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*“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

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Every once in a while, as you're cruising down the highway, you'll see one of those trucks—the ones that are carrying a truckload of smashed cars. We're talking steel pancakes. Or maybe you've driven by the scrap yard where these junkers end up. “Junk,” you say. Today it is, but there was a day when that hunk of metal was someone's dream come true. It was the new wheels they'd hoped for and saved for; a prize they wouldn't let anyone touch...only now it's flattened.

In a way, a lot of our life's dreams end up that way. At one time the dream was new and shiny—something we thought would make us happy for a long time. But sadly, too many dreams ended up letting us down — flattened. Excitement turns to tedium. Having what I wanted turns to restlessness, dissatisfaction or disillusion. A great gain suddenly becomes a great loss. Yesterday's discovery becomes today's disappointment. Sometimes that dream actually turned into a nightmare.

A dream job, or home, or degree, or milestone, or money....it's amazing how many of these seem to go flat before long. There are several ways yesterday's dream can turn into today's disappointment. Maybe your dream gets flattened because you never get it, or because you get it and you lose it, or maybe even because you get it and find out it wasn't the answer you thought it would be.

We all get disappointed at times: things don't work out how we expected, people say and do hurtful things, promises are broken, things take longer than they should. Every day we all have the potential to encounter disappointment. So what should we do?

FIRST: REMEMBER THAT DISAPPOINTMENT HAS A SNEAKY WAY OF WANTING TO SPREAD.

It wants to move beyond the particular situation that caused it, change your outlook on life, and get you stuck in regret and disillusionment. This means we have to go on the offensive against it. So what do we do during times like this?

SECOND: WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE DISAPPOINTMENT, MAKE TWO APPOINTMENTS.

The first person to make an appointment with is God. Tell Him how you feel. Be honest - He knows anyway. Take your time and don't rush your conversation. Talk to your Heavenly Father knowing that He hears you and cares for you. Then you will receive His comfort, love and grace.

The next person to make an appointment with is yourself. Pause and be intentionally grateful. Remember all the good stuff God has done for you and others. Adopt a new perspective and repurpose the pain you feel.

Friends, occasionally stuff happens. Things don't work out sometimes. In our broken world, it can hurt. When that happens, refocus and don't let it get you down. Make an appointment and remember the promises of our Lord who understands and is with you in those times.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. Nicodemus
 (John 3:4-8)

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:

Rick & Nancy Wall; Leonard & Patricia Walling; Ron & Ginny Ward; Eddie & Carl Warren; Aaron, Krystle & Harvey Watson; Lynn & Rita Watson.

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

James Davis - Memory Care Center
Abernathy Laurels
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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.

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Ray Birchfield by:
Kaye Cloninger
Mike & Jeanette Stewart
Rick & Nancy Wall
Gene & Lil Hendricks
Tony & Margaret Garrison
J. Robert Inscoc
Junior & Anita Deal
Conover Home & Commercial Hardware
Charles & Lucy Rockett

In memory of Elsie Daniels by:
Gene & Lil Hendricks
Tony & Margaret Garrison

Children's Bank (Fostering Hope of Catawba Valley)

In memory of Ray Birchfield by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

In memory of Elsie Daniels by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

In memory of Richard Sears by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

In memory of Revonda Matthews by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

Local Missions Fund

In memory of Clegg Johnson by:
Bob & Lois Goodson



NEWS TO USE

WOMEN OF FUMC OF CONOVER

You are invited to a gathering of Women of Faith on July 23, 2022, at 9:30 am. Our program will be presented by Phil Williams from Highways & Hedges Ministry to the Homeless and Needy (From your hands...Through our hands...To needy hands) Please come join us as we seek to find more ways to minister to those in our community.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Crossroads classroom in the Connor Family Life Center on Saturday, July 23! UMW signs will be posted to direct you.

Lois Goodson, President of UMW

The families are always needing paper towels, so bring a roll or two to the gathering to kick off the Paper Towel Drive.



GOODTIMERS!!!

Our next get together will be Wednesday, July 20th at 12:00pm in the CFLC. We are having a cookout with Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. As always, we can use a few of your wonderful desserts!

Please call Eddie Warren at (828) 464-9643 and let him know if you are able to provide a dessert for the cookout!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing all our seniors on July 20th!



THANK YOU

A sincere "thank you" to our loving church family for the "Red, White and Blue" bag that was delivered to Rick. He truly enjoyed all the goodies! We truly appreciate all the kindness and love that you continue to share with us.

Rick & Linda Parker



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"The wind bloweth where it listeth," said Jesus to

- Philip
- His mother, Mary
- Nicodemus
- Peter

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence July 10, 2022
Sunday School
89

Worship:
8:45am Service 114
11:00am Service 118
Live streaming 32
264

God's Tithe & Our Gifts
General Fund \$ 12,620.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	79.00
Fostering Hope of Cat. Valley	417.75
Hymnal Fund	100.00
Local Missions Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 13,266.75

JUST A FRIENDLY HEALTH REMINDER...

If you have symptoms of cold, the flu or COVID (fever, sneezing, cough, running nose), avoid some of the friendly contact many of us like to share (like shaking hands, hugs, etc.) until those symptoms have been gone for at least 24 hours.

Though we would miss you, it may even be a more loving gesture, for your own health and the health of all those at church, for you to stay home to rest and recuperate until "all clear."