



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

June 22, 2021

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

It was six years ago that I, as a tired district superintendent, told Bishop Goodpaster that I wanted to go back into the church.....to once again experience the joys of serving, teaching, leading and just being with people. I could not have had a better church to which to be appointed and to finish my ministry. You opened your arms to me, Debbie and our family. We fell in love with you on the first day we met you and have made friends for a lifetime. Thank you for being the church and allowing us to walk with you for this season of life.

Remember that God would lead the children of Israel through the desert to a specific place and then, when it was time, the "pillar of cloud and fire" would lift and everyone knew it was time to pack up camp and move forward to the next destination. Moses led his people and, when finished, turned the reigns over to Joshua. Paul ministered to churches in Asia Minor for around 30 years and then turned the leadership over to those he had mentored. Since 1784, the Methodists have appointed pastors to serve for a period of time and then, when that pastor moves on, they appoint the next pastor to continue the journey. Life is full of seasons but God always directs our pathways and walks with us every step of the way. One of my favorite life verses is Joshua 1:9---

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

In all my 41 years of ministry, I feel the best I have ever felt about the person succeeding me in a church. Reverend John Woods is a fine, Godly man who loves the Lord and is committed to a Christ centered, Bible based ministry. Love him like you have loved me, join him in ministry as you did with me.....and the best years are yet to be for FUMC Conover. I will always cherish this time I had with you and am a better person for walking alongside you for "such a time as this." I leave my love with you as I carry your love with me.

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. The families for this week are:

Mike & Anne Spencer
Samantha & Zander Spencer; Saiylor Spencer-Wooten
Alice Spencer
Troy, Suzanne, Logan & Camden Spencer; Felicia &
Taylor Little
Billy Sprouse
Josh, Melissa & Maverick Steelmon

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

Nell Johnson Kingston Residence
904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109
Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-9962 - landline

(828) 228-7396 - cell
Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at
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4174 Shook Road
Claremont, NC 28610

M.G. Doub, 319 7th Street Place SW #A6
Conover, NC 28613

Dottie Harris, 1449 Brookstone Drive
Hickory, NC 28602

Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road
Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237
Conover, NC 28613

Glenna Sherrill, 2038 North Deal Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

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

Charles Reed at CVMC (At home)
H.A. Slate at CVMC (At home)

WITH SYMPATHY

Evon Wilmer (Williams) Brockwell, age 90 and mother of Phyllis Watson, died Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro, NC.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis and the family during this sad time.

THANK YOU from the ADMIN. ASSISTANT

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped check in families having their photos taken for the Church Directory on June 8, 9 & 10. Especially those who had to lock up and check the lights, etc. You all were a big help.

Robin

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

WITH SYMPATHY

Beverly Harris Stone, age 74 of Conover and a member of FUMCC, died Sunday, June 20, 2021 at her residence.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 6:00pm at Burke Funeral Home in Newton. The family will receive friends at Burke Funeral Home from 5:00 - 5:40pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn & Jeff Newton of Burke county and her sister, Gail Hefner of Catawba county.



NEWS FROM ECCCM

Pastor and Congregation,
Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 119.25 hours with 5 volunteers during May 2021.

Allen Sherrill,
Director of Food Pantry Operations

Pastor and Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of 3 pounds of food during the month of May 2021 to the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry!

Most importantly, as a Christian agency, our faith shines through the work being accomplished, which brings peace to those in crisis.

We thank you deeply for your generosity and support during these uncertain times. Our community is stronger as we all work together; thank you for being a part of this necessary and important work.

Sincerely,
Kristal Manning
Executive Director

PASTOR'S QUIZ



When the Pharisees questioned Jesus about the company He kept (Matthew 9), they were questioning His meeting with

- a. publicans
- b. sinners
- c. publicans and sinners
- d. sinners, including publicans

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 20, 2021
Sunday School
87

Worship:	
8:45am Service	114
11:00am Service	82
Live Streaming	70
Total	266

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 6,675.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Pastor's Love Offering ??????
Total \$ 6,675.00

12/31/2019 Sales & Use Tax Refund \$ 3,209.86

Total General Fund Deposit \$ 9,884.86



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.

Available Dates:

<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
7/4	8/1	11/14	12/5
7/11	8/8	11/21	12/12
7/25	8/22	11/28	12/19
	8/29		



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. publicans and sinners (*Matthew 9:10-11*)

GUESTS for Sunday, June 20, 2021:

39 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 70
 8:45am Service - 114; 11:00am Service - 82
 Total: 266

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

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