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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 30, 2022*

**A NEW YEAR FOR PRESCHOOL**

Our preschool program will begin a new school year Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. As the teachers prepare the rooms, the lessons, the bulletin boards and their nerves let's all be in prayer for this year's program.

Our preschool program is a wonderful ministry of this church and it reaches a large part of our community. There is nothing more important than teaching young children that God loves them, as we, as a church, reach out to make sure that this community and its families know that we are a welcoming and loving congregation.

With the new year underway there are always practical needs as with all school programs. Our preschool committee ask that anyone who is able help to provide items that the preschool uses on a regular basis check our list below. Any items that you can help provide will be much appreciated.

- |                                                                            |                                 |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| White card stock paper                                                     | Construction paper (all colors) | Kleenex                                 |
| Paper towels                                                               | Glue sticks/school glue         | Copy paper                              |
| Apple juice                                                                | Sidewalk chalk                  | Baby wipes                              |
| Lysol (sanitizing) wipes                                                   | Antibacterial spray             | Colorful balls for 2,3- and 4-year-olds |
| Snacks [goldfish, saltine crackers, Graham crackers, vanilla wafers, etc.] |                                 |                                         |

Any item that you can help with will be a blessing to the preschool and the teachers. The families of the children always help once the year is underway and they realize our needs but it always helps to have these items to begin the year.

Thank you as a church for this wonderful ministry. To GOD be the glory!

Ginger Doub, Preschool Committee Chairman



# \*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:

Thomas Boston; Jody, Michelle, Brooke & Spencer Brackett; Andy, Wende, Kaela & Colt Briggs; Evelyn Brooks; Barbara Bruner; George Bruner.



## 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 Aycock-Harris - The Addison in Lincolnton  
440 Salem Church Rd., 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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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

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

Sue Dwiggins in hospital with knee replacement.



## MEMORIALS General Fund

In memory of Ray Birchfield by:  
Mary Rudisill

In memory of Glenna Sherrill by:  
Mary Rudisill  
Winnon Cashion

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## HONORARIUMS General Fund

In honor of Margery Adams by:  
Mary Rudisill

In honor of Pastor John Woods by:  
Mary Rudisill

In honor of Robin Mays by:  
Mary Rudisill

## THANK YOU

To the Connor Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you very much for the generous act of providing me with a scholarship. This gesture is immensely appreciated and it will fortify my efforts at Lenoir Rhyne University. I am eternally grateful and blessed to be a recipient.

Godspeed,  
Ashley Sierzenga

## THANK YOU

Dear FUMCC Congregation,  
Thank you for your prayers, love and support of our Mom, Glenna Sherrill, over the years.

She enjoyed your visits, cards and phone calls.

Mom loved her church and each of you.

Sincerely,  
Debbie, Rhonda, & Mala

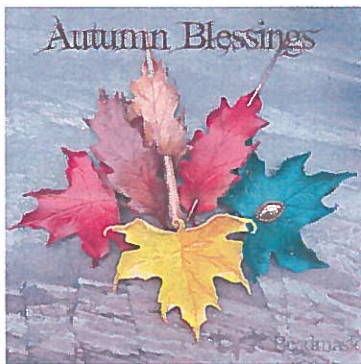
# NEWS TO USE

## Autumn Blessings

Can you believe that fall is just around the corner? It is time to spread love and warm wishes to our homebound and nursing facility members. Bags have been placed outside Charmaine's office with the names of our 9 recipients.

Please bring cards and/or treats to add to each bag on Sunday morning or bring them by during the week. The names are listed in the newsletter. If you are not comfortable getting out, feel free to drop your cards in the mail. **The deadline will be September 18th.**

We would love to have you join us in delivering the bags later in the month. Just sign up to be a part of the Shut In Ministry. Thank you for your help with this project.  
The Caring Ministry



## **Fashion Show Fundraiser**

**When: Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**Time: 2 PM – 5 PM**

**Location: Connor Family Life Center**

**Tickets: \$10 each**  
*(tickets sold in advance only)*

**All proceeds go to support the Corner Table.**

**This is going to be an afternoon of fun and fellowship for women. Invite your friends and family.**

**If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Dana Little at: 828-320-9904**

**Email: [peaceanddazzle@gmail.com](mailto:peaceanddazzle@gmail.com)**



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

"And the truth shall make you free," said Jesus, meaning, free from

- a. the rule of Herod
- b. misconceptions of Jesus' role
- c. servitude to sin
- d. the dictates of the Old Testament

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

**By Our Presence August 28, 2022**

Sunday School

87

Worship:

8:45am Service	118
11:00am Service	100
Live streaming	<u>N/A</u>
Total	218

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

General Fund \$ 14,620.00  
*(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)*

Children's Bank 15.00  
Total \$ 14,635.00

## A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Jerry Shepherd, age 73 and a member of First Conover UMC, died Sunday, August 28, 2022 at Abernathy Laurels.

He is survived by his wife, Terry Shepherd of the home and a daughter, Tera Alcala of Lake Wells, Florida.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 1:00pm in the Connor Family Life Center. A Memorial Service will follow at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Terry, Tera and the family during this difficult time.

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## CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fumconover.org

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. servitude to sin  
( John 8:31-36)



# MORE NEWS TO USE

## Sunday School Department

I'm in need of two individuals to teach K-1st grade Sunday School. This is a weekly commitment starting Sunday Sept. 11th. Sunday school begins following 8:45 am church service until 10:50. Please contact me as soon as possible, I could really use your help.



Thank You Julie Patterson 828 310-4553 cell  
828 459-7051 home  
E-Mail [jpatterson828@yahoo.com](mailto:jpatterson828@yahoo.com)

## **Children's Division Classes and Teachers Sunday School 2022/2023**

Nursery (Birth to 2 years) Pilar Tobar Children's Education Wing

Pre-School Class (3years, 4 years) Melissa Johnson, Jamie Thornburg  
Melissa Punch, Kim Hentschel Children's Education Wing

Currently no K, 1st Grade

2nd and 3rd Grade Julie Patterson, Kim Connor Children's Education Wing

4th and 5th Grade Lee Moritz Children's Library Upstairs

Middle School Steve Danner Classroom Upstairs

High School Michele Moritz Conference Room

Adult Classes

College/Young Adult  
Crossroads  
Faithbuilders  
The Sharpe Bible Class  
The Clark Bible Class

## **ECCCM - SHARE THE HARVEST BENEFIT**

ECCCM's Share the Harvest Benefit will be at Broken Arrow Farm in Claremont on Saturday, September 17, from 4 to 7PM. This year's event is more casual than in past years, consisting of BBQ plates, raffles, and music by Euphoria. Tickets are \$25. If interested, call 828-465-1702.



Thanks, Anita Deal  
Your ECCCM Representative

*You Are Cordially Invited*

**9/11**

**Ceremony**

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Norman B. Coley Amphitheater**

(Near the Charters of Freedom Display at Conover Station)

at

***Conover City Park***

**361 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**

\*In case of rain, it will be held inside the  
***Community Room at Conover Station.***

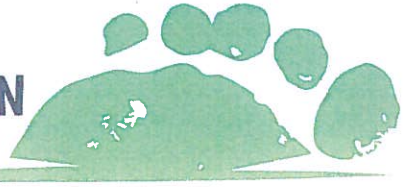
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# HUNGER WALK



**REGISTER NOW**

**SUNDAY | 3PM**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2022**  
**DOWNTOWN NEWTON**

## BENEFITING



## WHY WE WALK

To provide meals to the homes facing food insecurity in eastern Catawba County!

## INFORMATION

2:00PM - Registration    2:45PM - Awards  
(Top Team Fundraiser, Largest Team, Top Individual Fundraiser)

## QUESTIONS

**ECCCM**

(828-465-1702 | [ecccm.org](http://ecccm.org))

**The Corner Table**

(828-464-0355 | [thecornertable.org](http://thecornertable.org))

