



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*

*October 18, 2022*

**OUT OF THE WOODS — “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

Our annual Charge Conference will be this coming Sunday at 6:00 pm.

I encourage any and all members and constituents of FUMC-Conover to attend. It will be a time of information, fellowship, and celebration for five UM churches in our area, led by our District Superintendent, Rev. David Christy. We will end with worship, including Holy Communion.

But what exactly is a Charge Conference? Like a lot of United Methodist terms, it has more than one meaning. A charge is the basic unit of the connectional church under the appointment of a pastor. In most cases, like FUMC-Conover, only one congregation is included in each charge. But in other cases, there may be two or more congregations led by one pastor.



The first meaning of the term Charge Conference refers to the members of the church councils of each congregation of a particular charge. Charge Conferences also include any retired clergy or diaconal ministers of the church.

The second meaning of Charge Conference refers to the annual meeting of said Charge Conference. This Sunday’s meeting will be this year’s annual meeting. Charge Conferences are (usually) presided over by the District Superintendent.

According to *The UMC Book of Discipline*, “the primary responsibility of the Charge Conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church (par. 247.3).” This is also supposed to include assuring adherence to our UMC doctrinal standards and social principles.

This meeting includes the election of some of the leaders of the congregation; recommendation of all ministry-related vocations candidates, lay ministers, lay servants/speakers; the setting of the compensation of all clergy appointed to the charge; receiving a membership report from the senior pastor; and any other responsibilities designated by the General, jurisdictional, or annual conferences.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE THIS COMING SUNDAY.**

**Pastor John**

# \*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 list a different group of six families as we work our way through our church roll.

The families for this week are:

Tony & Margaret Garrison; Scott, Michelle & Owen Gilleland; Bob & Lois Goodson; Barbara Hager; Eli Hailey; Keith & Tommie Hall

## Prayer Vigil for Pastor John

Pastor John is having major foot surgery. Please join us in prayer in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2pm.

We would like to cover the entire time so we ask that you contact Pastor Charmaine for a specific slot. You may also drop in at anytime or join us in prayer from home or work.



## DON'T FORGET our members in Nursing Facilities and 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

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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 (Room 1005)  
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

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## MEMORIALS



Memorial  
Gifts

### General Fund

In memory of Bill Dickinson by:  
Carol Dickinson

In memory of Larry Currie by:  
United Methodist Men of FUMCC

### Audiovisual Fund

In memory of Jerry Shephard by:  
Sharpe Bible Class.

### Music Fund

In memory of Ken Hollar by:  
Sharpe Bible Class.

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local Missions)

In memory of Ray Birchfield and Glenna Sherrill  
by Sharpe Bible Class.

In memory of Glenna Sherrill, Ken Hollar,  
Jerry Shepherd, Ray Birchfield and Edie Mae Sigmon by:  
Jan Barbersek

## ATTENTION VETERANS!



We are hosting another special event to honor you and thank you for your service to our Country.

It is our honor to host veterans and spouses of veterans.

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Michael Moritz at Trinity Village (Room 306)

# NEWS TO USE

## GREAT JOB!!!!

Our church team received a trophy for having the most walkers. We had 53 walkers to register! We were not the top fundraising team, but our church raised over \$3,700! But it does not stop there. We were the team with the most spirit and highest volume too!! Anita Deal also received a trophy for being the top individual fundraiser. Way to go Anita!



Your Hunger Walk Team Captain and ECCCM Representative, Anita Deal is deeply grateful and humbled by your response to Hunger issues in our community.

## ECCCM Request for OCTOBER

October is National Hygiene Month, and many of our clients are in need of soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, mouthwash, lotion, .... **Hygiene products are the suggested item of the Month for ECCCM.**

Of course, all foods are welcome and appreciated any time. These may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between CFLC and Pastor Charmagne's office.

Thank you for your continual donation of plastic grocery bags in those same bins. Also, thank you for the donations in September of Peanut butter and jelly.



## Baby Shower

for

**Emma Hamilton Tozser**

Sat. November 5<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4pm

Emma is due in January and is having a little girl. Her Nursery is Classic Pooh and the Hundred Acre Wood.

Emma and Michael are registered at: [babylist.com/baby-emma-tozser](http://babylist.com/baby-emma-tozser)

Join us in welcoming this gift into the world.



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

Bethany was distant from Jerusalem about,

- a. two miles
- b. five miles
- c. nine miles
- d. fourteen miles

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

**By Our Presence October 9, 2022**

Sunday School

78

Worship:

8:45am Service	113
11:00am Service	109
Live streaming	17
	<u>239</u>

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

General Fund \$ 11,516.00

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

Children's Bank 32.00

Audio Visual Fund 50.00

Local Missions Fund (P's D) 100.00

Music Fund 50.00

Total \$ 11,748.00

**By Our Presence October 16, 2022**

Sunday School

91

Worship:

8:45am Service	99
11:00am Service	101
Live streaming	27
	<u>227</u>

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

General Fund \$ 7,053.00

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

Children's Bank 103.00

Local Missions Fund (P'sD) 100.00

Total \$ 7,256.00

Pastor John and Beth have a

## NEW ADDRESS

208 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE  
Conover, NC 28613

First United Methodist Church  
410 First Avenue North  
Conover, NC 28613  
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**BAKED GOODS NEEDED**  
**For our**  
**FALL FESTIVAL CAKEWALK!!**

We need homemade and purchased baked goods for our Fall Festival Cakewalk!

We need as many as you can bring! We are asking for donated baked goods from local stores but we don't know how many we will get. So, please bake or buy and bring them to the church! *Please do not bring items that must stay refrigerated. We have no way to manage keeping items cool.*

Baked goods can be dropped off in the Connor Family Life Center on Friday October 28 beginning at 9:00 am. You can also drop them off on Saturday morning.

Thank you so much for helping us bless our community through our Fall Festival!!

Want to share in the excitement? Sign up to help with the cake walk.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. two miles  
(John 11:18)

**CHURCH STAFF**

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# **WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO FUMCC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022**



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*Pictured Bottom: ltr Susan Long, Tara, Harper, Hayden and Cody Brackett*



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