



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

February 15, 2022

Hello Church Family,

On February 5, 2022, seven members of our church attended the Wesleyan Covenant Association's Moving Forward Conference at Christ Church, Hickory. It was a packed day of worship, information, and encouragement in the Lord in these days of uncertainty regarding the future of the UMC. Allow me to share a few of the takeaways from our day together and perhaps answer a few questions you may have about what is happening as we await news on what General Conference 2022 is going to look like in our new pandemic world.

The morning session was full of inspiring preaching and sharing from several pastors who serve on the WCA Board of Directors. Angela Pleasants set the theme for the day with Philippians 3:12, "Forgetting what is behind, I reach forward toward the prize..." She urged the churches to not be distracted, anxious, and fearful, but stay focused on our mission from the Lord to reach souls with the Good News of Christ. Gary Ingraham followed with Biblical teaching on repentance as key to vibrant, impactful Christian living. He focused on sexual immorality in the church and called us to a life of holiness before God and one another in love. His scriptural focus was 1 Corinthians 13:1-6, 6:18, and James 5:16, "Confess your sins to one another..." Kenneth Levingston's passionate and engaging preaching called us to be a church that lives by faith, standing on the principles of Jesus Christ.

Carolyn Moore addressed what the new Methodist denomination will look like, our new Global Methodist Church. She emphasized several key areas that the new denomination will reform to return to our original Methodist roots, our "family resemblance". Among others, these included an emphasis on prayer and dependence on God's leading, being a Holy Spirit filled church, being globally connected, placing the authority and resources back into the local church, accountability in leadership, an adherence to the authority of scripture, and encouraging scriptural holiness in the life of the church.

Dr. Jeff Patterson, President of the Western North Carolina WCA introduced the WCA President Keith Boyette, who also chairs the committee to create the GMC. He spoke of what the new denomination is doing to assist so that there will be a seamless transition for churches leaving the UMC. He advised churches who are considering leaving the UMC to do three things before General Conference is held- educate, pray, and wait. We should learn about the Protocol and exit process, learn about the new GMC, pray for passage of the Protocol and for WCA leadership, and wait for the UMC to determine how and when GC 2022 will occur.

I was so encouraged by this conference, and I am excited about how the Lord is moving! If this has sparked any questions about matters relating to the future of the UMC or of our church, please contact me or Pastor John. God bless you all as we WAIT on the LORD!

Michele Moritz

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:

Gerald & Sandy Loftin
Jason Loftin
Andrea Long
Scott & Kelle Love
Bart & Jackie Lowdermilk, Jessica Crooks
Larry, Pam & Bryson Lowdermilk

DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!

Betty Fisher - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 606)
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Nell Johnson Kingston Residence
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4174 Shook Road
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Conover, NC 28613
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Newton, NC 28658
(828) 464-1874

Mary Ann Simpson, PO Box 1735
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 244-5524 - cell

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

Steve Monroe at CVMC (ICU)

THANK YOU

Again Rick and I are thanking each of you for the Valentine's cards and all the yummy goodies you so kindly gave to Rick, and a special thank you to the two kind ladies, Jeanette and Gaye, who gave of their time to deliver the bag and visit with us. We are truly grateful to our loving church family for all the love and support we have received over the past years.

Linda Parker

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Jean Howard, mother of Randy Howard, age 92 of Canton, NC, died Thursday, February 10, 2022. A funeral service will held at 2pm on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Canton. The family will receive friends from 12-1:30pm prior to the service at the church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Randy & Diane during this difficult time.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of M.G. Doub by:
Mary Ann Simpson

Local Missions Fund (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

In memory of M.G. Doub by:
Nancy Clarke

HONORARIUM

General Fund

In honor of Rev. Dixon & Margery Adams by:
Mary Ann Simpson

NEWS TO USE

CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

For anyone wanting to apply for a Connor Scholarship, please contact the church office by phone (828) 464-4635 or via email - fumcc@fumconover.org to obtain an application. The deadline for application submittable is March 31st.

CHURCH MEETINGS

SUNDAY, FEB. 20TH

2:00pm - Prayer Walk Meeting
(CFLC)

3:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting
(Conference Room)

4:30pm - Church Council Meeting
(Sanctuary)

PRAYER WALK, CALLING ALL DOCENT VOLUNTEERS

For all of those that have and are going to volunteer their time to be a Docent this year, we need you for costume fittings.

We are in the process of updating our costumes, retro fitting existing and making new. So we need you to schedule a time with our Costume Dept, Sharon Hendricks and her team, for your fitting in the next couple of weeks.

Sharon's cell is 828-244-2116

We still need these Docent Characters:
Jerusalem Citizens (male & female)
Roman Soldiers
King Herod
Disciples



PASTOR'S QUIZ



The women specifically listed as accompanying Jesus in His preaching did not, according to Luke, include

- Mary Magdalene
- Mary, the mother of Jesus
- Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward
- Susanna

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 13, 2021
Sunday School
76

Worship:

8:45am Service	106
11:00am Service	84
Live streaming	77
Total	267

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 17,564.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Boy Scout Troop #322	1,000.00
Children's Bank	9.00
Local Missions (Pastor's Disc. Fund)	25.00
Total	\$ 18,598.00

FLOWER CHART DATES AVAILABLE



March 20
May 8
June 5, 12, & 19
Aug. 28
Sept. 11
Dec. 4, 11

Please call the church office at 464-4635 to reserve a date on the flower chart.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEB. 20, 2022
6:00PM

COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2968 HUGHEY DRIVE
JUST OFF US HWY 70 W
BETWEEN CONOVER & HICKORY

SPEAKER: TISHA S. ENGLAND
*(Head Coach - CVCC
Women's Basketball Team)*

MASKS REQUIRED

HOST BISHOP: DR. DON W. BLEDSOE
HOST PASTOR: REV. RON M. CARSON



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. Mary, the mother of Jesus
(Luke 8:2-3)

CHURCH STAFF

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