pre School (Age 3-4) - Rachel Hamilton
Kindergarten/1st grade- Melissa Johnson, Melissa Punch, Kim Hentschel
2nd/3rd grades- Julie Patterson, Kim Connor
4th/5th grades- Lee Moritz Jr.
6th,7th and 8th grades - Steve Danner
High School- Michelle Moritz
Young Adults- Connie Henderson
Sharpe Bible Class- Margaret Garrison
Clark Bible Class- Patsy Isaac
Faith Builders Bible Class- Dave Markland
Crossroads Bible Class- Rita Deal

Children will move up a grade on Step Up Sunday August 22, 2021.

If anyone has an interest in being a teacher, substitute teaching or assisting a teacher in preschool through High School please notify me. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." *Proverbs 22:6*. This can be a rewarding service for you and the children.

I look forward to seeing you in attendance at Sunday School immediately following the 8:45 a.m. church service each Sunday.

Sunday School Director Julie Patterson.



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:

Donald Simpson & Victoria Norman
H.A. & Jean Slate
Lauren & Roxxi Slaughter
Charlie & Claire (Alexander) Smith
Toni Smith
Thad & Margie Sparkman

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.

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None



Organ Fund

In memory of Nancy Anderson
by:
Mike Anderson

ATTENTION USHERS!!!

Since we have relaxed our COVID-19 practices, we are going to return to ushers as usual before COVID. Those serving as ushers now have been ushering since July 12, 2020. Let's help get some relief from ushering for this group. We will need only 3 per service since we will be receiving the offering as we have been since July 2020. If you can serve as an usher at 8:45 or 11am, call Harold Thornburg at (828) 312-1953 - cell, or (828) 464-6826 - landline.

Thank you,

Harold Thornburg
Usher Chairman

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021
1:00PM**

The prayer shawl group will meet in the Conference room. Do you like to knit or crochet? Come Join Us!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH 2021

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



NEWS TO USE

LET'S CELEBRATE

The Moritz family would like to invite our church family to an informal drop-in reception to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of Betty and Lee Moritz, Sr., and Lee's 90th birthday.

The reception will be held at the Connor Family Life Center on Saturday, June 19th from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

We are excited and hope to see each of you there as we rejoice in the goodness of God!



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

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Jesus called Matthew to discipleship from a

- a. money-changing temple
- b. fishing boat
- c. receipt of custom (tax office)
- d. army post

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 6, 2021
Sunday School
83

Worship:	
8:45am Service	104
11:00am Service	96
Live Streaming	76
Total	276

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 14,272.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	10.00
Organ Fund	1,060.00
Pastor's Love Offering	??????
Total	\$ 15,342.00

THANK YOU

Dear FUMCC Family,
Thank you for the scholarship and support. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Saryn Pennell



UPPER ROOMS

The July / August "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/>

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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. receipt of custom (tax office) *(Matthew 9:9)*

GUESTS for Sunday, June 13, 2021:

42 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 76
 8:45am Service - 104; 11:00am Service - 96
 Total: 276

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
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
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Associate Pastor's phone #	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613