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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*

*August 2, 2022*

**In the middle of this summer heat, I thought I'd share a couple of humorous jokes that might give you a smile to share and lighten your step this week.**

**In Psalm 126, the Bible says, “Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, ‘The LORD has done great things for them.’ Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”**  
Enjoy!

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

One person shared that he works with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

One person shared that when she and her husband arrived at a car dealership to pick up their car, they were told the keys had been locked in it. They went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As they watched from the passenger side, she instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

"Hey," she announced to the technician, "it's open!"

To which he replied, "I know - I already got that side."

Now don't you feel better? *Pastor John*



## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

"I wish I had"-or "I sure meant to"-or "If only I had known":

Have you ever had these thoughts when it was too late to take action? We all have regrets that we have failed to act when the Spirit nudged us to go visit, call, or write to someone. Nothing is sadder than an expression of love that is postponed until another day.



- The **CARING MINISTRY** needs you to help us put thoughts into action. As we work to expand our ministry to our church members, family, friends and visitors, we invite you to join us as we endeavor to touch lives and share the love of Jesus.
- The **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** makes blankets, shawls, or lap robes to bless those who are going through a rough patch and need a reminder that we care. If you crochet, knit, or sew, we need you! We also need people to deliver these handmade gifts.
- The **SHUT-IN MINISTRY** reaches out to members who are not able to be with us in person. Sending cards or letters, visiting, and delivering special bags during the year are a few of the ways that you can participate.
- Another ministry is the **BREAD MINISTRY**. If you can bake bread and/or deliver a loaf to u, this is the place for you!

No one is too old or too young! Families can work together! Everyone can find the perfect niche! Please consider how you can help. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Will you take that first step? You will have an opportunity to sign up in the coming weeks.

**Susan Hunsucker**

# \*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:

Ethan & Jake Wright; Eric, Mary Leslie, Elec, Baker & Ryan Yount; Glenda Yount; James Zehmer; Laura & Tristan Zinkhan.

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

James Davis - (Memory Care Center)  
255 Geitner Avenue  
Newton, NC 28658

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

Dottie Harris - Brian Center in Lincolnton  
515 S. Generals Blvd., 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

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Conover, NC 28613  
(828) 459-9444

Lee & Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road  
Conover, NC 28613  
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Conover, NC 28613  
(828) 256-1421

Jerry Shepherd 2636 Touchstone Circle  
Newton, NC 28658  
(828) 464-6240

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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

Dottie Harris at Atrium Health Hospital of Lincolnton  
Jerry Shepherd at CVMC (Room 162)  
Richard Matthews at CVMC (At home)

## A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Rex Ivan Phillips, 62 of Claremont and son of Shirley "Boots" Elliott, died Friday, July 22, 2022 at his residence.

A memorial service to celebrate Rex's life was held Saturday, July 30th at 11am at Bennett Funeral Service in Newton. The family received friends prior to the service from 10 to 10:45am.

Memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care Lincoln County, 900 Dontia Drive, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Our thoughts and prayers are with Boots and the family during this difficult time.



## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
On behalf of The Corner Table we would like to thank you for your continued support through your generous donations. We appreciate your care and concern for our mission of caring for those who are less fortunate in our community.

Blessings,  
The Corner Table



## 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."

# NEWS TO USE



**ATTENTION!!!  
GRAYHOUSE IS CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17TH.  
THE PASTORS AND  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT WILL BE  
JOINING THE GOODTIMERS  
ON THEIR TRIP TO SEE THE  
"MAN OF THE SHROUD".**



## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your August birthdays and August anniversaries **Sunday, August 7th** 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.



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asked for a drink, gave

- a. Him water from the well
- b. Him directions for assistance
- c. others her belief in His divinity
- d. Him warning of danger

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

**By Our Presence July 31, 2022**

Sunday School

83

Worship:

8:45am Service	106
11:00am Service	92
Live streaming	20
Total	218

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

General Fund \$ 10,620.00  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	11.00
Girl Scout Troop 10441 (Addison Punch)	
	30.00
Total	\$ 10,661.00

## 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.



## 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, Lorette Rheeder

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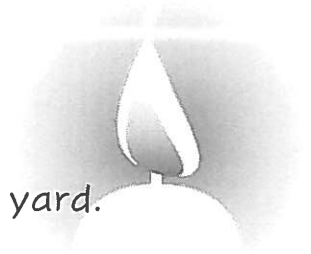
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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. others her belief in His divinity  
(John 4:7-29)

# Fueling Faith

## HARVEST FESTIVAL for JESUS



**Save the Date:** October 29, 2022 from 3 - 6pm in our front yard.

We had a very productive first meeting. We are officially on our way! This year the Festival will only be three hours long.

If you have access to a **golf cart** that we may use as shuttles between event and parking lot we would be so grateful. Bonus points if you are willing to be the driver too! Please contact Ginny Ward at 239-218-1647 if you can help.

We are in need of **Eazy-Ups** for some of the general areas and games. If you could help with this please contact Pastor Charmaine.

There are disturbing rumors that there might be a shortage of candy for Halloween! So, we are making two Candy Collection Bins available this week - one in the Narthex as you enter the sanctuary and one in the common area on the office level. Please consider adding a bag of **CANDY** to your shopping list so that we can ensure we will not run out!

The children loved the carnival atmosphere and cared for the prizes more than we imagined. If you have leads on where we can obtain affordable small **soft toys** and other toys, please reach out to Pastor Charmaine.

Due to demand we are planning to have two **hayrides** and a third **inflatable**. This can only happen if we have enough volunteers to monitor the children: making sure there is an orderly line [we will rope off section like they do at theme parks], and watch the children coming down the slides; this year we are going to add whistles to help freeze activity if we need to. I KNOW there are at least **30** abled people in our midst that will be willing to step up and commit to a 60 or 90 minute slot. Please contact Cindy Clark at 828-302-3217 to be one of the heroes of the day.

If you are eager to help, but need a less physical demanding job, we've got you covered! Please contact Nancy Wall at 704-325-0330 if you feel you fall in this category.

We will share more about the day of the event in the future; but please consider helping us with **setting up for the event**. We will start setting up perimeter fencing on the Thursday, Oct. 27. We need hands on Friday and definitely on Saturday, starting at 9am to set up tables, chairs, trash cans, water stations, hand sanitizer dispensers etc.

Above all, please hold every aspect of this event before God in **prayer**.

**Pastor Charmaine**