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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

July 27, 2021

It's a Wrap!!

Friends, we had an amazing Vacation Bible School! In total we ministered with and to about 120 people, from ages 2 to 'seasoned'. God's hand was clearly in this important outreach event from planning to packing up!

This year we introduced Youth VBS and Adult VBS. The adult class was small but reports are they had a wonderful time of growth. 13 of our youth met for VBS in the afternoons.

So many volunteers stepped up and several praises were lifted for the great curriculum we used this year. Many parents were so grateful for the dinner they could enjoy before VBS. Beacon, the puffin, was a huge hit with young and old. The children really got into the swing of praising Jesus with the music lead by the talented Lighthouse Keeper, Gabe Beech. A dozen or so of our Youth, even three Middle Schoolers stepped in and were AMAZING!!! From leading the sessions to chaperoning the groups with our adult leaders they showed that you are never too young to be involved in outreach.

The grand finale was a water balloon extravaganza. Many participants left happy and “Man, I don't want to leave this place!” from a 10 year old girl made me thank God for all that was done. We cannot wait for VBS 2022 and we hope to see you all there!



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:

Michael & Emma Tozser
Keith & Susan Tucker
Leta Tucker

Wesley & Brandie Tucker
Winford & Adelia Tucker

John, Rev. Charmagne, Michael & Christine Van Rooyen

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Johnny Moose at CVMC (Room 606)

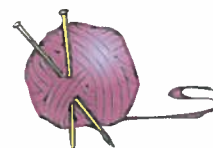
Anthony Price (At home)

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021
AT 1:00PM

We meet in the conference room. If you like to knit or crochet, come join us!

Anyone that would like a prayer shawl, please call Mary Ann Simpson at (828) 244-5524.



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
Rock Barn (Room 107)
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.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Drew Fisher. I am a member of this church and currently a Life Scout here at Boy Scout Troop 322. I am seeking donations to help purchase the items needed to carry out my Eagle project. I will be providing the landscaping and beautification of the house at Strong Life Ministries on Fairgrove Church Rd.

This organization takes men off the streets and this house will give them a safe place to live. They provide resources to connect people to employment opportunities, addiction recovery programs, and crisis relief services. They educate and mentor individuals to be self-sustaining and develop spiritual, emotional, and mental well-being.

Any donation that you are willing to give is greatly appreciated. If you write a check please make it out to "Troop 322" with DREW FISHER written on the memo line. Again, thank you for your time and thoughtfulness.

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

AS A COURTESY...

Please help us to make Pastor John, Beth, Hannah and all of our new members and visitors to feel at home during worship services by wearing your name tags.



GOODTIMERS NEWS

Thanks to all of you that came out for our lunch last week .Especially our desert makers! We had 46 present, largest group ever! We will try to break this record at our next lunch in September. Save the date of Aug 25, (moved from the 18th, since I'll be gone on that day) for our next day trip. We will be going to the West Jefferson area to see two Ben Long Frescoes, Mural Art on downtown buildings, Ashe County Cheese Factory, and some Barn Quilts! I'll put our "Sign Up" sheet on our Goodtimers' Board—"GO, SEE, DO"



Eddie Warren

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

**4:00PM - Finance Committee Meeting
(Conference room)**

**5:00PM - Church Council Meeting
(Sanctuary)**



PASTOR'S QUIZ



In Matthew 19, Jesus instructed the apostles to go among the

- a. Gentiles
- b. Samaritans
- c. Israelites
- d. Egyptians

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence July 25, 2021
Sunday School
101

Worship:	
8:45am Service	138
11:00am Service	110
Live Streaming	67
Total	315

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 34,212.87
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Sound System	100.00
Youth Fund	1,399.26
Total	\$ 35,712.13

HELP OUR YOUNG FAMILIES

In order for us to adhere to Safe Sanctuary Polices a second adult needs to present in our Nursery with Pilar Tobar, our Lead Nursery Worker.

If we can have at least 8 people to commit to serve at one service once a week for 3 months we will have coverage during both services to continue this ministry that will allow parents of young children to enjoy worship.

Prayerfully search your heart to see what role you can play in this ministry. Please go online to the church's website and sign-up.

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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>Aug.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
8/1	11/14	12/5
8/8	11/21	12/12
8/22	11/28	



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. Israelites (*Matthew 10:5-6*)

GUESTS for Sunday, July 25, 2021:

37 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 67
 8:45am Service - 138; 11:00am Service - 110
 Total: 315

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Development Administrative Assistant	Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaine@gmail.com) Robin Mays (fumcc@fumcconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
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	612 6th Ave NE Conover, NC 28613
Associate Pastor's phone #	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

August 2021

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 1 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's 4pm-Finance Mtg.	2 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	3 1pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conf. Room)	4 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	5 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	6 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	7
8 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 12-4pm Reese Reunion 3-6pm Domino's	9 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	10	11 1PM - QUEEN ESTHER'S (CLARK CLASSROOM) 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	12 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	13 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	14 9:30am-12pm UMW (Clark Classroom)
15 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's	16 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	17	18 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	19 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	20 6pm until - Cubs campout (behind Gray House/CFLC) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders)	21 until 10am - Cubs campout (behind Gray Hse/CFLC)
22 01-STEP-UP SUNDAY 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's	23 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	24	25 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom)	26 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	27 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	28
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Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Cassandra Rockett Lauren Sigmon Megan Sigmon	2 Michelle Cloninger	3	4 Robin Mays	5	6 Victoria Norman	7 Jordan Beatty Allen Califana Tony Rowe
8 Lillian Henderson Alli Miller	9 Mala Dauber NyKisha Peterson	10 Alma Dixon Cheryl Markland	11 Bob Choppa Kelle Love Joni Thornburg	12 Chris Boston	13 Barbara Stines Pat Woods	14 Billy Duncan Scott Love
15 Adam Johnson	16 Kim Connor Melissa Punch	17 Glenn Casterline Hunter Davis Lisa Rudisill	18 Sydney Matson	19 Travis Connor	20 Charles Bandy	21 DeAnn Bowen Ian Henderson Angie Monk
22 Margery Adams Kalen Bolick Jon Michael Rogers Eric Yount	23 Charlie Anderson Pete Robinson Buddy Teague Wayne Windsor Mary Leslie Yount	24 Don Beatty	25	26 Emma Tozser	27 Julia Duncan Andy Greco Debbie Moritz	28 Devon Chambers Keri Hennessee Johnny Moose Gene Swithenbank
29 Hiley Baucom Chase Kiger Antwone Peterson Marea Pinto	30 Vivian Bandy Mike Induni	31 Sarah Jane Lafone Powell Sigmon				

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Danny and Sandy Baucom	2	3	4 Mark and Rita Deal	5 Tony and Gwen Jarrett	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Don and Andrea Beatty Ron and Dottie Harris	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Richard and Guynell Sears	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Christopher and Jessica Koenig Rick and Linda Parker	28 Charles and Vivian Bandy Jim and Jeanette Davis
29 Richard and Revonda Matthews	30	31				

Fueling Faith



“Discovery on Adventure Island” VBS Mission Projects

Week long - Food for ECCCM with help from Queen Esther’s Circle --
249 lbs.

Lesson 1 - LOVE - Blessing bags for the homeless with message about love.

Lesson 2 - TRUST - Cards for Conover Police and Firefighters.

Lesson 3 - FAITH - Bookmarks for congregants to take and pray for each child.

Lesson 4 - JOY - Bags of Joy with treats and cards of encouragement for Conover Adult Life Program participants and staff.

The children were so involved mentally and spiritually in doing these mission projects, true acts of love. Matthew 9:14, Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Lois Goodson



Thursday, July 8, 2021

Dear Pastor/Women's Ministry Director,

I trust this letter finds you, your family and ministry doing well and enjoying the blessing of our wonderful Lord. I realize you receive an enormous amount of mail, and your time is very precious, so I will get right to the point of this letter.

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, our church, Oxford Baptist, is pleased to be a host site for the **GOING BEYOND SIMULCAST** featuring Priscilla Shirer. Along with Priscilla Shirer, one of today's top women's Bible teachers, Christian recording artist Anthony Evans will lead in worship.

Presented by Lifeway Christian Resources, the **Going Beyond Simulcast** brings women together from all across the globe in their churches or homes for a day of biblical teaching, prayer and worship.

The simulcast event begins at 9 a.m. with multiple breaks (doors open at 8 a.m.). The cost is \$35 and includes a welcome gift, continental breakfast, a boxed lunch and an afternoon snack. There will also be door prizes given throughout the event. All women from your church and local area are invited to attend.

For more information about the **Going Beyond Simulcast** or to purchase tickets, please visit oxfordbaptist.com or contact the church office at (828) 256-7246. *Please note that groups of 10 or more will receive a \$5 per ticket discount (must call church office for group discount) or individual tickets with a \$5 early bird discount if purchased by August 22nd.*

Again, thank you for your time. It is our hope that your ladies will be able to attend but if not, please pray that souls will be saved, and lives will be changed during this special event.

In His love,

Tricia Frye

OBC Ladies Ministry Director

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