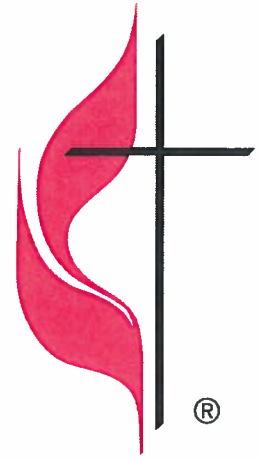




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Our Vision:

*“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 31, 2021

REMINDER:

- **AT OUR 8:45AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED;**
- **AT OUR 11:00AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

WHISPERS IN THE WOODS — Heart Holes

When our son, Luke, was three years old, Beth and I took him over to Duke Hospital to see a pediatric cardiologist. Earlier that summer, during a routine physical, his pediatrician heard something unusual while listening to his heart.

The initial diagnosis was not definite, but one possibility was that he could have a small leakage from a hole in his heart. We were told to take him to Duke to have more definitive tests run. Those tests relieved our hearts and fears and thankfully, Luke's condition was not serious.

But that episode did get me to thinking. Having a hole in your heart is serious business, and if you do have one, you need to take immediate action to get it fixed! The results, otherwise, would be disastrous.

What's true of our physical heart is also true for our us spiritually. When it comes to spiritual holes in the heart - a "God-sized" hole, I continue to be amazed at just how many people are walking around with that heart condition untreated.

As with a physical heart, having a hole in your heart spiritually can cause great problems — and one day even cost you your life. The good news is that there is a Great Physician who is not only able, but also eager to repair the hole our spiritual hearts have. Jesus Christ can fill that void by giving us his Holy Spirit.

You know, if I found someone on the side of the road crumpled down and hurting from a heart pain, I would whisk him or her to a doctor immediately to try to save his (or her) life. As Christians, can we do any less for those in need of spiritual heart attention?

I encourage you to be aware of those around you who might have a God-sized hole in their heart. It's a frightening condition and their life is at stake. Let's show them where and how to find healing! Then they can join with us in calling out as the prophet Jeremiah did so long ago: ***Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.*** (Jeremiah 17:14)

Grace and Peace!

-Pastor John

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:

Neil Adams
Tad & Janet Adams
Margaret & Frances Allen
Charlie & Tommi Anderson
Jan Barbersek
Dawn Barbersek & Allen Califana

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 / OUT OF HOSPITAL

John Hartner - Saint Vincent Hospital - Erie, PA

MEMORIALS Organ Fund

In memory of Bryan Shepherd by:
Ray & Linda Birchfield
Junior & Anita Deal

Sharpe Bible Class

In memory of Gracie & Chris Hager by:
Junior & Anita Deal

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Roy "Tut" Johnston, age 91, and a member of FUMCC, died Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Martha and the family during this difficult time.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, donations, food and visits. You will never know how much this means to us.

In Christian love,
Jerry & Terry Shepherd

ADDRESS CORRECTION

David & Janet Morrow
505 2nd Street Place NE - Unit G3
Conover, NC 28613

Please update the address on their photo last week and place in your directory.

NEWS TO USE

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 29, 2021
Sunday School
94

Worship:	
8:45am Service	125
11:00am Service	81
Live Streaming	76
Total	282

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 17,937.50
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	11.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Sharpe Bible Class	50.00
Total	\$ 18,048.50

Refund of Sales & Use Tax for
July-December 2020 - General Fund \$ 2,391.08

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Jesus' brothers, if "brethren" in this context is taken to mean "brothers," were named

- a. James, Peter, Simon and Judas
- b. John, James, Thomas and Judas
- c. James, Matthew, Simon and Peter
- d. James, Joses, Simon and Judas

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

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY At ECCCM

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 2021



Song of the week: "Rattle" by Zach Williams

Go to YouTube on any device and search "Rattle" by Zach Williams and come sing with us this Sunday!



THANK YOU

We are grateful for our friends at First United Methodist. We are grateful for your support as we meet the physical & spiritual needs of our Youth!

May God Bless You!
Major Matt Trayler
The Salvation Army

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

I am Jarrett Rheeder, a member of First United Methodist Church and also a Life Scout of Boy Scout Troop 325. My Eagle project proposal has been approved and I am going to enhance the baseball field at Newton-Conover Middle School. My time at middle school was memorable and I feel like giving something back.

Currently, the baseball field does not have warm-up areas for the pitchers and catchers, which can lead to injuries if they are not properly warmed up. My project is to install two warm-up areas, both home and visiting team sides. Then we will remove the cubbies in the dugouts. They are too high for the players to reach. Remember, these are middle school kids. We will pressure wash the dugouts and paint them in the Newton-Conover red and black colors. We will make the cubbies bigger, rearrange them and then add them back to the dugouts.

I would like to ask for your support by making a donation. There will be a plate at the entrance to the church when you exit. Please make checks out to **Troop 325** and write in the memo field "Jarrett Eagle Project". If you would like to use PayPal, please send your donation to troop325.420@gmail.com and again, write in the memo field "Jarrett Eagle Project".

Thank you for your support and for your support to the Boy Scout Program.

"Once an Eagle Scout, Always an Eagle Scout."



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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:

d. James, Joses, Simon and Peter
(Matthew 13:55)

GUESTS for Sunday, August 29, 2021:

42 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 76

8:45am Service - 125; 11:00am Service - 81
 Total: 282

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumconover.org)
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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

Harvest Festival for Jesus

We had a very productive meeting on Sunday. In the coming weeks members of the planning committee plan to approach you to solicit your ideas, help and suggestions.

Right now we have a need for:

- Marquee(s) to provide shade at the picnic tables.
- Golf carts to be used on the day of the event, with or without you as driver!
- Big ice chests to keep waters cold.
- Pop-up tents/gazebo
- YOU and your small group to host a "booth" with carnival games and candy for the trick-or-treaters.
- IDEAS for games for older children.
- Your PRAYERS.



Fueling Faith

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

Godly Play

Our Godly Play room is ready for us to start this ministry!! This is a dream come true for me. I truly believe this program is the most effective way to immerse young children into faith culture and language.

A training session will be scheduled in September to train Storytellers and Door Persons. If you love children and want to see them grow and mature in their faith you are qualified!! Please join us.

Parents, the plan is to schedule the first Godly Play Storytime for late September, early October.



Operation Christmas Child

Chelsea (Danner) Puga-Luna will be heading up this great ministry this year. Check you newsletters in September for more information on how you can get involved.

Thank you Chelsea!!