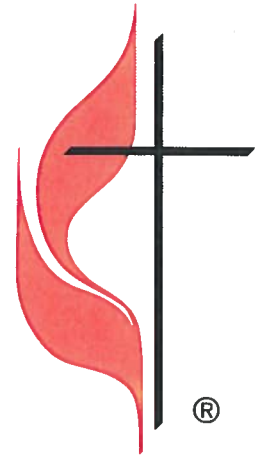




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Our Vision:

*“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 3, 2021

COVID -19 Update **(8-1-21 Council Meeting)**

Our Administrative Council met this past Sunday (August 1). The following decisions were made regarding the recent uptick in COVID -19 cases being primarily attributed to the Delta variant of COVID and a significant number of unvaccinated individuals who remain at higher risk of serious illness. Based on these factors, the Council determined the following:

Both the Council and the pastors are reluctant to give up the momentum we have been gaining over the past several months; however, we also want to continue to be wise and prudent in our actions and in protecting our members as much as reasonably possible. At this point, the decision has been made to “ease off the accelerator” but not “slam on the brakes.”

- At this time, when we gather, we won't be requiring masks but we do recommend that you discern your own personal comfort level and situation – that's especially important for those who are unvaccinated and/or have underlying health issues (or care for others) that put them at higher risk of illness.
- We aren't returning to a formal screening process at this time; however, let's all use common sense and respect for those around you. If you're not feeling well, please stay at home and know that we will miss you, and be praying for you. If you've been in contact with a COVID – 19 positive person, please do not put your fellow church members at risk.
- We again begun sanitizing the sanctuary and church facilities between services and in areas that will be used again within 72 hours of any church activity. Other than worship services, it will be the responsibility of those groups using the facilities to sanitize before leaving. If you need instructions for how to sanitize the facilities, please contact Keith Hall or Ronald Thornburg.
- The Church Council's COVID – 19 subcommittee was expanded from 5 to 9 members and is scheduled to meet August 4th to formulate a plan of action for addressing the current COVID situation as it changes. We have proven guidelines and procedures available if it becomes necessary to back up.

So once again, the members of the Administrative Council of FUMCC request your prayers and support as we attempt to further our church's mission and ministries as safely as possible during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Bob Goodson, Council Chairperson

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:

Brandon, Larissa, Nova & Brantley Vigue
Kent, Annette, John & Betsy Walker
Rick & Nancy Wall
Leonard & Pat Walling
Eddie & Carol Warren
Aaron, Krystle & Harvey Watson

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Johnny Moose (At home)
Eli Hailey at Sanger Clinic (ICU)

HONORARIUMS

Organ Fund

In memory of Bryan Shepherd by:
H.A. & Jean Slate
Brad & Kim Little
Keith & Tommie Hall
Cliff & Debbie Wike
Leonard & Julie Lawing
Betty Prater
Susan Hunsucker

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.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Bryan Jeremy Shepherd, age 41 and the son of Jerry & Terry Shepherd, died Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in Conover.

A Celebration of Bryan's life was held at the Columbarium at First United Methodist Church of Conover on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 7:00pm with Pastor John Woods officiating.

A private burial was held in Vale, NC.

The family has requested any memorials to be made to FUMCC's Organ Fund.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry, Terry and the family during this difficult 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

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.



Featured song of the week:

Go to YouTube and search "Yes He Can" by Cain.

Sing along with us on Sunday!

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.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Jesus told the apostles to "shake off the dust of your feet" as they

- entered a city that received them
- entered a house that received them
- left a house or city that did not receive them
- prepared for the night's rest

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 1, 2021

Sunday School

94

Worship:

8:45am Service 108

11:00am Service 85

Live Streaming 70

Total 263

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 16,606.28

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

Children's Bank 2.50

Local Missions 100.00

Organ Fund 320.00

Total \$ 17,028.78

Separate Deposit:

NC Sales & Use Tax Refund: \$ 7,803.94

Total General Fund Deposit: \$ 24,410.22

HELP OUR YOUNG FAMILIES

In order for us to adhere to Safe Sanctuary Policies 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 month 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>
8/8	11/14	12/5
8/22	11/21	12/12
	11/28	



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. left a house or city that did not receive them *(Matthew 10:14)*

GUESTS for Sunday, August 1, 2021:

39 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 70

8:45am Service - 108; 11:00am Service - 85
 Total: 263

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 (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com) Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.org)
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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
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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



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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