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FIRST UNITED
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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

September 13, 2022

OUT OF THE WOODS — “Say What?!?”

As I’ve been gearing up for this new Bible Study (and some of the things Jesus said about hearing his words), I thought about this story I heard some years ago. It’s a funny story, so don’t be offended (please). Besides, Paul Harvey told it, so it can’t be too bad, right?



The respected *American Medical News* confirms this story. A patient complained of an earache. His right ear. His doctor prescribed eardrops—an antibiotic....

Are you with me to this point?...The doctor prescribed eardrops for an earache.

When the patient got the prescription filled, the pharmacist wrote on the bottle...

three drops in *r*—for *right*—ear.

No space...no punctuation. For “right ear”, the instructions on the bottle read: *r*—ear.

That spells rear.

The patient said later he knew it sounded like a strange remedy for an earache, but he had dutifully applied the three drops to his rear for three days before the error was discovered.

It occurs to me that not only is it important to read the instructions we’re given, but we must understand them rightly and apply them properly if they’re going to help us. Anything less will make us look foolish.

This is especially true when it comes to God’s Scripture. As they enter the promised land, God tells Joshua, ***“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you shall have success.”*** (Joshua 1:8)

Only as we meditate on God’s Word will we begin to understand what God expects from us. That’s why Bible study is so important. Let’s not take a quick glance and think we know what the Bible says. Let’s immerse ourselves in it so that it’s crystal clear what God’s intentions are!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor John

P.S. — I started to say something connected to “*He who has ears to hear...*” but I think that might carry us over the line a little bit, don’t you? J See you on Sunday!

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:

Robert, Cathy, & Ellie Choppa; Jimmy, Cindy, Bradley & Eric Clark; Nancy Clarke; Bruce & Michelle Cloninger; Finley & Carole Cloninger; Kaye Cloninger.



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

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

Alice Woods at Mission Hospital (At home)
Lisa Rudisill at CVMC (CCU)

MEMORIALS



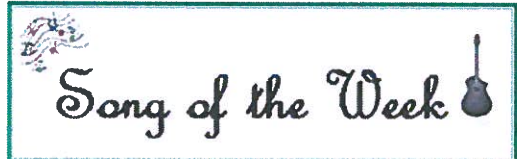
Audio/Video Sound System Fund

In memory of Jerry Shepherd by:
Celia & David Jolly
Eddie & Carol Warren
Eugene & Gloria Lentz
Cliff & Debbie Wike
Dick & Jean Howell

General Fund

In memory of Glenna Sherrill by:
Rick & Nancy Wall

In memory of Jerry Shepherd by:
Tony & Kathy Martin
Rick & Nancy Wall



Two songs to tune into this week are:
"Jericho" by Andrew Ripp and
"Even If" by Mercy Me.



A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Kenneth Hollar, age 76 of Conover, the husband of Dianne Hollar and a member of FUMCC, died Sunday, September 11, 2022 at his home.

Arrangements are incomplete at the time of this publication, but a phone tree message will be sent out when arrangements are finalized.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dianne and the family during this difficult time.

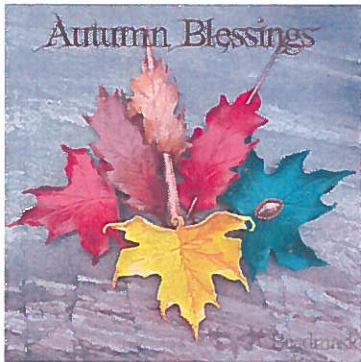
NEWS TO USE

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 8 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



CATAWBA VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed immediately for Catawba Valley Medical Center to work at the front desk, in the Gift Shop, at the Fitness Center or in several other areas of the hospital. Shifts typically last 4 hours and include a free meal in the cafeteria.

You could be such a blessing to the staff of the hospital and to patients and their families by serving in this role. Please contact Kelli Webber at (828) 326-3434 or visit CatawbaValleyHealth.org for more information.

***Be a blessing to
someone today.***

- Proverbs 11:25



PASTOR'S QUIZ

When His disciples asked Him who had sinned, that the man they saw had been blind from birth, Jesus said

- a. the man himself
- b. his parents
- c. all the world
- d. that it was not a question of sinning, at all

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence September 11, 2022

Sunday School

98

Worship:

8:45am Service	132
11:00am Service	108
Live streaming	31
Total	271

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 13,931.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Audio/Video Sound System	350.00
Children's Bank	30.75
Total	\$ 14,311.75



Goodtimers

We will have a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, September 21st at 12 Noon in the CFLC. Some meats will be provided. Please contact Eddie Warren and let him know if you are able to provide a dessert. His phone number is (828) 464-9643.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there. Invite a friend or neighbor!

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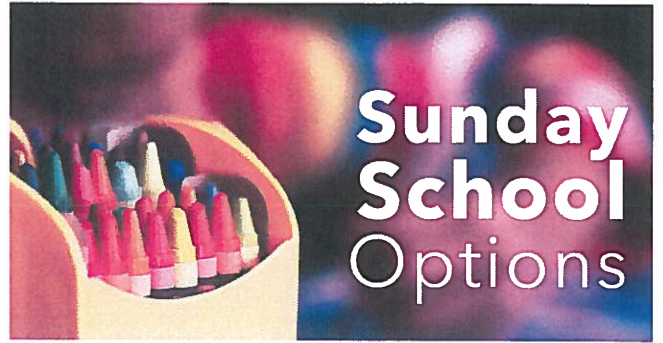
Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. that it was not a question of sinning, at all
(John 9:1-3)

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

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

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

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

Kindergarten - 1st Grade Children's Education Wing

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 - Connie Henderson (Scout Room)

Crossroads - Jenny Harris (CFLC)

Faithbuilders - Dave Markland (CFLC)

The Sharpe Bible Class - Margaret Garrison (Upstairs)

The Clark Bible Class - Patsy Isaac (CFLC)

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



ECCCM

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc

A Hand Up, Not A Hand Out.

August 25, 2022

It has been a full year since I have stepped into the role as the Executive Director here at ECCCM. The time has flown by, and as I reflect on the past year, I'm humbled by the growing support of people like you – thank you.

We have worked to adapt to the rising costs of inflation and economic challenges to meet the growing needs of the community. As a faithful supporter of this ministry, we all share, I want to pause and reflect on the ways your generosity has transformed the lives of those we serve during this past 12 months by allowing us to expand our programming.

In the last 12 months we have:

- Increased the number of food pickups from 3 to 4 pickups per month. Due to the increase in food costs, this change allows our clients an extra week of food.
- Transitioned our Crisis Assistance Coaching Program (CACP) back to in person following the COVID-19 pandemic. We now offer the program in person multiple days and times during the week. This allows our clients the flexibility of attending when their scheduled allows.
- Expanded our contract with Catawba County Social Services. In addition to providing heating and cooling assistance and deposit assistance, we now offer water assistance to any Catawba County resident who qualifies.
- Maintained our record of not turning anyone away who qualifies for assistance. We have seen an increase in the dollar amounts requested over the last couple of years. Rent and Mortgage assistance requests have increased 28% and utility assistance requests have increased 12% since 2020.
- Welcomed back our volunteers with open arms as they have returned from the COVID-19 pandemic. ECCCM volunteers work tirelessly behind the scenes helping maintain the day-to-day operations of the ministry.

Your generous financial support has been vital to our mission. You are the reason we could make these changes and meet the needs of clients during these difficult economic times. I watch the staff work hard and faithfully each day to show hospitality, to give a listening ear, and to help equip our clients for a better tomorrow. It is my great joy to partner with them and you. Thank you for believing in ECCCM and allowing us to give a hand up to those in need in our community.

Thank you,

Kristal Manning

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CATAWBA COUNTY**



HUNGER WALK



BENEFITING



WHEN?

October 16, 2022

2:00 PM - Registration

2:45 PM - Welcome/Warm-Up/Awards

3:00 PM - Walk (Followed By Refreshments)

WHERE?

Downtown Newton

(North Side of Museum)

To walk or donate, contact Anita Deal
