



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

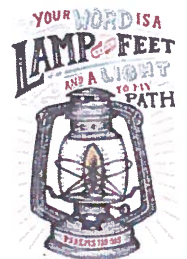
October 25, 2022

Back in the “good old days” Beth and I went camping with our kids when they were young [note: camping is NOT on this pastor’s top 100 fun things]. You know the routine. We’d get all the little Woods children ready for bed, make sure no bears were going to eat them during the night. Then we would snap all the snaps and tuck them into their sleeping bags, tied up all the flaps and zipped all the zippers on the tent door. Finally, having found the least uncomfortable piece of ground we could find, we’d all settle into our sleeping bags.

Just as Beth and I were beginning to get sleepy, you’d hear the voice, “I’ve got to go potty!” Great! Somehow we were missing the most important nighttime routine of all. So I unzip my bag, unzip the sleeping bag they’re in, get a jacket and shoes on the child, shoes on me, unsnap the snaps, untie the ties, unzip the zippers, and march around in the darkness in the campground heading for the bathroom.

My best friend at that time of night? Our trusty Coleman camp lantern. Not that it exactly illuminated the whole campground, or even our whole destination for that matter. But it did tell me what I needed to know; where to step next.

In Psalm 119:105 we read, “**Your word is a lamp to my feet. It is a light for my path.**” I can’t read this without thinking about a night walk through the campground with my little lantern. It’s that lantern – that lamp for our feet that gets us where we need to go. It’s what God says His Word can do for us to get us through life, showing us where to step next.



Sure, we’d like for Him to light up the whole route and where the path is going. But generally, the Lord just shows us what we can handle right now. Guess what that is? The next step. I mean, just how many steps can you take at a time anyway?

In an effort to discern our “next step” in this process of leaving the United Methodist denomination, we will have another informational meeting.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING #3
NEXT STEPS in DISAFFILIATION**

**Sunday, November 13 4:00pm
in the Sanctuary**

We will gather to discuss what our next steps might look like for us here at First. You know, sometimes this business of “God’s will” (whether for your life or for our church) sounds a bit overwhelming. But really all Jesus is asking us to give Him is today – one day at a time. “**Take up your cross daily and follow Me**”, Jesus once said. See, God’s macro will is made up of thousands of micro wills; in small micro-obediences that ultimately become a whole life lived for Him.

Grace and Peace,

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:

David & Lauren Hamilton, Mark & Rachel Hamilton,
Ronnie & Jean Hampton, Bill, Jennifer & Michael Harris,
Ron & Dottie Harris, Ralph & Patricia Hatch.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for the phone calls, visits, flowers, cards and especially the many prayers.

I miss you and love you all.

Mary Ann Simpson

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

Michael Moritz - Trinity Village (Room 306)
1265 21st St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-2006

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 (Room 138)
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.

MEMORIALS



Children's Bank

In memory of Luke Sigmon on the anniversary of his heart transplant of October 31st. by his grandparents, Brad & Kim Little.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local Missions)

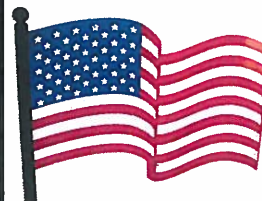
In memory of Larry Currie by:
Paul & Mary DeLetter

HONORARIUMS

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Local Missions)

In honor of Pastor John and Pastor Charmaigne by:
Susan Hunsucker

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

None

NEWS TO USE

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.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"I am the resurrection, and the life," said Jesus to
 a. Lazarus
 b. Martha
 c. Mary
 d. no one in particular

(The correct answer is on the back of the

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence October 23, 2022
 Sunday School
 87

Worship:	
8:45am Service	97
11:00am Service	92
Live streaming	32
	<u>221</u>

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 9,281.00
 (Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank	170.40
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
(Local Missions Fund)	
Preschool Fund	50.00
Total	<u>\$ 9,601.40</u>

THANK YOU

Dear church family,
 Thank you for all the cards and prayers for me and my family regarding my brother, Eddie Sigmon's passing.

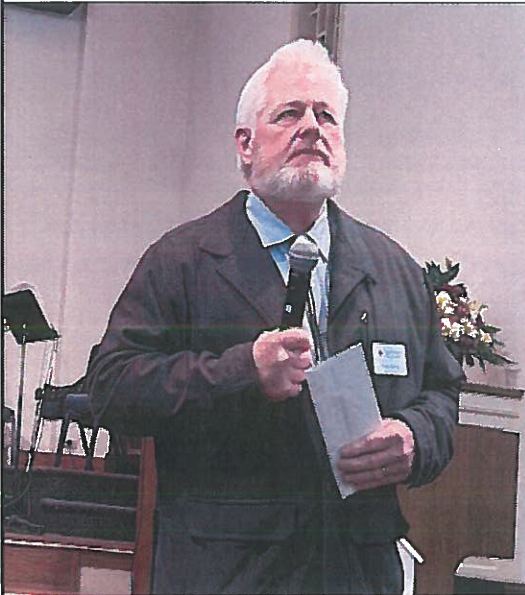
It is a blessing to have such loving and caring friends.

Blessings,
 Martha Drum & Ken Johnson

Pastor John and Beth have a

NEW ADDRESS

208 2nd Street NE
 Conover, NC 28613



Presentation of Children's Bank Offering

Rob Slack of the American Red Cross came to speak and accept our Children's Bank Offering for the months of July, August & September.

The amount of \$803.45 was donated to the American Red Cross Hurricane Ian victims.

Baby Shower

for

Emma Hamilton Tozser

Sat. November 5th 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

Join us in welcoming this gift into the world.



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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:

b. Martha
(John 11:24-25)

CHURCH STAFF

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REMINDERS

Harvest Festival for Jesus

It is here!!!! We are down to the wire!! It is HAPPENING!!

Thursday: Perimeter flags and fencing will start at 10am.

Friday: Day 2 of set up starts at 10am.

Join us anytime. We are a fun crowd!!

You may drop your donation to the Cake Walk off. The back door of the Connor Family Life Center (CFLC) starting at 9am. The door will be open, please leave your items on the table.

Saturday: 10am we will need all abled bodies to set up. Think tables and chairs, trash cans, hand sanitizers, Yard Sale Give-away items and so on and so on.

There is so much that can only be done on Saturday so every set of hands will be welcomed on Saturday.

Still needed:

We do still need a few pop-ups, big ice chests and **FOUR** more folks willing to help in the parking lot to direct traffic.

And last but definitely not the least we need all the help we can get at 6pm with tear down, pack up and take out of all natures. Most of all, please cover this event in its entirety with prayer.

2022 Harvest Festival for Jesus Leadership Team

HOOPS for CHRIST

Registrations are open!!

We will fill 4 teams per league (K-2 & 3rd-5th) with 8 players per team.

The fee is \$10 per player that will be paid to the church.

<https://forms.gle/QYVwPaKy8d8LLqJJ6>



**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS TO FUMCC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022**



Karen & Dan Windham

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Hickory, NC 28602**

**Answering Machine: (828) 381-9551
Cell Phone: (828) 294-0174
Email: kafawindham4@gmail.com**

November 2022

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2022

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 30	31	Nov 1 09am-Vol. Day at ECCCM 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	2 10:30am Luke Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice	3 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	4 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	5 2-4pm Baby Shower for Emma H. Tozer (CFLC reserved 11am-5pm)
6 2pm-Veteran's Celebration (CFLC (reserved 12-5pm)) YOUTH SUNDAY	7 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	8 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	9 10:30am Luke Bible Study (CFLC) 1PM - Queen Esther's 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	10 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	11 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY VETERAN'S DAY	12
13 4pm-Baby Shower (CFLC 2-6pm reserved by Cheryl Markland) 4pm-Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)	14 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts	15 7pm Luke Bible Study (CFLC)	16 10:30am Luke Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice	17 7pm - Hand & Foot cardgame (Faithbuilders' class)	18 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	19
20 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service (FUM/CC Sanctuary)	21 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	22	23 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room) PRESCHOOL BREAK	24 OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL BREAK THANKSGIVING DAY	25 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) PRESCHOOL BREAK	26
27	28 6:30-7:30pm-Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-8pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	29 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 6-8pm Hoops Practice (CFLC 5-9pm) 7pm Choir practice	30	Dec 1	2	3

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rodney Burgess Mike Spencer	2 Matthew Fiorucci Jean Hampton	3 Cody Brackett Kimberly Reynolds Cameron Sherbert	4	5 Troy Spencer
6 Saryn Pennell Beth Prater Danielle Sigmon	7 Corey Keisler Zander Spencer	8 Cindy Clark Addison Punch Donald Scronce	9 Hollie Williamson	10 Buck Calloway	11 Justin Cote Taylor Little	12 Toni Dilley Tim Hawn
13 Michelle Brackett Mary Mason	14	15	16	17 Roger Johnson Chip Little	18 Annabella Stoltz	19 Jody Porter
20 Maddox Conner Madiynn Conner McKenzie Morrow Wyatt Rockett	21 Mark Deal	22 Aywah Hearne Jeannie Houston	23 Beth Boston Fara Dellinger Emmett Wike	24 Damian Gibson Larry Lowdermilk Eva Mays Neika Peterson Vata Shook Winford Tucker	25 Patricia Hatch Jailyn Kimsey Jerry Patterson	26 Bradley Markland
27 Danny Baucom Sandy Baucom Sue James Chase Little	28 Daniel Barbersek Ann Cook	29 Anthony Price	30			

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Derrick and Joni Thornburg	3	4	5
6 Dixon and Margery Adams	7 Elbert and Lee Ann Parris Winford and Adelia Tucker	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Harry and Trenia Monk	17	18	19
20 Chris and Amber Boston	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Jeff and Anne Barrier	29	30 Jack and Gaye Hoke			