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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

April 19, 2022

Hello Church Family!

As most of you already know from previous newsletters, I tend to get songs stuck in my head for a long time. One of those songs has been with me continually for about a month now “Is He Worthy” by Chris Tomlin.

If you were able to join us online or in-person last Sunday, this was one of the songs that the Chancel Choir offered during the Cantata. I can’t tell you how many people were touched by the lyrics of this song and most people saw the connection to Pastor John’s Revelation Book study immediately!

For those of you who aren’t in the book study, I took the liberty of offering some of my favorite scriptures that correspond with the lyrics of “Is He Worthy”. I hope you have daily time to sit and have a conversation with the One who IS worthy of all of our praise! Listen to the Youtube, have these scriptures handy and worship God through song and His Word!

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't
Stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)
Is all creation groaning? (It is) **Romans 8:19-23**
Is a new creation coming? (It is) **Revelation 21:1-5**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is) **2 Corinthians 4:6**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Chorus **Revelation 5:9-10**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave **Revelation 5:5**
He was David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Revelation 5:12

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
He is!!

Verse 2

Does the Father truly love us? (He does) **John 3:16**
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does) **1 Corinthians 6:19**
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does) **Isaiah 49:16**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does) **Hosea 6:2**

Bridge **Revelation 5:9-10**

From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son

May God bless you and your family this Easter! -Shannon Rogers

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:

Todd, Melissa, Evan & Addison Punch; David & Brenda Putnam, Emily Randall; Alex, Margaret, Grace & Blaire Putzer; Judy Rayburn-Young; Charles Reed & Rona Saunders; Greg Reed.



Anita Deal, pictured above left, was presented the "Charlie Bunn Volunteer of the Year Award" by Allen Sherrill, the Director at ECCCM.

Pictured at right is Carol Dickinson who was presented with the Wisdom Award.

Congratulations to both of you for your hard work at ECCCM.



MEETINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

4:00PM - FINANCE COMMITTEE
(CONFERENCE ROOM)

5:00PM - CHURCH COUNCIL
(SANCTUARY)

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Linda Parker at CVMC (at home)



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

Betty Fisher - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 606)
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Dottie Harris - The Addison of Lincolnton
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(828) 464-1874

If you know of any homebound members that need to be on our list, please contact the church office at (828) 464-4635.

NEWS TO USE

CHURCH HOMECOMING, MAY 1st

On May 1, 2022, FUMCC will be celebrating its 67th year since organizing in 1955. **WE WILL BE HAVING ONE SERVICE BEGINNING AT 10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** We have a very warm, welcoming, Godly, loving, friendly and caring congregation. We have had pastors who preach the Word of God.

The Rev. Phil Setzer will be our guest minister. Phil grew up in our church and went into ministry later in life. Phil is the son of Dolores Setzer and the late Hugh Setzer, Jr.

At this time, we will not be having a meal due to COVID. Later on this year we hope to have a church-wide dinner.

We will not be sending invitations out as we have done in the past. Please tell your family members, friends and former members to put the date on their calendars.

We look forward to seeing you on May 1st!

The Homecoming Committee

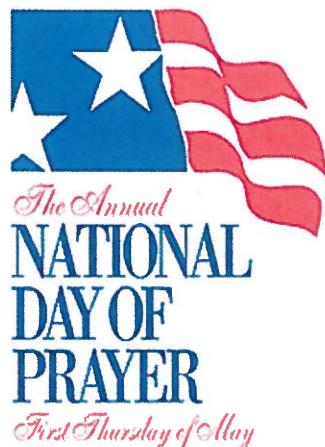


2022 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Rev. Don W. Bledsoe, Th.D. and Coordinator of the Conover Ministerial Association has issued a special invitation to our congregation to attend the "2022 National Day of Prayer" Assembly on **Thursday, May 5th, at 11:00am.** It will be held at the Norman B. Coley Amphitheater near the Charters of Freedom Display at Conover Station, 361 5th Ave SE Conover, NC.

Come and join with us as we go before the Lord in Prayer for our City, County, State, Communities and our Nation.

We hope you can be with us.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

According to Luke, that which Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and the other women that were with them, told the apostles, and which they did not believe, was that they had

- seen the resurrected Jesus
- found the sepulchre empty
- listened to an angel clothed in a long white garment
- been helped back along the road by centurions

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 14, 2022
(Maundy Thursday Service)

	86
Live streaming	18
Total	104

By Our Presence April 17, 2022
Sunday School
80

Worship:	
8:45am Service	160
11:00am Service	150
Live streaming	25
Total	335

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,650.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	36.00
Total	\$ 11,686.00

Women of FUMC of Conover

You are invited to a gathering of women of faith on April 30, 2022, at 9:30AM.

Our program will be provided by Lisa Huffman, school counselor at Clyde Campbell Elementary, on the topic of "bullying". This is a problem which can touch the lives of children, youth and adults. What is our role in dealing with this problem? Please come join us in the Crossroads Classroom in the Connor Family Life Center. UMW signs will be posted to direct you.

Lois Goodson
UMW President

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COST INCREASE FOR COLUMBARIUM BRONZE PLAQUES

Due to a price increase for the cost of bronze, the cost of a bronze plaque for the Columbarium has increased from \$1,250 to \$1,300. This price will be in effect until further notice.

UPPER ROOMS

The May / June "Upper Room" devotional books are available for pick-up. They are located in the bookcase outside the Conference Room by Pastor Charmaine's office. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going online to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>

Please bring your old Upper Rooms back to the church to be recycled. Thank you.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. found the sepulchre empty
(Luke 24:1-11)

CHURCH STAFF

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Fueling Faith



Our Lord is Risen!!

Thank you to each and every person who worked many, many, many hours to prepare for our big Easter outreach. So many Evangelism muscles have been at work distributing flyers were distributed and inviting people far and wide.

Youth groups, the North Carolina Boys Academy, exercise groups, Bible study groups, other church groups, your families, neighbors and colleagues were among the 623 people we hosted this year. The walk was long, almost a 1/4 mile; but we had many docents (people in Biblical dress) available to render assistance in the form of tissues, wheel chairs, direction and prayer.

NONE of this would be possible if it was not for our church's faithful giving. We have been blessed in so many ways to share the Gospel and see some of the fruits in real time. I'd like to share just some of what I heard.

- Seeing friends we have not seen for a while.
- Our immediate neighbors showed up and we several have voiced a desire to become part of our church family.
- The numerous people either saying "Thank You Jesus", "Powerful" or just in tears as they pass docents along the way.
- A little blonde haired boy with his mom and dad.... tears streaming down his face as he grasps God's love for him. He passes Shannon and she shows his parents the box of tissues.
- A mother walking her 11 year old boy through the journey - his first time; listening as he reads most of the readings. Seeing him absorb the flogging of Jesus scene, his face as he sees his reflection in the mirror as someone who wanted Jesus dead saying "I just got chills down my spine..."; then after the tomb ... she reads sign on the mirror asking "Do you believe?" and his head bobbed "Yes."

There is so much more to tell! Ask anyone that participated. God has been so good.

Thank you just does not seem enough!

Pastor Charmaine