



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 5, 2022



PALM SUNDAY— APRIL 10TH

Palm Sunday (also Passion Sunday) is in the Christian tradition a holiday commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem before his suffering and death on the cross.

In Christian churches it is associated with the blessing and procession of palms. This tradition corresponds to the palm branches the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem.

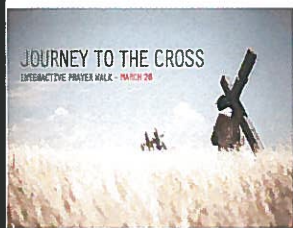
ADULT CANTATA - IS HE WORTHY

Join us on Palm Sunday as our choir shares the good news of the gospel as we remember the passion of Jesus and the power of the cross. This service of music and message testifies to the timeless truth of grace and redemption.

This year's cantata, *Is He Worthy* helps us ponder the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and leads us to praise God for the miracle of the resurrection, and His promised return. With a blend of traditional hymns, classic songs, and a special moment retelling the crucifixion story our choir will boldly proclaim Jesus is worthy of all blessing, honor, and glory.



Invite a friend or a co-worker and join us!



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

PRAYER WALK

Monday—Wednesday & Friday of Holy Week

6:00-8:30pm

We are excited to present **Journey to the Cross** - an interactive, family-friendly drama walking tour. It is a one-of-a-kind production we hope you will never forget! At its heart, this Prayer Walk is all about Jesus, His suffering and sacrifice, all powered by His unconditional love for His people.

As you walk through each station, our prayer is that you take time to soak in God's gift, Jesus, who swapped places with us so that we may be reconciled back to our Father.

**Maundy Thursday Service
April 18th - 7:00pm**

This will be a service that includes Hand Washing and Holy Communion as a reminder of the Lord's final night and meal with his disciples.

In his Last Supper, Jesus shared himself and established the New Covenant with the words, "This is my body given you for... this is my blood shed for you."

"Maundy" is a word that comes from the Latin phrase, *mandatum novum*, literally "a new commandment" which Jesus gives for us to love one another as Christ has loved us."

Join us as together we remember Jesus' service and sacrifice for us.



MAUNDY Thursday

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:

Elbert & Lee Ann Parris; Jerry, Julie & Courtney Patterson; Ray & Pam Penley; Gilda Pennell; Mark & Saryn Pennell; Caroline Porter.

HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of two individuals to teach a preschool Sunday school class. We currently have 4 children ages 3 and 4 that have aged out of the nursery and need to be in a class. This commitment would be each Sunday during the Sunday school hour. A room is available and curriculum can be ordered. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

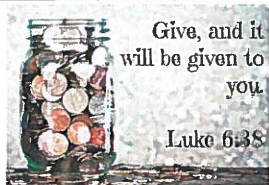
Thank you,
Julie Patterson, Sunday School Director



THANK YOU

A BIG THANKS to our many volunteers who helped with Easter4Kids. We had an amazing group of people who helped set up, organize, teach lessons and coordinate crafts. This celebration of Easter shared God's love with 45 children and their parents. It was a day that glorified God!

Jo Ellen Knecht



BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

FUMCC has been able to send \$8,544.85 to UMCOR Advance# 982450 - Ukraine.

You are to be commended for having such caring hearts for those who are being displaced from their homeland. Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian refugees, their country, and for peace.

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Linville Couch at CVMC
Jane Ellis at Wake Forest BMC (At home)
Patrick Morrow at Caromont in Gastonia (Room 5160)

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 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

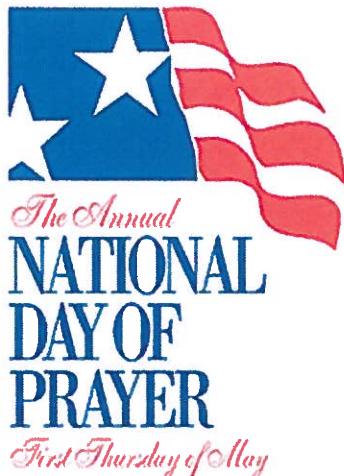


2022 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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



The parable of the servants, one of whom knew his lord's will, while the other did not, showed that, of every one to whom much is given

- to him still more will be given
- to him no more will be given
- of him much will be required
- of him little will be required

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 3, 2022
Sunday School
90

Worship:	
8:45am Service	128
11:00am Service	103
Live streaming	61
Total	292

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 15,951.60
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)</i>	
Children's Bank	125.10
Columbarium Fund	1,250.00
UMCOR (Advance#982450)	4,000.00
Total	\$ 21,326.70

AS A COURTESY...

Please help us to make all of our new members and visitors feel at home during worship services by wearing your name tags.



PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED FOR PRAYER WALK FOR 4 NIGHTS

We are in need of parking attendants each night for the Prayer Walk. Youth are volunteering but we need an adult each night. If you are able to serve in this ministry, please contact Pastor Charmaine or Anthony Price. They need to know what night you can volunteer. Thank you.

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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:

c. of him much will be required
(Luke 12:41-48)

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COMMUNITY SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

6:30 A.M., AT TRINITY REFORMED UCC CHURCH

Join us (and millions of Christians around the world) as we greet the Easter morn and hear the wonderful resurrection message of Jesus' victory over sin and death. *This year we will join with other churches in our community at Trinity Reformed UCC for this special service.*

It might be early, but you don't want to miss this powerful time of worship.

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 8:45 AND 11:00 SERVICES



There is no more important service in the Christian year than Easter. The good news of Jesus Christ's resurrection is the foundation for our faith and the source of our hope. *Invite a neighbor, friend or co-worker and come help us sing the joyous hymns of new life and victory over death!*

Experience the joy of this glorious day as we hear again the amazing words of how the "stone has been rolled away!"

When he came near to the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd began joyfully to praise God with loud voices for all the miracles they had seen. *"Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

Luke 19:37-39

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWER CUTTINGS TO PLACE ON THE
FLOWER CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY AS YOU ARRIVE
FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER MORNING.



(BTW: *This year our cross will be outside,
in front of the sanctuary
for everyone to enjoy as they enter into worship.*)



That will be a great opportunity for a family Easter photo!

**NEWEST MEMBERS OF FUMCC
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022**



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