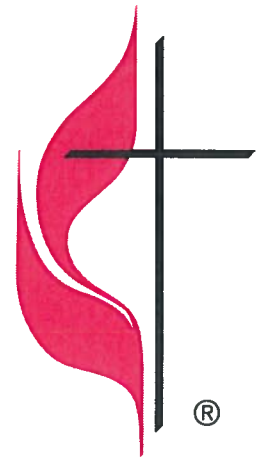




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Our Vision:

*“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

August 24, 2021

A NEW YEAR FOR FUMCC PRESCHOOL

On September 1, 2021, we will begin FUMCC Preschool's 58th preschool year!! Every year is like a new beginning for staff and children and this year is no exception.

As many of you know I have retired from the position as Director of FUMCC Preschool. I have been with the preschool program since 2009 and will continue to be involved as Chairman of The Preschool Committee. This church, the preschool program and being a part of the staff at FUMCC has been an unexpected life blessing that I will be forever thankful for. GOD is good, all the time.

Moving forward, this new year begins with Julie Robinson becoming Director of the program. Julie has been a part of the program since 2014 as the lead teacher for the 3-year-old classroom and has worked consistently for the last 3 years as the Assistant Director, as well as teaching. Her staff this year will be Jenene Nellenbach and Jamie Thornburg, 1- and 2-year-old class; Julie and Madigan Gioscio, 3-year-old class; Colleen Fox and Yvette Bumgarner, 4- and 5-year-old Pre-K class.

The children, parents and staff return to open house on Thursday, August 26th 5:30 until 7:30 PM. We ask the church family to pray for this upcoming year with the challenges of full classrooms, covid, flu and separation anxiety. We all remember, "Jesus Loves Me, THIS I know." Help us to pass it on.

In the name of Jesus Christ our LORD,
Ginger Doub



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:

Pastor John, Beth & Hannah Woods
Pat & Alice Woods
Ethan & Jake Wright
James Zehmer
Jeanne Abernathy
Rev. Dixon & Margery Adams

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

Tut Johnston Abernathy Laurels
North Manor - Room 1025
102 Leonard Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

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

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Michael Moritz at Wake Forest MC (At home)
Buck Calloway at Wake Forest MC (At home)

MEMORIALS Organ Fund

In memory of Bryan Shepherd by:
Charles, III & Edie Connor
Jimmy & Paulette Lambert

HARVEST FESTIVAL for JESUS

As Pastor John said on Sunday, we need all hands on deck.

We know that there are still some uncertainty with regards to COVID, but rest assured - there are MANY things that can be done ahead of the event without being in a crowd. We have a list ready to add names to for those that will feel safer volunteering in this way.

YOUTH we need your input on games you and your friends would like to participate in on the day. EVEN if you already know you have another commitment, please share your ideas.

We need many "younger" hands on the morning before the Festival. If you are willing to help for about 4 or 5 hours (or any portion of that time) we will be so thankful. Please let us know how you are willing to serve in this great community outreach event.

After the next meeting on Sunday we will have more details available and spots to volunteer in.

Please be in prayer that we get to host the Harvest Festival for Jesus and that we have enough volunteers to make it a great experience for our guests.

Harvest Festival for Jesus Organizers

NEWS TO USE

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY At ECCCM

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 2021



PASTOR'S QUIZ



The parable of the pearl of great price tells how

- a. it went long unrecognized
- b. it was transferred but through violence
- c. the pearl merchant sold all that he had, to buy it
- d. it increased in value with the passage of time

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

THANK YOU FROM THE CORNER TABLE

Church Family,
On behalf of The Corner Table, we want to thank you for your continued support and recent quarterly donation. Your generosity allows us to put smiles on the faces of our guests by means of a warm meal. We appreciate your care and concern for the less fortunate.

The Corner Table

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 22, 2021

Sunday School

88

Worship:

8:45am Service 114

11:00am Service 83

Live Streaming 104

Total 301

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 8,844.00

(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank 142.00

Organ Fund 140.00

Total \$ 9,126.00

CONTACT

Ralph Hatch (text) 910-340-2039
Anthony Price (text) 828-228-6467
Pastor John or Pastor Charmaine
at the office 828-464-4635
To SIGN UP for our

HARVEST FESTIVAL for JESUS
October 23, 2021 3-7pm

ATTENTION GOODTIMERS!

Because of the rising COVID cases, the trip we had planned to West Jefferson this week has been canceled.

Thank you for your understanding in this situation.

Eddie Warren

Got Questions

About the

HARVEST FESTIVAL for JESUS?

If you are curious about what this Festival is about; wonder whether there will be something you can help with; or how you can support the event WE NEED YOU!!

We need you to JOIN US this Sunday, August 29 at 2pm in the Connor Family Life Center (park in the lower part or one of the two back parking lots)

Hope to see you there!

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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>Nov.</u> | <u>Dec.</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| 11/14 | 12/5 |
| 11/28 | 12/12 |



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. the pearl merchant sold all that he had, to buy it
(Matthew 13:45-46)

GUESTS for Sunday, August 22, 2021:

58 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 104
 8:45am Service - 114; 11:00am Service - 83
 Total: 301

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

| | |
|--|--|
| Pastor | Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumconover.org) |
| Associate Pastor of Faith Development Administrative Assistant | Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaine@gmail.com) Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.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@fumconover.org) |
| Lead Nursery Worker | Pilar Tobar |
| Custodian | Luisa Toro Bryan |
| Church Office | (828) 464-4635 |
| Website: | www.fumconover.org |
| Pastor's phone numbers | (828) 464-4635-church (336) 480-4550-cell |
| 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 |

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO FUMCC SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021



David & Janet Morrow
P.O. Box 233
Claremont, NC 28610

David - (828) 291-4225
Janet - (828) 291-4215

David - email:
david.morrow8@icloud.com
Janet - email:
jcarmorrow@gmail.com

David's birthday - April 27
Janet's birthday - March 25
Wedding Anniversary - June 24



Hannah & Beth Woods
612 6th Avenue NE
Conover, NC 28613

Beth - (336) 480-4551

Beth's email: woods777@aol.com

Hannah's birthday - July 1
Beth's birthday - May 23
Pastor John's birthday - April 15
Pastor John & Beth's Wedding
Anniversary - June 21

Fueling Faith



Apart or A Part

I am not sure about y'all, but I am struggling with the fact that we find ourselves, once again, in a space where we are allowing COVID-19 to cause division among us. I was thrilled that we were picking things up to get to "back to normal". Well, maybe we need to rest in "not yet". I want to invite you to consider the difference between 'divided' and 'apart'. Accepting that folks do not agree about vaccination and masking means we are divided on issues. It does not **have to** mean we are apart us a body of believers.

As I pray about this I was reminded about the timely message in 1 Corinthians 12:1-27. Paul reminds the church in Corinth that they must be united. He reminds them that a body might have many parts but it is still **one body**. Our convictions about the world as it is now may make us feel we are apart from our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. In Acts we read about the believers living together, sharing what they have and worshipping together daily. Remember the hymn "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together..."?.

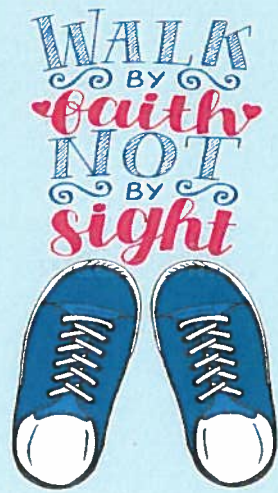
Considering all this, let us choose to be a part of Christ's Church and not apart from Christ's Church. **I invite you** again to make a decision to be part of a community of faith. Being a part of the life of our congregation might look different now than before; yet I believe that we need all of us to be united and strong and growing in our faith. If you feel that you want to do more, or want to join 'something', please reach out to me or pastor John. We are happy to help you find your sacred space within our FUMCC family. Whether you can be here or need to be off site, we need you to be a part of us. Together we can encourage one another and as Christ's Church we will impact the world in ways we cannot even imagine.

Let us strive to be a part of in stead of apart from the Church.

With prayer and blessings,
Pastor Charmaine

FUMCC Youth Ministry

Our devotions for this youth year will be focused on living by faith and relationships, especially our personal relationship with God. Several families are opening their homes for us to gather and have lots of different activities planned to help build the relationships within our group also. Below are the activities that we have planned for the remainder of 2021. We encourage our youth to bring a friend with them to our scheduled meetings. A youth survey has been sent to retrieve general information and sizes for youth t-shirts. Please complete that survey as soon as possible.



| DATE | EVENT | TIME |
|----------------------|--|-------------|
| Sunday, August 29 | Cookout Kickoff at the home of Bill, Jenny & Michael Harris (CFLC reserved as back up location, due to weather) (Sign Up Genius link was sent out for items needed for our cookout. Please review and respond if you are able to help out) | 5 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, September 12 | Youth Meeting at the home of Pastor John, Beth & Hannah Woods (Pool Party) | 4 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, September 26 | Youth Meeting at the home of Ryan, Angela & Rylee Garrison (Pool Party) | 4 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, October 10 | Youth Meeting at the home of Alan, Melissa & Drew Fisher | 4 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, October 24 | Youth Meeting at the home of Bryan, Donna & Jessie Ross | 4 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, November 7 | Ministry teams will meet from 4 PM – 7 PM to prepare for Youth Sunday. Anyone interested in participating in Praise Team and/or the Drama team, please attend this practice. <u>We will only have two practices to prepare for Youth Sunday.</u> | 4 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, November 14 | Ministry teams will meet from 4 PM – 7 PM to prepare for Youth Sunday. Anyone interested in participating in Praise Team and/or the Drama team, please attend this practice. <u>This will be the final practice before Youth Sunday.</u> | 4 PM – 7 PM |
| Sunday, November 21 | YOUTH SUNDAY – your church family loves this service and they are amazed by your talent and willingness to participate. | |
| Sunday, December 5 | Our Annual Progressive Dinner will be hosted by the Fisher's and the Sierzenga's. (More details to follow) | TBA |

For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact

Dana Little (828-320-9904 / da_little2003@yahoo.com)

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Aug 29 | 30 | 31 | Sep 1 09am-Preschool Begins 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) | 2 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class) | 3 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 4 |
| 5 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's | 6 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC) LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 7 1pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conf. Room) | 8 1PM - QUEEN ESTHER'S (CLARK CLASSROOM) 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) | 9 6-8pm Girl Scouts-Recruitment (CFLC) 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame | 10 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 11 |
| 12 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 2pm-Harvest Fest. 3-6pm Domino's | 13 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC) | 14 | 15 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) | 16 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class) | 17 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 18 1-5pm Clark classroom reserved (2-4pm Bridal Shower) |
| 19 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3-6pm Domino's | 20 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC) | 21 | 22 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) 2:00pm Robin Mays - First United | 23 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class) | 24 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 25 |
| 26 08:45am Service 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 2pm-Harvest Fest. 3-6pm Domino's | 27 6pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC) | 28 | 29 1pm Hand & Foot (Middle High Classroom) | 30 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class) | Oct 1 | 2 |

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 John Hartner Kim McDuffie Betty Moritz Emma Muller Camryn Pittman | 6 | 7 | 8 Allie Bunton Barbara Hager Cameron Myers | 9 Ashley Baucom Lee Jr. Moritz Hunter Williams | 10 Bill Harris Anita Huffman Steven Myers Derrick Thornburg | 11 Mary Ann Cooke |
| 12 Hank Beck Carol Dickinson | 13 Taylor Dellinger James Igims Richard Sears | 14 Jean Connor Kevin McDuffie Shannon Rogers | 15 Jeanne Abernathy Junior Deal Todd Miller | 16 Cindy Casterline | 17 Andrea Curotolo Caroline Williams | 18 Joyce Lagunas Brody Mason Courtney Patterson Cynthia Sherbert |
| 19 Erin Moritz Betsy Walker | 20 Waylon Conner | 21 Lois Goodson Dianne Hollar Jim Wofford | 22 John Hemmings Billy Sprouse | 23 | 24 Anne Barner Claire Smith | 25 Kenneth Johnson Rebekah Lafone Thomas McCoy Linda Parker Alexander Rockett |
| 26 Shirley Elliott Kyle Moritz | 27 Jeanette Stewart | 28 Thad Sparkman | 29 Robert Whisnant | 30 Michael Harris Cliff Wike | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 5 Mike and Greta Induni John and Cynthia Sherbert John and Charmaine Van Rooyen | 6 | 7 | 8 Jerry and Terry Shepherd | 9 | 10 Mike and Anne Spencer | 11 Alan and Melissa Fisher |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Jimmy and Mary Jean Hollar |
| 19 Michael and Laurie Cashion | 20 | 21 Bruce and Michelle Cloninger Don and Cheryl Hedrick Dennis and Jo Ellen Knecht Jerry and Julie Patterson | 22 | 23 | 24 Wayne and Virginia Thornburg | 25 Bob and Cathy Choppa Tony and Kathy Martin |
| 26 Bill and Jenny Harris | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Michael and Debbie Moritz | | |