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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 21, 2022

CONNECT. IMAGINE. ENGAGE.

This was the theme of this year's Annual Conference.

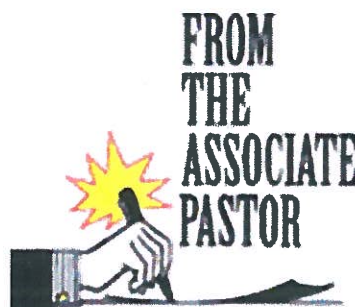
Last week, June 17 - 19 the Annual Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church met for the first time in person since before the COVID pandemic. Hundreds of Clergy and Laity filled the Stuart Auditorium at the Lake Junaluska Assembly. It was so good to see colleagues and friends we have not seen in person for some time.

Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric, Dean of Duke Divinity School delivered a beautiful message at the opening worship service on Friday morning. The sound of hundreds of voices joined in song gave me goosebumps! In another worship service we celebrated the lives of clergy friends and spouses that have joined the Church triumphant. In another we gave thanks to three Deacons and 42 Elders as they enter into retirement. On Saturday 4 Deacons and 12 Elders were Commissioned and 2 Deacons and 9 Elders were Ordained into Full Connection.

On the business end of things we saw six local churches being closed due to declining worship and inability to meet financial obligation. Eighteen Local Churches were approved to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

Curious about what transpired at Annual Conference 2022? Join Pastor John for the inside scoop on Wednesday, June 29th at 7pm in the Connor Family Life Center.

Pastor Charmaine



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:

Burr & Betsy Stoker, Johann & Annabella Stoltz, Gene & Beverly Swithenbank, Brenda Teague, Alan, Jamie, Mackenzie & Madison Thornburg, Derrick & Joni Thornburg and Tyler Peile.

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



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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

MEMORIALS General Fund

In memory of Ray Birchfield by:
Carol Dickinson
Michael Moore
Bruce & Michelle Cloninger
Don & Vata Shook
Susan & Mack Hunsucker

THANK YOU

Dear Connor Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for being a blessing. Thank you so much.
We appreciate everything.

Grace Ann Beatty
Don & Andrea Beatty

NEW ADDRESS

Elaine & Bill Biles
2230 Orson Drive #212
Indian Land, SC 29707

GIRL SCOUT GOLD PROJECT

I'm Addison Punch and I am a member of First United Methodist Church. I am also a part of the FUMC Girl Scout Troop 10441 and I am writing today to talk to you about my Girl Scout Gold Project. I have been working with Keith Hall to design a meditation garden at our church's columbarium.

I will be removing the old landscaping and replacing it with new bushes, plants and adding benches. The estimated cost for all of it is about 3,000 dollars so I am asking you all as my FUMC family to help out in any way possible. Please make checks payable to Girl Scout Troop #10441 and in the memo section write "Addison Punch - Gold Project". Thank You for your assistance.

Thank you,
Addison Punch



GIRL SCOUTS

NEWS TO USE

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SURPRISES

Would you once again help us spread love and blessings to our homebound and nursing facility members? Red, white and blue bags will be placed outside Charmaine's office with the names of our 10 members. Would you use your creativity and fill the bags with something red, white or blue that might bring a smile to someone's face?

You can place the items in the bags either on Sunday morning or during the week. The names are listed in the newsletter. The deadline will be July 2 so the bags can be delivered during the week of the 4th. Thank you so much for your amazing support of this ministry.

The Caring Ministry



Sunday, June 26th

4:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting



5:00pm - Church Council Meeting



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Aubrey & Ashley (Markland) Hite
2137 Storm Canyon Road
Winston Salem, NC 27106-9773



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus drove the traders and the moneychangers from the temple with a

- a. knife
- b. sword
- c. bludgeon
- d. scourge

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence June 19, 2022
Sunday School
67

Worship:	
8:45am Service	91
11:00am Service	96
Live streaming	31
	<u>218</u>

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,446.93
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	35.75
Total	<u>\$ 11,482.68</u>

ATTENTION!!!
Date Change...

The Congregational Meeting scheduled for June 22 has been postponed until

Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00pm in the CFLC.

Refreshments will be served.

If you need transportation, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635.

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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. scourge
(John 2:14-15)