



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

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 23, 2022

READY! SET! PLAY! ...

Well, almost. **Godly Play** is happening!! I am so excited to see what God is going to do through this ministry. It is my dream to offer a Godly Play story to the children in our community once a week. However, we are new at this and there is much to be learned. Stories are memorized and retold in a very meticulous way, so... more storytellers would mean we can tell stories more often (without scaring our volunteers away!)

Come join us on March 6 to see what it is all about and how you can support this ministry.

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE:

- March 6, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. *Understanding Godly Play and the Godly Play Room Setup.* OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE CURIOUS. Storytellers assigned stories and dates.
- March 13, 3:30 - 5:30 pm. *Training of Storytellers and Doorpersons: Session 1.*
- March 20, 3:30 - 5:30 pm. *Training of Storytellers and Doorpersons: Session 2.*
- March 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. *Practice session with full Room.*
- April 24, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. **FIRST GODLY PLAY SESSION** for CHILDREN K - 5th Gr.
- May 22, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. **GODLY PLAY SESSION**

Please pray for this new ministry and the children and families we serve. Above all, let us thank God for the privilege of hosting Godly Play and the passionate people that are diving in head first to this new ministry.

Pastor Charmaine

RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

Women's Tea

MAY 15, 2022

at 3pm



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:

Kurtis Lowdermilk
Leah Lowdermilk
Scott & Rebekah (Love) Mackinnon
Dave, Cheryl & Bradley Markland
Karen Martin
Tony & Kathy Martin

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
(828) 381-4988 - Rick's cell
(828) 381-7328 - Linda's cell

Dottie Harris, 1449 Brookstone Drive
Hickory, NC 28602
(704) 460-4919 - Ron's cell

Lee & Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 464-3383

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 256-1421

Glenna Sherrill, 2038 North Deal Avenue
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)
Revonda Matthews at CVMC

HONORARIUM

Organ Fund

In honor of Rev. Dixon & Margery Adams by:
Lee & Betty Moritz

THANK YOU

Many thanks and love to our church family for all the cards, Valentine gift bag and candy. We appreciate your love shown toward us.

Lee & Betty Moritz

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and all the goodies, candy, cards and note pads in the Valentine gift bag. We love our church family. Thank you all,

Love, Dottie Harris

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Randy Lingerfelt, brother of Michelle Cloninger, died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Caldwell UNC Health Care in Lenoir.

A memorial service to celebrate Randy's life was held Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 at 11am in the Chapel of Bennett Funeral Service in Newton. The family received friends following the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michelle, Bruce and the family during this difficult time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Elizabeth Hornick
102 S. Christopher Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Kaitlin Hornick
4206 Academy Cover Apt. 204
Wilmington, NC 28403

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.**

CFLC & PRESCHOOL CLOSED FOR PAINTING

The Connor Family Life Center and the Preschool will both be closed from April 18-22 to get a fresh coat of paint.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The Trustees

PRAYER WALK, CALLING ALL DOCENT VOLUNTEERS

For all of those that have and are going to volunteer their time to be a Docent (a guide) 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
Disciples



PASTOR'S QUIZ



"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," said Jesus, in reply to the man who would follow Him but desired first to

- go and bury his dead father
- bid farewell to those at his home
- save some money to support himself as a disciple
- fast and pray to see if he were truly called

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 13, 2021
Sunday School
95

Worship:

8:45am Service	134
11:00am Service	107
Live streaming	<u>56</u>
Total	297

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 8,139.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	9.75
Organ Fund	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,173.75

Refund from NC Sales & Use Tax \$ 2,789.81

Total General Fund Deposit = \$ 10,963.56

FLOWER CHART DATES AVAILABLE



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

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

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MARCH MADNESS AT ECCCCM!!!

Time for March Madness at ECCCCM!! Not so much the basketball games, but a friendly competition in the form of a food drive. Please donate food or money on behalf of your favorite college team. The team who gets the most donated food wins the challenge. Collection dates are March 1 - April 4.

FUMCC is participating in this March Madness food drive! Please leave your donated food in the team designated boxes located in the Conner Family Life Center. Money works, also! Each dollar counts as 3 pounds of food. Checks should include your team choice and FUMCC in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to ECCCCM at P O Box 31, Newton, taken to ECCCCM, or given to Anita Deal.

Thank you for supporting this ministry and our community.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. bid farewell to those at his home
 (Luke 9:61-62)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumconover.org) (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 612 6th Ave NE Conover, NC 28613
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Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fumconover.org

MORE NEWS TO USE

WOMEN OF FUMC - CONOVER

You are invited to a gathering of women of faith on February 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM, in the Connor Family Life Center, Crossroads classroom. 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. Rose Ann will also have examples of hands-on mission projects to be used locally.

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
UMW President



MISSING

The carved, wooden figurine of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus that was donated to our church by several members that went on one of the Israel trips and located on the Altar table in the Sanctuary has gone missing!

Several people have looked for it in various places but have not been able to find it. Is it a possibility that someone has placed it in one of their boxes of items that they may have used in various decorations for a certain event in the sanctuary? If this has happened and you find it or know where it is just return it and either replace it back on the Altar table or return it to the church office!

Thank you so much for your assistance in trying to locate this precious article.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rodney & Darlene Burgess
2050 27th Avenue DR NE
Hickory, NC 28601

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Steven "Steve" Brownie Good, 64, of Hickory and brother of Lee Ann Parris, died Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at Frye Regional Medical Center.

A service to celebrate Steve's life was held Saturday, February 12th at 3pm at Augustana Lutheran Church in Hickory. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Hickory. The family received friends prior to the service.

Our thought and prayers are with Lee Ann, Elbert and the family during this difficult time.

March 2022

March 2022							April 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 27	28	Mar 1 09am-Vol. Day at ECCM 5pm-Pancake Supper (CFLC/Kitchen) 7-8:15pm Rev. Bible	2 10:30-11:45am Rev. Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Ash Wed. Service	3 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	4 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	5
6 3:30-5pm Godly Play set-up (Godly Play Room) 3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class)	7 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	8 7-8:15pm Rev. Bible Study (CFLC)	9 10:30-11:45am Rev. Bible Study (CFLC) 1PM - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot	10 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	11 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	12
13 12:15pm Yth Mtgs (Dos Amigos) 3:30-5pm Godly Play Training (GP Room) 3-6pm Domino's	14 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts	15 7-8:15pm Rev. Bible Study (CFLC)	16 10:30-11:45am Rev. Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	17 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	18 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	19
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27 3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class) 4-5pm Godly Play Practice Session (GP) 4pm Yth Mtgs (Udderly)	28 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	29 7-8:15pm Rev. Bible Study (CFLC)	30 10:30-11:45am Rev. Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	31 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	Apr 1	2

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Andrea Long	7 Gilda Pennell	8 Steven Heafner	9 Chelsea Puga-Luna James Weaver	10 Dolores Setzer Jerry Shepherd	11 Rita Deal Martha Johnson Randy Porter Glenna Sherrill	12 Nancy Clarke Tina Hudson Lee Thornburg
13 Patrick Morrow	14 Coulton McGinnis Faith Pennell	15 Chip Hennessee John Van Rooyen	16 Lauren Slaughte	17 Ashley Sierzenga	18 Jayden Kimsey Seth Palmer	19 Michael Connor Kelly Little
20	21 Lisa Johnson	22 Chase Connor Debi Sprague Lynn Watson	23 Laci Matthews	24	25 Mary Beth Hennessee Mary Hornick Janet Morrow Don Shook	26 Sue Dwiggins
27 Parker Garrison	28 McCoy Keisler Morgan Williams	29 Eric Connor Alexander Copeland Trevor Monk	30	31 Debbie Royals		

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9 Buck and Anne Calloway	10	11	12
13 Danielle and Josh Sigmon	14 Chip and Mary Beth Hennessee Charlie and Claire Smith	15	16 Mark and Faith Pennell	17 Jeffrey and Jennifer Hefner	18 Steven and Brenda Heafner	19
20	21 Ryan and Angela Garrison Evan and Sydney Matson	22	23	24 Eric and Mary Leslie Yount	25 Adam and Melissa Johnson	26
27 Ron and Ginny Ward	28 Finley and Carole Cloninger	29	30	31		