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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 20, 2022

What Brought You Here?

I was recently asked ‘What brought you here?’ I chuckled to myself, as I do every time I am asked this question. This is possibly the vaguest direct question I have encountered.

The reason I say so? Well, what exactly does the answer need to refer to? What brought me to this specific location? Church, school, or grocery store. What brought me to the U.S.A. or what brought me to Conover? Or is it a deeper question that has someone wondering what brought me to this point in my career, faith, prayer life?

I know vets, doctors, therapists, and sometimes pastors, often opens dialogue by asking “What brought you here today?” Clearly this is to identify how a certain need should be addressed, a way of providing some structure to the time that is going to be spent together.

I wondered what I might say if, when I start my conversation (prayer) with God and He asked, “What brought you here, my child?” Praying is such a precious and tender state of being. Sometimes we cry out to God in pain and other times we shout out in joy. I know God knows before I even begin to speak, and frankly I am convinced what makes God happier than being able - and He is able! - is the fact that *I have the need to connect with Him*. I am sure the joy-I feel when one of my children wants to just hang out with me for no reason is a drop in the ocean compared to God’s joy when we want to just ‘hang out’ with Him.

So let me ask you, do you sometimes feel the need to ‘just hang out’ with God? Or do you just pray in a season of need?

Pastor Charmaigne

P.S. Should you need for someone to pray with you, please reach out to me or Pastor John, we will be honored to pray with and for you.

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:

Tyler, Elizabeth, Maddox, Madilynn & Waylon Conner,
Eric, Kim, Brooke & Michael Connor, Jean Connor,
Ann & Fred Cook, Chris & Mary Ann Cooke,
Michael, Addie, & Alex Copeland.



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

Lisa Rudisill at CVMC (At home)

MEMORIALS

Audio/Video Sound System Fund

In memory of Jerry Shepherd by:
Paulette & Jimmy Lambert
Kenny & Sandy Austin and
Stephen, Melia, Cayden & Dominic Austin
Mark & Judy Geitner

General Fund

In memory of Ken Hollar by:
United Methodist Men of FUMCC

In memory of Jerry Shepherd by:
Harry & Trenia Monk
Junior & Anita Deal
Stephen & Judy Kirby

In memory of Glenna Sherrill by:
Harry & Trenia Monk
Michaele Drum Autry

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local Missions)

In memory of Ken Hollar by:
H.A. & Jean Slate



WOMEN OF FUMC OF CONOVER

You are invited to a gathering of women of faith on October 15, 2022, at 9:30AM. Our program will be provided by Jordan Ledford from the Council on Adolescent of Catawba County. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend this informative get together. We always end with refreshments and fellowship. Please come join us in the Crossroads Classroom in the Connor Family Life Center (Enter from back of the building).

Lois Goodson



NEWS TO USE

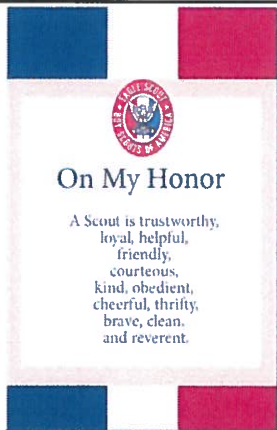


Hunger Walk Team for FUMCC

Please join us as part of the **First United Methodist Church Conover** team to walk on Sunday, October 16, in order to raise funds for hunger relief in Eastern Catawba County. We plan to gather at 2:30 for the 3:00 walk in downtown Newton. Walkers have a choice of a 1M walk or a 5K walk.

Registration can be completed at ecchungerwalk.com or see Anita Deal for a registration form. If registering online, please be sure to "join an existing team", First United Methodist Church Conover. Registration must be completed by Thursday, September 22, if wanting to guarantee your preferred t-shirt size and availability.

Not planning to join the church walk team? You can still be a vital asset to this mission by donating money. All proceeds go to The Corner Table and ECCCM. Checks need to be made payable to Hunger Walk and given to Anita Deal by October 11. Thank you for your support!!



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

for

Andrew F. Fisher

on

Sunday, September 25, 2022 @ 1:00pm

in the

Connor Family Life Center

All are Invited to Attend



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Upon being questioned, the parents of the man Jesus cured of his blindness said they did not know who had opened his eyes, because they

- a. in fact did not know
- b. had promised Jesus not to tell
- c. were superstitious
- d. feared the displeasure of their questioners

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence September 18, 2022

Sunday School	
	101
Worship:	
8:45am Service	95
11:00am Service	105
Live streaming	29
Total	229

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 9,379.12
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Audio/Video Sound System	155.00
Children's Bank	47.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local Missions)	25.00
Total	\$ 9,606.12

ECCCM Food of the Month

Peanut butter and jelly are the September suggested foods for ECCCM. All foods are welcome and appreciated any time! These may be taken to ECCCM or placed in the red bins in the hallway between CFLC and Pastor Charmaine's office.

Thank you for your continual donation of plastic grocery bags in those same bins. There is a constant need for those bags!



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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. feared the displeasure of their questioners
(John 9:18-23)