



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

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 27, 2022

Celebrate Your Pastors this October!

Dear Conover First United Methodist church family,

One of our favorite months of the year is fast-approaching. It's a month that flies under the radar of many. However, it can have great impact in the lives of our church clergy families.

October has long been recognized worldwide as Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions can be traced back to Paul. In establishing the first Christian churches, Paul advised the congregation to give "double honor" to the elders of the church who managed the affairs of the church well, *"especially those whose work is preaching and teaching"* (1 Timothy 5:17).

Paul further urged Christian communities to acknowledge those *"who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you,"* holding these spiritual leaders *"in the highest regard in love because of their work"* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Share your appreciation with them this October. Here are some ways you can encourage Pastor John and his wife Beth, and Associate Pastor Charmaigne and her husband, John.

- ◆ **Send a lovely card or thank you note.**
- ◆ **Send an encouraging e-mail message.**
- ◆ **Make a donation to a charity in their honor (American Cancer Society, Malaria No More, or Charitywater.org.)**
- ◆ **Give a gift certificate for a local restaurant.**
- ◆ **Best thing of all is to PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS AND THEIR SPOUSES EVERY DAY!**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee



**CLERGY
APPRECIATION**

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:

Linville Couch; Larry & Peggy Currie; Sarah & Cole Cushman; Steve, Michele & Drew Danner; Jim & Jeanette Davis; Junior & Anita Deal.



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 Aycok-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

Mary Ann Simpson - Abernathy Laurels
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

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

Gilda Pennell at CVMC (at home)
Mary Ann Simpson at CVMC (At Abernathy Laurels)

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Glenna Sherrill by:
Linda Birchfield



In memory of Ken Hollar by:
Rick & Linda Parker
Susan Hunsucker
Tony & Kathy Martin

Local Missions

In memory of Glenna Sherrill by:
Jimmy & Cindy Clark

Music Fund

In memory of Ken Hollar by:
Linda Birchfield

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local Missions)

In memory of Ken Hollar by:
Carol Dickinson

"THANK YOU"

Rick & I send to each of our loving church family our sincere thanks for all of the goodies in the Fall Basket. The continued love that you all have shown to us is heartfelt and is always a blessing. Again, thank you. God bless each of you.
Linda Parker

A NOTE OF THANKS

Church family,
Thank you for the many ways you expressed your love and support to our family during the passing of our loved one. Because of your prayers and outpouring of love, we found comfort, peace and strength to move through this difficult time. Please continue to pray for us in the coming days.
In Christ,
The Ken Hollar, Williams family

"THANK YOU" FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The Church responded so wonderfully to our request for supplies that there are some items we will not have to purchase for the entire year. You have no idea how much this means to the preschool staff, they were overwhelmed by your generosity. The Bible tells us "ask and it will be given" and never has this been truer than with this church congregation.

Thank you all and God Bless.
Ginger Doub, Preschool Committee

NEWS TO USE

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



PASTOR'S QUIZ

A good shepherd, said Jesus, will be so

- adored by his sheep that they will lay down their lives for him
- concerned for his sheep that he will lay down his life for them
- united with his sheep that he and they will die together
- skillful that neither he nor his sheep will die

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Instruments of praise:

If you are interested in dusting off your instrument and use it to play in a small ensemble in church for special occasions, please email Jon Rogers at jsrogers99@gmail.com. Please let me know what instrument you play. Our first meeting will be October 9 from 3-4 PM in the Sanctuary.

2. Handbells:

If you are interested in joining the Handbell group, AKA the ding-a-ling group, please email Shannon Rogers at srog101@gmail.com. Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 9 from 2-3 PM in the handball room, (directly behind the Sanctuary).

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence September 25, 2022

Sunday School

99

Worship:

8:45am Service 135

11:00am Service 99

Live streaming 29

Total 263

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 12,557.00

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

Children's Bank 12.00

Local Missions Fund 50.00

Music Fund 25.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local

Missions) 50.00

Total \$ 12,694.00



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.

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!!

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!



ECCCM
Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc

First United Methodist Church
410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
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Conover, NC

SPECIAL BENEFIT RECITAL

The Congregation is invited to attend a unique event scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m. at the Connor Family Life Center. The Gail Kale School of Baton is celebrating 50 years of twirling! This significant milestone is being commemorated with a recital featuring current and former students. This event will benefit Carolina Caring's Pediatric Hospice & Palliative Care program. There is no charge to attend, but we are twirling for a cause! Donations are requested to support seriously ill children and teens in our community.

Thanks so much. Hope to see you soon.

Andrea Beatty, MBA
Development Coordinator, Special Events
Carolina Caring Foundation

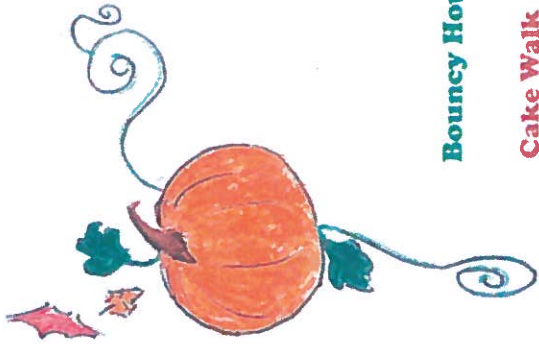


Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. concerned for his sheep that
he will lay down his life for them
(John 10:7-18)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumcconover.org) (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell
Associate Pastor of Faith Development	Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaine@gmail.com) (781) 913-4415 - cell
Office Administrator / Financial Secretary	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumcconover.org)
Music Director/Choir	Jon Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Music Director/Praise Team/ Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Kevin Haney khaney01@gmail.com (704) 914-6510
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fumcconover.org



**Family Focused Outdoor
Fall Festival**

**October 29, 2022
3pm - 6pm**

**CONOVER First United Methodist Church
410 1st Ave N, Conover NC**

Bouncy Houses

Cake Walk

Carnival Games

LIVE MUSIC

by

The Douglas Band

&

Conover FUMC Praise Team

Lots of space for your camping/lawn chairs



Hayrides

Trick or Treating



FREE Food & Drinks



Vintage Cars on Display

We Need YOU to make this happen!

**More than anything else we need
people to staff the event.**

WHY? We are expecting more than a 1,000 visitors!!

Give us an hour or two and still have time to enjoy yourself. We cannot do this with just our Harvest Festival Meeting Crew. PLEASE consider how you can help.

Muscles: Two hours on Friday night. Saturday during set up, and again in the evening for breaking up.

Your presence: Monitor the bounce houses. We need at least 5 people per hour to operate safely. Assist in the Hayride lines or ride along. Staff a booth with your Sunday school/small group and the community booths as well. Golf cart drivers. Parking monitors.

We also need more pop-ups, candy, golf carts [or similar].

Spread the Word: Flyers as seen here will be available to distribute. Share the Facebook posts, tell everyone!

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November 2022

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27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
2 2pm Harvest Festival Plan. Mtg. (Conf. (CFLC - reserved)	3 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	4 9am-Vol. Day at ECCCM 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	5 10:30am Luke Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	6 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	7 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	8
9	10 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6:30-7:30pm-Cub 7-8pm Boy Scouts	11 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	12 10:30am Luke Bible 1PM - Queen Esther's 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	13 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	14 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	15 9am-12 UMW Mtg. (Crossroads class)
16	17 2pm Harvest Fest. Plan. Mtg. (Conf. room) 4pm-Finance Comm. 5pm-Church Council	18 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	19 10:30am Luke Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	20 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	21 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	22 12pm Birthday Party-Maddie Thornburg (CFLC reserved 10am-2pm)
23	24 6pm-Charge Conference (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	25 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	26 10:30am Luke Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	27 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	28 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	29 3-6pm Harvest Festival (Outside)
30	31 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	Nov 1	2	3	4	5

First UMC
Birthdays

October 2022

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Shelby Baggett Kaye Cloninger Gaye Hoke Evan Punch	3 Ralph Hatch	4	5 Bob Goodson Kathy Rockett Rick Wall	6	7 Robin Gibson Mary Rudisill Krystal Totherow	8 Dixon Adams
9 Lil Hendricks	10 Jeb Keisler	11 Betsy Stoker	12 Jennifer Hefner Adelia Tucker	13 Torie Peterson	14 Virginia Thornburg	15 Ray Elkin Leah Lowdermilk Bryan Ross
16	17	18 Nickolas Joyner Julie Miller Guynell Sears Holly Sherbert	19	20 Nova Vigue Patricia Walling	21 Doug Black Ellie Choppa Gloria Davis Grace Putzer Mackenzie Rogers	22 Tyler Conner Jeff Thornburg
23 Amiya Haggins Bart Lowdermilk	24 Crystal Morrow Madison Thornburg	25 Alex Baucom LaRue Black Matthew Hefner	26 Glenda Yount	27	28 Jon Rogers John Walker	29 Andrew Lafone Daniel Lafone Tanner Rockett
30 Margaret Allen Dawson Chambers Levi Hefner Cheryl Krantz Rita Watson	31					

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Ralph and Patricia Hatch Tony and Jenene Neilenbach Kent and Annette Walker	4	5	6	7	1 William and Brenda Novotny 8 Gray and Ginger Doub
9 Scott and Kelle Love Alan and Jamie Thornburg	10	11	12 Bryan and Donna Ross	13	14	15
16	17	18 Charles and Lucy Rockett	19 Michael and Addie Copeland	20 Lionel and Krystal Totherow	21 Matthew and Jennifer Fiorucci	22 Tyler and Elizabeth Conner Gary and Kelly Little
23 Corey and Lindsay Keisler	24 Stan and Judy Lail	25	26 Doug and LaRue Black	27	28 Kenneth and Martha Johnson Chip and Dana Little Mike and Jeanette Stewart	29
30 Coleman and Taylor Carter Bart and Jackie Lowdermilk	31					