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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

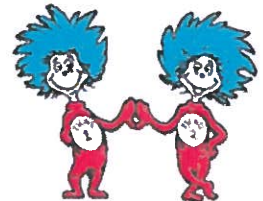
November 8, 2022



Two Important “THINGS” to Know

CONGREGATIONAL DISAFFILIATION MEETING #3

Sunday, November 13 – 4:00pm in Sanctuary



In our ongoing time of prayer and discernment about the future direction of our congregation, we will host another congregational meeting to bring everyone up to date on where things stand.

Moreover, we will spend some time talking together about the logistics/nuts and bolts of the January 8 vote – who may vote, how we will vote, costs associated with leaving the UMC denomination, etc. We'll also talk next steps and where “we go from here” after the vote. We will consider our options for joining other denominations, and lay out our expectations.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



Conover Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20 – 6:00 p.m.

at First U.M.C. – Conover!

James Faust once said: “The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us.” Or as the Psalm 106 tells us “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.”

Join us as we gather across denominational lines to give thanks to God as a community of believers. The service will be from 6:00–7:00 p.m. as we gratefully celebrate God’s bounty and our unity in the Body of Christ.

A canned food collection will be taken to care for the hungry of our area. We will also receive an offering which will be split between “The Corner Table” and “ECCCM”.

Invite a friend and join us!

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:

Sylvia Hansmann, Eddie & Connie Henderson,
Gene & Lil Hendricks, Sharon Hendricks,
Scottie, Kim, Nathan & Holly Hentschel,
Al, Lisa & Lucas Hernandez.



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.



IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Gilda Pennell at CVMC (At home)

MEMORIALS

Audio/Visual Fund

In memory of Jerry Shepherd by:
Debbie Wentz

THANK YOU

Brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the donations made to the various ministries of our church and to Carolina Caring in honor and memory of my husband Ken.

Your love and generosity means more than words can express. I am so blessed to be a part of this family of believers.

God bless you all.
Dianne Hollar

ECCCM Request for NOVEMBER

In November, ECCCM food request is for flour, cornmeal, and sugar. Any and all food is greatly appreciated and needed!

Your on-going donation of plastic bags is wonderful. Donations may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between Pastor Charmaine's office and the CFLC.

Thanks, Anita Deal,
ECCCM representative

HELP NEEDED

ECCCM is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, November 15 and possibly Wednesday, November 16, to assist with a mailing preparation.

This is a sit down task beginning at 9:00 a.m. Several of you have graciously assisted with this in the past. Thank you for that support of ECCCM.



ECCCM
Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc.

NEWS TO USE

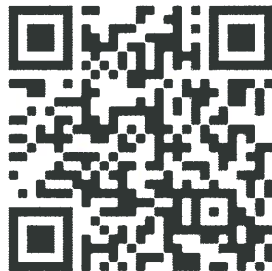
Volunteers Needed for our Hoops for Christ Youth Basketball Ministry

The purpose of the Hoops for Christ program is to learn about the love of Christ through the game of basketball for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. This basketball league is one of our church's largest ministries that annually serves 60+ children and their families in Conover and our surrounding community.

Here are a few ways you can volunteer to help make this possible:

- Spread the word! The Kindergarten - 2nd grade division is FULL, however, we are extending registration for the 3rd - 5th grade division through November 25th or when we reach capacity (Less than 10 spots remaining!). Share about the program on social media or invite your friends and neighbors to play with us this season. To access the online registration form, use you camera app on your smart phone to scan the QR code located below. For assistance or questions, contact Lindsay Keisler at 828-446-3729 or lkeisler@catawbachamber.org.
- Sign up to share a devotion! All games include a short spiritual message for all spectators in attendance. This short devotion is a great opportunity to share encouragement and the Good News of Jesus with our friends and neighbors. If you are willing, please contact Pastor Charmaine who is managing the sign-up process.

Serve as a Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Game Day Set-Up Volunteer! If you are willing to give of your time to support this ministry in any of these ways, please contact Lee Moritz at 828-850-4331 or lmoritz605@cvcc.edu.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

When Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone" from the cave, Martha objected that, since Lazarus had been dead 4 days,

- a. his features would be unsightly
- b. there would be an odor
- c. the grave cloths would have rotted
- d. it might prove too late

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence November 6, 2022

Sunday School

N/A

Worship:

10:30am Service	155
Live streaming	<u>25</u>
	180

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 14,307.00

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

Audio/Video System Fund 2,100.00

Children's Bank 86.50

Total \$ 16,493.50

GOODTIMERS!

Our lunch for November will be moved to Thursday, November 17th and we will be having pizza! We also need desserts. If you are able to make a dessert, please call Eddie Warren at (828) 464-9643.

Mark your calendar! Invite a friend!

And we will see you on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 12:00 noon!!!



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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. there would be an odor
(John 11:39)

CHURCH STAFF

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Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 (ps@fumcconover.org)
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Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
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Website:	www.fumcconover.org

MORE NEWS TO USE

HARVEST FESTIVAL for JESUS

A few of our volunteers may ask, "why no thank you letter last week in the Newsletter", but sometimes it is a good thing to wait a week or so.

Over the last week I have heard (I feel certain you have too), "How great your Harvests Festival is", "It is the best Festival ever", "your Church is so nice to do this for the community", "I cannot believe your Church gives everything for free", "You have an amazing CHURCH", and they go on.

People that were in need of the simplest thing found it at the Free Yard Sale.

People need to feel love and that someone cares about them.

Stop and think what you have heard from your friends and neighbors that came out to the Festival.

How many of you were questioned by our guests about OUR Church? They wanted to know more. They said they would visit our Church.

I have said "we need to plant a seed for the future harvest" at our planning meetings and at our prayer just before the opening of the Festival. We have done just that, planted those seeds....for the Glory of GOD. We may never get to see these seeds grow, but we will get to see these seeds harvested when we all get to heaven. What a day of rejoicing that will be!!

None of this would have been possible without the immense help from so many volunteers.

The planning committee that met every few weeks to pull this together (and put up with me!)

The folks that.....

Helped Set Up (took two and a half days)

Brought in Candy

Brought in all the Baked Goods for the Cake Walk

Worked the Games Booths

Worked the Bouncy House and Inflatable

Worked the Food Court

Ran the Pop Corn Machine

Entertained the crowd

The Douglas Band from Charlotte

OUR Praise Team

Worked and managed the Hay Rides (we had three running non stop)

Provided tractors and trailers and a 1927 Model T Truck for the Hay Ride

Worked the Free Yard Sale (set up, manage and tear down)

Worked the Parking Lot (including a Shuttle Service)

Brought out the Vintage Cars

Worked the Welcome Desk

Worked the Prayer Garden

Worked the Cake Walk

Managed sanitation

Worked as Gofers

Blew up a thousand balloons (group of our ladies did this - plenty of hot air - LOL! Love you ladies)

The Astronomy Club

The Conover Fire Dept

The Hickory Police Dept

Loaned all the well needed Golf Carts

Gave endless hours of their time

Gave supplies needed to construct the Carnival Style Games (super hit this year)

Provided Meals for the Volunteers

And oh yes, Tear Down - what went up over a course of almost three days and came down in less than three hours.

Without all of YOU, your love for your community, your love for your CHURCH, your LOVE for your GOD, none of this would have been possible. YOU have shown the LOVE of CHRIST through your actions to a community (World) in need. YOU have shown what it means to be a CHURCH (forget the denomination), what it means to be a CHRISTIAN and what it means to be one of GOD's Children.

Through Christ our Lord, I humbly and gratefully thank you.

Anthony Price

GOOD IS GOOD, ALL the TIME GOD IS GOOD.....

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! With the Advent and Christmas season fast approaching, we will again be offering you the opportunity to order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. Order forms are available through Sunday November 20. There will be a collection box for your orders and money located on the organ bench, or you can hand deliver to Susan Hunsucker.

Poinsettias are \$11.00 each and checks should be made payable to FUMCC with a designation of "poinsettia" in the memo section.

****ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 20th****

THANKSGIVING CHEER

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. Would you please take a moment this month to call, visit or send a card to our members in our nursing facilities or that are homebound? Names and addresses are in the Newsletter so that you can spread love, encouragement and gratitude to these special members.

While you are preparing for the holidays keep these members in mind. Bags will be placed in the Commons Area after Thanksgiving to fill with expressions of your love and gratitude.



Thank you for your love and care for those who can't be with us each week.

The Caring Ministry of FUMCC

STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

Hello FUMC-Conover family,

*"Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you."
Psalms 89:8 NIV*

So begins one of our early morning devotions and exercise sessions with Wellness Witness founder, Kara Osborne. Kara believes the workout is the warm-up for time spent seeking and learning from God.

Our group of ladies meet at our own Connor Family Life Center, MWF, from 5:30-6:10am each week. We do 30 minutes of exercise, using a variety of formats. These include strength (we bring our own weights, but Kara always has some to spare), body weight tabatas, kickboxing, drumming, choreographed exercises, cardio, and more. The time is highly personalized for those who prefer low-impact or need modifications due to mobility issues. Our goals are to honor the Lord, have fun, grow in self-discipline, become stronger in our bodies, and develop into a community of women who support and pray for one another.

We would like to personally invite you to join us! We have ladies from 7 to 70+, so the class is a good fit for any age. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Michele Moritz, 828-612-6747.

Fastfacts

What: Tribe 5:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class

Where: Connor Family Life Center

**When: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
5:30 a.m.- 6:10 a.m.**

Leader: Kara Osborne, founder of Wellness Witness



The rner Table

Feeding Needs of Catawba County

COMMUNITY KITCHEN • BACKPACK PROGRAM • FROZEN MEALS

Christmas Candy Tin Fundraiser

*Purchase a gift with meaning this holiday season.
Proceeds from our Christmas Candy fundraiser will feed hungry people all year long.*

Candy Tins include:

Chocolate Fudge
White Chocolate Christmas Crackle
Peppermint Bark
Peanut Butter Balls

Price: \$25

Please send your orders to:

The Corner Table, P.O. Box 1051, Newton, NC 28658 or Email to info@thecornertable.org

Pick up is Friday, December 9, 2022, and Friday, December 16, 2022, between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

We are located at 122 N Main Ave, Newton, NC 28658. Questions? Call 828-464-0355

Christmas Candy Tin Order Form

Due by Friday, November 18, 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Email: _____

Number Of Tins Ordered: _____ @**\$25 each** Tin Total \$ _____

Number of Mailing Boxes: _____ @**\$2.00 each** Box Total \$ _____

Order Total: \$ _____

Preferred Pick-Up Day: **Friday, Dec. 9th** **Friday, Dec. 16th** **No Preference**

Paid Cash **Paid Check #** _____ **I will pay on pick up day**

Credit Card Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CSC: _____

Signature to Authorize Credit Card Payment: _____