



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

December 20, 2022



*Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask You to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with You there — Luke 2:7*

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

The Staff of FUMCC

Pastor John

Pastor Charmaine

Robin

Jon

Shannon

Kevin

Pilar

Luisa

The Preschool Staff

Julie R.

Ginger

Yvette

Jamie

Madigan

Colleen

Julie C.

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:

Clyde & Carol Kistler, Dennis & Jo Ellen Knecht, Katie Knecht, Sara Knecht, Chris, Jessica & Stella Koenig, Cheryl Krantz.

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

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

Michael Moritz - 310 3rd Ave NW,
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 244-0091 - Debbie's cell

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 256-1421

Leta Tucker 123 21st Avenue NE
Conover, NC 28613

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

Ruthie Thornburg at Frye RMC (Room 482)

MEMORIAL Local Missions Fund

In memory of Pat Good by:
Connie & Eddie Henderson

A Note of Very Grateful Thanks to our Church Family

Words can hardly express our profound gratitude for all of you. What an amazing joy to be a part of this church staff. We want to thank you for the incredible outpouring of love and support you have given to each of us. We especially want to thank you for the abundant generosity you have shown us during Christmas. From Christmas cards and candy to baked goods and your wonderful staff love offering, you were all extremely generous in your love to us.

God has richly blessed us through you and we are so grateful to be part of this First UMC family!

The Staff of FUMCC

Pastor John Pastor Charmaine

Robin Jon

Julie Shannon

Luisa Kevin

Pilar



Thanks from the staff!

AS A COURTESY...

Please help us to make all of our new members and visitors feel at home during worship services by wearing your name tags.



NEWS TO USE

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00pm & 6:00pm

(Sanctuary)

(Come as you are.)



PASTOR'S QUIZ

The source of Herod's information as to the town where the Christ was to be born was

- a. the wise men
- b. his security police
- c. Micah
- d. Joseph

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence December 18, 2022

Sunday School
71

Worship:
8:45am Service 124
11:00am Service 155
Live streaming 32
311

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 10,878.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$13,609)

Children's Bank 59.10
"Hoops for Christ" 10.00
Local Missions Fund 200.00
Total \$ 11,147.10

Deposited 12/15/22

Staff Love Offering 100.00

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 2022

10:30am

(Sanctuary)



**Adult Sunday School at 9:30 (Sanctuary - led
by Pastor John)**

**Children's Sunday School at 9:30 (CFLC - led
by Pastor Charmaine)**

Same schedule for New Year's Day!

SCHEDULE FOR OFFICE HOURS

If you have donations and offerings that you would like counted in 2022, please be sure they are mailed by Monday, Dec. 26th in order to be received by Wednesday, Dec. 28th. You may also drop your offerings in the mailbox at the church by noon on Thursday, Dec. 29th.

The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Tuesday, Dec. 27 for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Please call the Pastors in an emergency.

**There will not be a
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next week.**

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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. the wise men
(Matthew 2:1-8; Micah 5:2)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumconover.org) (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell
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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@fumconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fumconover.org

You are cordially invited to a **Birthday Celebration!!**

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

- Date:** Every day Traditionally December 25, but He's always around, so the date is flexible...
- Time:** Whenever you're ready. (Please don't be late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun!)
- Place:** In your heart... He'll meet you there, (You'll hear Him knock.)
- Attire:** Come as you are ... grubbies are okay. He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.
- Tickets:** *Admission* is free. He's already paid for everyone ... (He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it anyway ...) It cost Him everything He had. But you do need to accept the ticket!!!
- Refreshments:** New Wine, bread, and a far-out drink He calls "Living Water," followed by a supper that promised to be out of this world!
- Gift Suggestions:** Your life. He's one of those people who already has Every thing else. He's very generous in return though. Just wait until you see what He has for you!
- Entertainment:** Joy, peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in paradise, Contentment, and much more!
- R.S.V.P.** Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Party being given by: His Kids (that's us!!) Hope to see you there!

For those of you whom I will see at the party, share this with someone today!

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

~ John 14:6 ~

Merry Christmas!!



January 2023

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 New Year's Day (United States)	2 New Year's Day (Observed) (United States)	3 09am-Vol. Day at ECCM 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)	4 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 6-8pm Hoops Practice (CFLC reserved) 7pm Choir practice	5 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	6 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	7 8:30am-12:30pm HOOPS Games (CFLC reserved) 7:30am-1:30pm
8 3pm-CHURCH CONFERENCE-VOTING (CFLC - doors open at 2:00pm)	9 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room)	10 1pm - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot 6-8pm Hoops Practice 7pm Choir practice	11 1PM - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot 6-8pm Hoops Practice 7pm Choir practice	12 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	13 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	14 8:30am-12:30pm HOOPS Games (CFLC reserved) 7:30am-1:30pm
15	16 Martin Luther King Day (United States) Office Closed	17	18 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 6-8pm Hoops Practice (CFLC reserved) 7pm Choir practice	19 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	20 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom)	21 8:30am-12:30pm HOOPS Games (CFLC reserved) 7:30am-1:30pm
22 hold for red cross	23	24	25 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 6-8pm Hoops Game+Awards 7pm Choir practice	26 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room)	27 12:00pm PAUMCS-Robin (CFLC/Kit) 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders)	28 8:30am-10:30pm Hoops Games + Awards K-2 (CFLC reserved) 7:30am-11:30pm
29 hold for red cross	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Eric Clark	3 Pam Lowdermilk	4	5	6	7
8	9 Tommy Hall	10 Loni Barbersek Sierra Goble	11 Evelyn Brooks Carole Cloninger Dennis Knecht	12 Wayne Thornburg Brandon Vigue	13 Roxxi Slaughter	14
15 Cole Cushman Bradley Yount	16 Wendy Price	17 Laurie Cashion	18 Mark Pennell Sydney Roberts Reese Rockett	19 Taylor Carter Jacob Scott	20 Michael Greco Jaunita Whisnant	21 Layla Deal Haley Matthews
22	23 Robert Matthews	24 Elizabeth Hornick	25 Andy Briggs	26 Michele Moritz Debbie Wike	27 Lucas Hernandez	28 Tony Garrison Jonathan Myers
29 Anne Calloway Greta Induni Carolyn Whitlock	30 Nancy Wall	31 Linda Birchfield Wende Briggs Lori Schulze Lori Sigmon				

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Andy and Wende Briggs	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Jimmy and Cindy Clark Gerald and Sandy Loftin	17	18	19 Dave and Cheryl Markland	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Ann and Fred Cook	28
29	30	31				