



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 8, 2021*

### **COME JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!!!**

Interested in making a joyful noise unto the Lord?

Do you have experience?

Do you have NO experience?

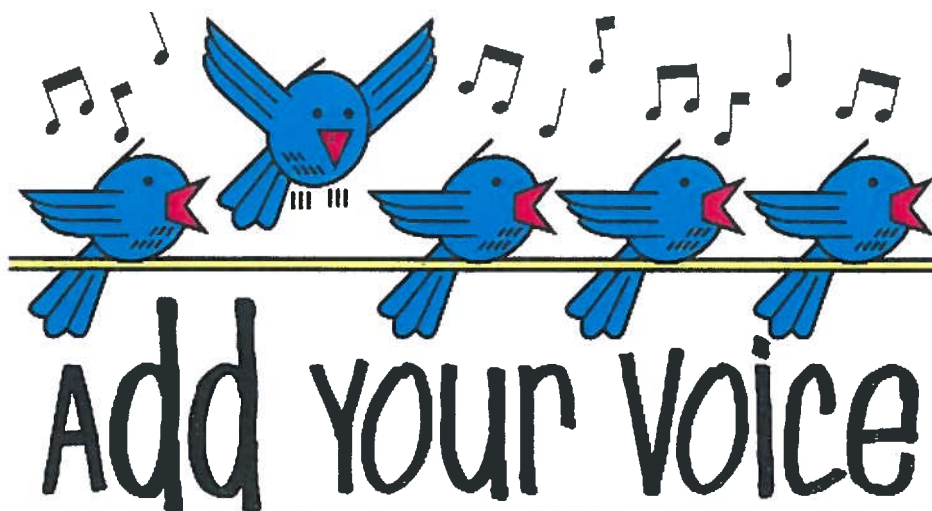
Do you enjoy fellowship with other people?

Do you enjoy learning new things?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, then we look forward to seeing you in the choir room at 7 pm Wednesday nights!

You don't have to have an amazing talent or know how to read music! We take all ages....the only requirement is that you can read and love the Lord!

See you there!  
Jon and Shannon



# \*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:

Jeff, Michelle, Ashley & Jacob Sierzenga  
Jack Sigmon  
Carl, Lori, Lauren & Megan Sigmon  
Danielle & Josh Sigmon  
Powell & Virginia Sigmon  
Mary Ann Simpson

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Beverly Stone at home  
Gerald Loftin at home



### General Fund

In memory of Terry Martin by:  
Mrs. Glenn Martin

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:  
Jeanne Abernathy



## 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



### Organ Fund

In honor of Rev. Dr. Gary & Debbie Royals by:  
Donna Rudisill

## A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

William "Wally" Hiley Davis, age 58 and father of Hiley Davis Baucom and Hunter Davis and grandfather of Jolie Baucom died Monday, May 31, 2021. A memorial celebration was held at Trinity United Church of Christ in Conover on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hiley, Alex, Jolie and the family during this sad time.

## 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'S QUIZ



When Jesus had cast the devils into the herd of swine, He was requested by the inhabitants of the nearby city to

- a. stay and continue
- b. give them His secret
- c. bring back the swine
- d. leave

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 6, 2021  
Sunday School

	81
Worship:	
8:45am Service	97
11:00am Service	81
Live Streaming	76
Total	254

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund \$ 19,217.12  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	100.00
Organ Fund	100.00
Pastor's Love Offering	150.00
Total	\$ 19,567.12

## 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**

## IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Evon Brockwell, the mother of Phyllis Watson, died Thursday, May 27, 2021 in Chapel Hill, NC. A graveside service was held on June 2, 2021.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis and her family during this difficult time.

## NEW ADDRESS

Alma Dixon & Sharon Crane  
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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:

d. leave (Matthew 8:28-34)

## **GUESTS for Sunday, June 6, 2021:**

42 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 1.8 persons per household = 76  
 8:45am Service - 97; 11:00am Service - 81  
 Total: 254

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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