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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

June 1, 2022

“Suffer the children to come unto me,” Jesus said.

Suffer. Language changes over time. Times change.

Suffer is an old word that means “allow.” Jesus wasn't saying “let the children suffer.” He was saying “let children be allowed to come to me.”

At a time when children were shooed away, Jesus elevated children to the highest priority. To be **“born again,”** Jesus said, is to embrace the virtues and innocence of childhood -- adding **“unless you become like a child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven, for to such belong the Kingdom.”**

Then Jesus reserved his most severe condemnation for those who hurt children. Here's what Jesus said: **“It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves.”** (Luke 17:2-3)

Yet in Texas last week, 19 children and two teachers, were murdered.

Nineteen children who were looking forward to a summer filled with Girl Scouts and soccer and video games. Two teachers were closing out a school year that they started with joy and that held such promise. They're the 21 people who were killed Tuesday when that 18-year-old gunman barricaded himself in a 4th grade classroom in the southwestern Texas town of Uvalde.

HERE ARE THEIR NAMES.

Nevaeh Bravo, 10
Jacklyn Cazares, 9
Makenna Elrod, 10
Jose Flores Jr., 10
Eliahna Garcia, 10
Irma Garcia, 48
Uziyah Garcia, 10

Amerie Jo Garza, 10
Xavier Lopez, 10
Jayce Luevanos, 10
Tess Mata, 10
Miranda Mathis, 11
Eva Mireles, 44
Alithia Ramirez, 10

Annabelle Rodriguez, 10
Maite Rodriguez, 10
Lexi Rubio, 10
Layla Salazar, 11
Jailah Silguero, 10
Eliahana Torres, 10
Rojelio Torres, 10

I have spent this week hoping for wise words to share to you. Sadly, no words have come. My heart is broken for the people of Uvalde. We mourn those who died and fervently pray for the families of the victims and surround the larger community of Uvalde in prayer.

As I shared with you in worship, I've reached out to **Rev. Steve Peyton** (the Senior Pastor at Uvalde First U.M.C.) and expressed *our church's* love, support, and prayers for his presence there. I am grateful for all who are caring for that community and for the families. They will need our ongoing prayers.

The reality of such evil underscores the necessity of, and the hope we find, in Jesus Christ and his resurrection. This is why the Son of God had to die....because this world is not how God envisioned it to be. We are not who He created us to be.

Lord have mercy; hear our prayers.

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:

Powell & Virginia Sigmon, Alma Jo & Rachael Simmons, Mary Ann Simpson, Donald & Victoria Simpson, H.A. & Jean Slate, Lauren & Roxxi Slaughter.



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

Lin Couch - Trinity Village (Room 119)
1265 21st Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-2006

Betty Fisher - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 606)
581 NC-16 S Taylorsville NC 28681
Cell - (828) 302-6608

Dottie Harris - The Addison of Lincolnton
440 Salem Church Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092

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

John & Betsy Hemmings, 2537 Birdie Lane
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 459-9444

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

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

None



HONORARIUM Local Missions Fund

In honor of Alma Dixon by:
Robin Mays

THANK YOU

Dear FUMCC,
Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you provided for our family, as well as for the many prayers that were said for our family. We are blessed to have you as a support and church family.

Richard Matthews and family



ATTENTION GOODTIMERS!!!

We will be taking a day trip on Wednesday, June 15th to the West Jefferson area. We will see Ben Long Frescoes, Murals of Downtown West Jefferson, Ashe County Cheese Factory and store, Barn Quilts, New River, and Mt. Jefferson State Park!

All of you who plan to attend, please sign up on the Goodtimers' Trip sheet on the Go-See-Do bulletin board located in the Common Area outside of Pastor Charmaine's office!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eddie Warren at:
(828) 464-9643.



NEWS TO USE

FLOWER CHART DATES AVAILABLE



June 5, 12
Sept. 11
Dec. 11, 18

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



PASTOR'S QUIZ

The gospel according to John begins with

- a genealogy of Jesus
- a quotation from Isaiah
- an explanation of why he is writing this narrative
- a recognition of the Word

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

HELP WANTED

This year's Prayer Walk created a huge increase in the number of storage containers and other props that have to be stored.

This coming Saturday, June 4, starting at 8:30am is when we need help putting away the storage containers and props.

We are in need of more than just muscle so please come join us. We need all the help we can get!



STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence May 29, 2022
Sunday School
65

Worship:	
8:45am Service	89
11:00am Service	92
Live streaming	<u>23</u>
	204

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 12,227.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	61.00
Local Missions Fund	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$ 12,298.00

Correction to May 22 totals: Children's Bank \$29 instead of \$4;

Correction to May 15 totals: General Fund was \$9,802 and Music Fund was \$100.



RECYCLE OLD PUBLICATIONS

Please place your used Upper Room or other Christian books to be recycled in the container marked "Upper Room" in the upstairs hallway beside the water fountain or in the Common Area where you pick up your new "Upper Rooms".

Thank you,
Laurette Rheeder

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your June birthdays and June anniversaries **Sunday, June 5th** by bringing your offering to the altar. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married. This is to help the children's church bank.



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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. a recognition of the Word
(John 1:1-15)

June 2022

July 2022

June 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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31						

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
			1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class)	6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	09am-Vol. Day at ECCCM	1PM - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	2-4pm Graduation Party (CFLC reserved 12-7pm D.Moritz)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class)	2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts	1:30pm UMW Exe. Com. Mtg. (2nd&3rd Grade SS classroom)	1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
3-6pm Domino's (Faithbuilders' class) 4pm-Finance Com. Mtg. (Conference Room) 5pm-Church Council	6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)		1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)		

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Alex Arndt Joshua Langlois	6	7	1 Liam Bunton	2 Brandon Greco Sharon Hendricks	3 Barbara Bruner Jeff Mays Tristan Mays	4 Kevin Haney Will James
12 Michelle Gilleland	13 Tammy Goode Beaver Williams	14 Charles Rockett Daniel Wike	15 Drew Fisher Jeffrey Hefner Kathryn Knecht Lucy Rockett	9 Carl Sigmon Elec Yount	10 Rebekah MacKinnon	11 George Bruner Julie Patterson Tyler Peile
19 Addie Copeland David Hamilton Leonard Lawing	20 Don Hedrick	21 Kathy Monroe Pierre Rheeder	22 Martha Johnston Stella Koenig	16 Alexis Mays Michael Thornburg Krystle Watson	17 Christy Cannon Chris Cooke Kim Thornburg	18 Jenny Harris
26 Sarah Cushman Ryan Garrison Stephen Price	27	28 Lee Sr. Moritz	29	23 Jarrett Rheeder Mike Stewart	24 Brian Dellinger Mary Jean Hollar	25 Jolie Baucom
			30			

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Pat and Alice Woods	6 Cliff and Debbie Wike	7 Kevin McDuffie and Katie	1 Bruce and Elizabeth Swanson	2	3	4
12	13	14	8	9 Ronnie and Jean Hampton	10 Ray and Linda Birchfield	11
19 Pierre and Laurette Rheeder	20	21 Michael and Christy Greco John and Beth Woods	15	16	17 Alex and Hiley Baucom	18 Mike and Kelly Matthews
26 Emmett and Jane Wike	27	28 Ray and Judy Elkin	22	23 Lee Sr. and Betty Moritz Lynn and Rita Watson	24 Dave and Janet Morrow	25 Chris and Mary Ann Cooke Randy and Diane Howard
			29 Eddie and Connie Henderson Craig and Marea Pinto	30 Armando and Joyce Lagunas		