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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

September 14, 2021

FUMCC WELCOMES OUR NEW ORGANIST

Greetings! I am excited to become a part of the FUMC-Conover family. I hope to share my love of church music, particularly organ music, with all of you here. Pastor John asked me to write a short biographical sketch so that you, the congregation, might get to know me a little better.

My primary job is the Finance Director for the Town of Stanley in Gaston County, North Carolina. Prior to this position, I was in a similar position for the City of Lowell, North Carolina. My secular work background prior to governmental work includes accounting work in the senior care industry, banking services, higher education, and hospitality services. My undergraduate degree in business administration is from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and my Master's degree is from Pfeiffer University in health administration. I am a native of Gastonia, North Carolina, and have lived in Belmont, North Carolina for the past 29 years. My wife Susan and I have one daughter, Katherine, who is married and lives with her husband Wade in Athens, Georgia.

I am the immediate past Treasurer for the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (“AGO”). I will assume the Auditor position for the Charlotte Chapter of the AGO later this year. I have been a Board member of the AGO's Charlotte Chapter for the past four years. Prior to coming to FUMC-Conover, I served as Organist at The Presbyterian Church of Lowell in Lowell, North Carolina, for 14 years. I have been playing either the piano or organ in church since the age of 13 – that's a long time! I have also recently been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Foundation, Inc., in Charlotte, an organization to promote and preserve the 1967 Moller pipe organ at First United Methodist Church in Charlotte. The Foundation's aim is to fund future organ concerts and education.

I am also extremely pleased to be playing the church's new Rodgers organ. My home church in Gastonia has an older model Rodgers, which I grew up playing, so in some respects, it seems like “coming home” playing this new version of an old favorite, as the saying goes. But this instrument is so much more powerful and versatile, with an almost infinite variety of sounds and stops from which to choose. The church chose well when it picked this organ. I look forward to playing great music on it. If any of you have any suggestions as to a certain piece or hymn arrangement that is a favorite, please don't hesitate to suggest it to me. I will do my best to play it for you.

I look forward to working with Pastor John, Pastor Charmaine, the Congregation, the Choir, and Shannon and Jon Rogers as we worship each week.

Kevin Haney

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:

Linda Beck
Haley & Gabe Beech
Ray & Linda Birchfield
Doug & LaRue Black
Kalen Bolick
Billy, Beth & Chris Boston

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Taylor Dellinger at CVMC (At home)
John Hartner - (In rehab - Erie, PA)

MEMORIALS Music Fund

In memory of Roy "Tut" Johnston by:
Sharpe Bible Class
Charlie & Tommi Anderson

Organ Fund

In memory of Bryan Shepherd by:
M.G. Doub

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

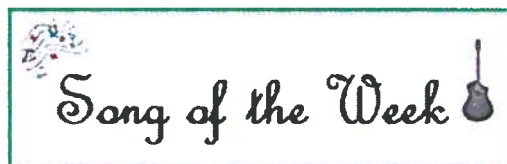
Dottie Harris, 1449 Brookstone Drive
Hickory, NC 28602

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.



YouTube search Chris Tomlin - "Here for You".
Help us sing it this coming Sunday!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Doug & Samantha Rockett
403 West 8th Street
Newton, NC 28658

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

FOUNDATIONS

A "Back to Basics" Primer

7 weeks Bible study

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

or

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Led by Pastor John and

beginning Tuesday, October 5/6

BACK
BASICS
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Have you ever felt like you just needed to refresh your understanding of some of the basics of our faith? This 7-week class will explore some of the essential beliefs Christians hold and how those beliefs intersect with our life.

TOPICS WE'LL CONSIDER: the nature of Scripture, the Old Testament, the life of Jesus, salvation, worship, prayer and the Church.

Presented in a practical and easy-to-grasp perspective, this class will help us understand some of the foundational doctrines of our faith.

Absolutely no previous Bible study background is necessary to attend either of these classes!

Sign up in the church office so we can have enough materials.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



"A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house," said Jesus, referring to

- a. John the Baptist
- b. Himself
- c. His twelve disciples
- d. no one in particular

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence September 12, 2021
Sunday School
87

Worship:	
8:45am Service	110
11:00am Service	80
Live Streaming	54
Total	244

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 10,658.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	117.50
Music Fund	120.00
Organ Fund	50.00
UMCOR	105.00
Total	\$ 11,050.50

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:

b. Himself
 (Matthew 13:57)

GUESTS for Sunday, September 12, 2021:

30 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 54
 8:45am Service - 110; 11:00am Service - 80
 Total: 244

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Development Office Administrator / Financial Secretary Music Director/Choir	Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaine@gmail.com) Robin Mays (fumcc@fumcconover.org) Jon Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Music Director/Praise Team/ Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Kevin Haney khaney01@gmail.com (704)914-6510
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker Custodian	Pilar Tobar Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fumcconover.org
Sr. Pastor's phone numbers	(828) 464-4635-church (336) 480-4550-cell
Sr. Pastor's address	612 6th Ave NE Conover, NC 28613
Associate Pastor's phone # Associate Pastor's address	(781) 913-4415 - cell 1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

Harvest Festival Update



FIRST and FOREMOST we want to let everyone know that the Planning Committee is monitoring the current and ever changing COVID situation in the area. We are implementing plans for the Festival to be as safe as possible for everyone. There will be hand washing and sanitizing stations throughout the Festival grounds. We have contingency plans in place should things deteriorate, but it is all in God's Hands.....He's got the Whole World in His Hands.....

We are in need of

Volunteers: we have had many step up and say they will help, "just tell me where and when". However we still need *YOU!* Pastor Charmaine is working on a sign up sheet, so please contact her to get your name on the list. We will have a schedule and location(s) the morning of the Festival.

Candy: let's have a candy drive, starting this week, if you can, as you can, start bringing bags of Candy and putting them on the table outside of Pastor Charmaine's office.

Golf Carts: we have had two loaned to us for the day, but need about three more.

Baked Goods: (cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, bread, etc.) We have phenomenal bakers within our church family and we need baked goods for our cake walk. It is up to you as to how much you want to contribute. Last festival had an unbelievable amount of contributions. So bakers, start you ovens!

Booths: we already have seven groups within the church that has agreed to set up a Games Booth and give-away prizes and candy. If you have a small business or know of a small business that would be willing to set-up a booth or give for a raffle, they are welcome to join us. NO SELLING though, information only, remember, this is a FREE community event.

Foods: (Hot Dogs & Fixings and Popcorn) Ralph needs servers

Vintage Cars, Trucks, Tractors, etc.: anyone willing to put on display their vintage vehicle

Committee Members

Pre-Festival Set-Up Ken & Martha Johnson

Booths Susan Hunsucker

Sanitary Facilities Anita Deal (aka Port-A-Nita)

Music Venue Seating Mark Pennell

Music Patricia Hatch

Cake Walk Connie Henderson

Advertisement (Community Relations) Tommie Anderson

Inflatables Steve Danner

Parking Lee Moritz

Signage Kay Cloninger

Guest Booth Hernan Puga-Luna

Foods (head cook and bottle washer) Ralph Hatch (aka My Partner in Crime)

Prayer Trees (columbarium) Nancy Clarke needs a partner to head this up

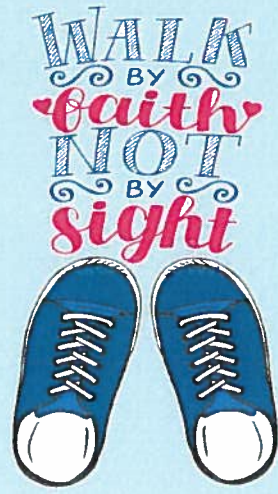
Vintage Cars, Trucks, Tractors, etc. Anthony Price

Reap what we sow, lets go and plant a seed for a Heavenly Harvest! In GOD's Love; Ralph and Anthony

HARVEST FESTIVAL for JESUS - October 23, 2021 3-7pm
Ralph Hatch (text) 910-340-2039 Anthony Price (text) 828-228-6467

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, 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. <i>(More details to follow)</i>	TBA

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

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