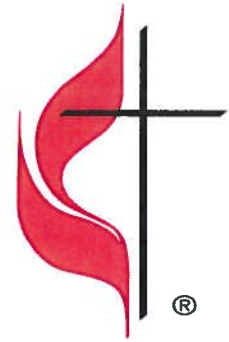




Our Vision:

*“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

January 25, 2022

Faith Formation: Looking Ahead

Pastor John's message yesterday reminded us that we should be focusing on God, the Planner, and not our plans. As I look ahead to 2022 I am filled with excitement!

F: FUN: The planned **Tea Party** for women and girls that was scheduled for this weekend has been postponed to the Spring. Keep an eye out for announcement of the date. You do have an opportunity to still come out on Sunday as we celebrate our friends **Rev. Dixon and Margery Adams** this Sunday from 2-4pm.

A: ALLOW KIDS TO LEARN: Our **Godly Play** Room is ready! Godly Play is a way of educating children in the language of the church, and a place for them to discover their own faith in an age appropriate way. Training for Storytellers and Door Persons will be scheduled for February and we will have our first session in March.

I: INTRODUCE THE IMPORTANCE OF EASTER: **Easter for Kids** is already in the works. Ms. JoEllen Knecht is looking forward to all Elementary age and younger children to join us on Saturday, April 2nd. Children will be reminded of the Easter story and the meaning it has for us in an interactive and fun way.

T: TRAVEL THROUGH THE STORY OF JESUS: This Prayer Walk allows participants to “travel” from the prophecies of the Messiah to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. You do not want to miss this experience. Yesterday we had our first **Prayer Walk** meeting and to say the team is ready would be an understatement. If you could not make it to the meeting but want to participate, please reach out to me. The “Journey to Jerusalem” will take place Monday - Wednesday, and Friday of Holy Week, the week of April 11th.

H: HANDS DOWN THE BIGGEST EVANGELISM EVENT FOR CHILDREN: **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is scheduled to take place July 10 - 14. It is going to be “A Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God”. We will serve dinner before VBS starts. Block out those calendars and start inviting children of all ages to join us.

And... I am trying to get Ed Kilbourne scheduled for another Senior Adult VBS in 2022. More Bible Study opportunities will be announced soon. As always, please join a Sunday School class and encourage your children to attend (or bring them). Sunday School is a great way to be part of a small group and **truly belong**.

Pastor Charmaigne

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:

Nell Johnson
Roger, Lisa, Megan & Will Johnson
Martha Johnston
J.P. & Behr Jones
Nick Joyner
Corey, Lindsay, Jeb & McCoy Keisler

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 - (Currently at Trinity Ridge for Rehab)

Catawba Valley Living at

Rock Barn (Room 107)

4174 Shook Road

Claremont, NC 28610

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

Beth Woods - hand surgery (At home)

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of M.G. Doub by:

Cliff & Debbie Wike

Robert Whitener

Camilla Doub

Gateway Townhome Association, Inc.

Ray & Linda Birchfield

Ben & Mary Alice Byrd

H.A. & Jean Slate

Bruce & Michelle Cloninger

In memory of Buddy Teague by:

Bruce & Michelle Cloninger

Organ Fund

In memory of M.G. Doub by:

Charlie & Tommi Anderson

FUMCC United Methodist Men

In memory of M.G. Doub by:

Alice & Kevin Whitener and Chad Bumgarner



VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM

The church's volunteer day at ECCCM is Tuesday, February 1st.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AND FUNDRAISING REQUEST

My name is Jacob Sierzenga and I am a member here at FUMCC and a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 322. I am working towards my Eagle Scout Project, which is the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

My project is to clean up and redesign the outside sitting area at the Veteran's Memorial Park located at the Hickory Airport's Aviation Museum. I will be removing all gravel and installing patio pavers to create a slightly larger, more level sitting area that will require less maintenance.

I am seeking donations to raise \$3,400 for materials and supplies. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to Boy Scout Troop 322 and in the memo section please write "Jacob Sierzenga". Thank you.



NEWS TO USE



REV. DIXON & MARGERY ADAMS' DAY

We are glad to announce that the date for Rev. Dixon & Margery Adams' Day will be Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 2-4pm in the Connor Family Life Center. Please come by and offer your thanks and congratulations to them. Masks will be required.

Women of FUMC of Conover

You are invited to a gathering of women of faith tentatively set for February 26, 2022 at 9:30AM. The CFLC will be undergoing painting and repairs in the month of February, but hopefully will be available for that date.

Our program will be provided by a retired missionary, Rose Ann Childres, of Connelly Springs, NC. She and her husband Roger served for 20 years in four areas of southern Africa. This is a new year for our local unit of UMW. We have prayed and seek to make our UMW unit a gathering of women of all ages and talents who seek to serve God.

Please come join us as we start a new year in service to our Lord.

Lois Goodson
United Methodist Women President

Valentine Cheer

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we would like to spread love and warm wishes to our homebound and nursing facility members. Bags have been placed in the commons area with the names of our 7 members. Please bring a Valentine card and/or treat to add to each bag on Sunday morning or bring them by during the week. The names are listed in the newsletter.

If you are not comfortable getting out, feel free to drop your cards in the mail. We will only have two Sundays to bring the cards so that we will have time to deliver them by Valentine's Day.

The deadline will be February 6. Thank you for helping with this special ministry.

Susan Hunsucker

PASTOR'S QUIZ



"The voice of one crying in the wilderness" was that of

- a. John the Baptist
- b. Jesus
- c. Zacharias
- d. Simeon

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 23, 2021
Sunday School

72

Worship:

8:45am Service	89
11:00am Service	68
Live streaming	90
Total	247

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,294.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)</i>	
Children's Bank	30.00
Organ Fund	20.00
FUMCC UMM	250.00
Total	\$ 11,594.00

PLEASE NOTE

THAT THE GRAY HOUSE

IS CLOSED

FOR ANY AND ALL

USE UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE

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PLEDGE CARDS AND AREAS OF MINISTRY

Please remember to turn in your pledge cards and the sheets of Areas of Ministry. Make sure to put your name on the Areas of Ministry sheets.

Thank you.



RECYCLE OLD PUBLICATIONS

Please place your used Upper Room or other Christian books to be recycled in the container marked "Upper Room" in the upstairs hallway beside the water fountain or in the Common Area where you pick up your new "Upper Rooms".

Thank you,
Laurette Rheeder



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. John the Baptist
(Luke 3:2-4)

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February 2022

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

March 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	31	Feb 1 09am-Vol. Day at ECCCM 1pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conf. Room)	2 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	3 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	4 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	5
6 0-Communion 3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class) 4-7pm Yth Mtgs (TBD)	7 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	8	9 1PM - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	10 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	11 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	12
13 3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class) 4-7pm Yth Mtgs (TBD)	14 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts	15	16 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	17 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	18 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	19
20 3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class) 4-7pm Yth Mtgs (TBD) 4pm-Finance Comm. 5pm-Ch. Council Mtg.	21 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	22	23 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	24 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	25 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	26 Tent.-8:45am-12pm UMW (Crossroads)
27 3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class) 4-7pm Yth Mtgs (TBD)	28 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	Mar 1	2	3	4	5

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7 Betsy Hemmings	8 Christiney Haggins Cheryl Hedrick	9 Taylor Rockett Hannah Whisnant	10	11 Gerald Loftin Anne Spencer	12 Matthew Hornick Caroline Porter Jean Slate
13	14 Melissa Fisher	15 Anna Rockett	16 Lisa Hernandez Brad Little Felicia Little Chris McCoy	17 Holly Hentschel Karen Martin Samantha Rockett Melissa Steelmon	18 John Sherbert	19 Grace Ann Beatty Jack Hoke Josh Sigmon
20 Peggy Currie	21 Doug Rockett CaliWynn Wike	22 Finley Cloninger Tyler Johnson	23 Diane Howard Mack Little	24 David Rockett	25 Jessica Koenig Kelly Matthews	26 Kaitlin Hornick
27 Anita Deal Kathy Martin	28 Donna Rudisill Harvey Watson					

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rodney and Darlene Burgess
13	14	15 Michael and Tammy Goode	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Al and Lisa Hernandez
27 Eric and Kim Connor	28					