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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 26, 2022*

### *Teflon Love*

I'm not much of a cook, but occasionally we “get” to eat my cooking for dinner. Which will, invariably, include the scrambled-eggs option. Now, as I prepare this gourmet cuisine, I reach for our trusty skillet - the one that's coated with Teflon. You don't have to be a star on the Food Channel to know that life is much easier when you have a pan that things don't stick to - they just slide right off.

Most families and workplaces (in fact, most churches), could use some Teflon, don't you think? I'm talking about being the kind of people who don't let things stick to them - they just let them slide right off. I hope you are one - or that you are trying more to become one.

The Apostle Peter talks about that kind of attitude in 1 Peter 4:8. He simply says, ***“Above all, love each other deeply.”*** Why? ***“Because love covers a multitude of sins.”*** He was talking to followers who were undergoing a lot of pressure and pain for their commitment to Jesus Christ. *The last thing they needed was grief from other believers.* So he recommends having a Teflon approach to relationships — loving people enough so you can overlook their wrongdoings.

Overlooking those people and situations that could rub you the wrong way - that's Teflon love! “Unlove” keeps score all the time ... it marks down every time it gets offended or wounded ... it judges, harbors grudges and never forgets an offense. If you're that kind of person in your relationships, then when someone crosses you, you don't let it go - you let it grow.

A “Jesus-kind-of-love,” on the other hand, has no scorecard. If you love as He's told us to, then you simply refuse to store the negatives from or about other people. *It's almost like your heart is coated with Teflon, and negative thoughts/feelings/attitudes don't stick to you.* They slide off.

Have you been struggling with hard feelings toward someone you know? Is there any resentment, anger or bitterness that's sticking to your soul toward someone in your family - maybe even your mate or your child or your parent? Or maybe it's hard feelings toward someone at church ... or where you work ... or in a group you're involved with. The Bible calls it a ***“root of bitterness”*** and says that if you allow it to grow in you much longer – ***“It will cause trouble and defile many.”*** (Heb. 12:15).

If there's any unforgiveness in your heart, hear God's word – ***“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.”*** You may say, *“Yeah, but what about the way they treated me?”* God shoots down all our “yeah, buts” with His next sentence – ***“Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”*** (Colossians 3:13) You don't treat people as they've treated you - you treat them as Jesus has treated you!

So ask your Lord for a dose of His love that will cover rather than harbor the wrongs against you. Love enough to cover not just a few of them, but a “multitude of sins.” Things don't stick to someone who has God's Teflon love — they can slide right off!

Grace and Peace!

*Pastor John*

# \*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:

Pierre, Laurette, Gerhardt & Jarrett Rheeder; Harold & Martha Robertson; Pete & Phyllis Robinson; Charles & Lucy Rockett; Dan, Kathy & Anna Rockett; David, Ginger, Tanner & Taylor Rockett.

## A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Roy "Cotton" Johnson, age 73 of Hudson and father of Adam Johnson, died Monday, April 18, 2022 at Amorem Hospice.

A graveside service with military honors by U.S. Navy and Caldwell County Honor Guard was held Saturday, April 23rd at 11:30am at Mt. Herman United Methodist Church with Pastor John Woods officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 10am - 11am at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Amorem Hospice, 902 Kirkwood Street, Lenoir, NC 28645 or to your favorite charity.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Adam, Melissa, MacKenzie, Tyler and the family during this sad time.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and concern that has been shown since the passing of our father, M.G. Doub. He was the rock and foundation for our family. It has been amazing to read the cards and letters that we have received in the past months that tell us how much he meant to all of you. Each phone call has been a blessing and a balm during the weeks that have gone by since he went on to be with the Lord.

We thank you for every thought and every memorial, please know that M.G. was so proud to call FUMCC his family. He loved all of you so much and this church family was so important to him. You have honored M.G. and our family with your outpouring of loving Grace.

Thank You can never be enough.  
Gray and Ginger Doub; Sandy and Don Docherty;  
Alice and Kevin Whitener.

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Anthony Price at Frye RMC (At home)



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

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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. Overflow seating will be in the CFLC.

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

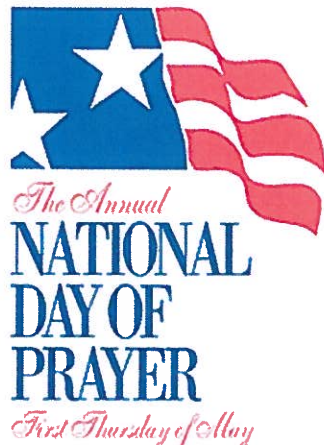


## 2022 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

The resurrected Christ vanished before the eyes of the men with whom He walked on the road to Emmaus immediately after

- they expressed doubt that what the prophets had spoken would occur
- they invited Him to stay with them
- they reported what the women had found at the tomb
- He blessed bread, broke it, and gave it to them

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 24, 2022  
Sunday School  
76

Worship:	
8:45am Service	111
11:00am Service	90
Live streaming	56
Total	257

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund \$ 9,480.00  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	25.00
Total	\$ 9,505.00

## **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:

D. He blessed bread, broke it, and gave it to them  
( Luke 24:13-16, 30-31)

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# MORE NEWS TO USE

## THANK YOU

I want to thank the members of First United Methodist Church and Sharpe Bible Class for the Easter basket full of cards and goodies, for the phone calls and visits.

I'm most appreciative of your kindness.

Love,  
Glenna Sherrill

## THANK YOU

Thanks to your help, we have successfully wrapped up another March Madness Food Drive! This year we had the highest number of participating churches as well as the highest totals of contributions ever! What a blessing in these difficult times!

The Wake Forest Deacons won the competition in another record-breaking buzzer beater moment! Coming in at 2nd and 3rd places were UNC Tarheels and NC State respectively. Congratulations to all!

The churches with the highest total donations are as follows:

1st place - First UMC Conover with 6,546 pounds  
2nd place - Tri-City Baptist with 5,377 pounds  
3rd place - 1st Presbyterian Church of Newton with 3,820 pounds.

We are extremely grateful for ALL of the RECORD BREAKING totals this year!

In other food pantry news, we are seeking volunteers to work the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 14th at noon at the Newton Post Office. If you can come and help unload vehicles and sort food, please contact Allen at (828) 465-1702 ext. 116.

**CHURCH'S VOLUNTEER DAY  
AT ECCCM IS  
TUESDAY,  
MAY 3**

### **ATTENTION GOODTIMERS!!!**

Plans are to start getting together again in May with a lunch on Wednesday, May 18 in the CFLC!

More details to follow in next week's Newsletter!

**Eddie Warren**



## CIRCLE # 2

Circle #2 will be starting a series of programs from the book "Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life". It goes through seven gateways to spiritual growth. The book explains many facets of aging, particularly its benefits and challenges.

Anyone interested may join us in the conference room at 2:00pm on Monday, May 9th. There will be seven programs on the second Monday of each month at 2:00pm.

We hope anyone who is interested will come join us.

# ***EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE***

## **VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM**

Tuesday, May 3, is FUMC Conover's volunteer day at ECCCM. Any amount of time from 8:30am-4:30pm is greatly appreciated. Of course, volunteering at ECCCM is not restricted to our church day. Any day, Monday through Thursday, would also work.

Contact Anita Deal at (828) 320-3194 with any questions.

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## **ECCCM GOLF TOURNAMENT** **THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022**

Attention FUMC Conover golfers!!! May 12 is ECCCM's Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. Lunch is provided by our own FUMC Conover Men's group. Thank you Men!



The poster features a background image of a golf course with trees and a sunset. The text is overlaid on a dark blue circular and rectangular background. The ECCCM logo is in the top right corner of the poster.

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**MAY 12**  
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11:00 AM REGISTRATION  
11:30 AM LUNCH  
1:00 PM SHOTGUN START

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:  
LUNCH  
GREEN FEES  
CART FEES  
RANGE BALLS  
REFRESHMENTS

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