

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

January 24, 2023

Presenting Ed Kilbourne

Yes! Ed is back by popular demand!! Singer, storyteller, and folk-theologian, Ed Kilbourne, will be leading a Senior Adult Vacation Bible School May 8-10, 2023. This popular artist is known for his unique collections of moving music, quirky humor, and insightful monologues. Ed lead a Senior Adult VBS a while ago and everyone had so much fun. I encourage you to invite more friends to join us this year.

The Bible School itself will be held Monday, May 8th through Wednesday, May 10th beginning at 9:30 with gathering and social time and then the Bible School sessions from 10:00 to noon (with a short break). Each session of storytelling, music, humor and worship ends at 12 followed by a meal.

A donation of \$20 per person is suggested to help with the cost. Mark your calendars. You do NOT want to miss this amazing event.

Pastor Charmaine

Soul Sisters Circle Soup Sale!

Time to stock your freezers! The Soul Sisters Circle will be selling their delicious homemade soups on Sunday, February 5th in the Commons area from 10:00 – 1:00am.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PREORDER YOUR SOUPS SO WE CAN GUARANTEE YOUR CHOICES! Preordered soups can also be picked up on Saturday, February 4th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in the kitchen of the Connor Family Life Center.

The soups are \$6 for a pint. There are (3) delicious offerings: Cheesy Potato, Chicken with Wild Rice and Vegetables, and Hamburger Taco Soup.

You can preorder your soup by calling Rita Deal at (828) 465-7273 and leaving a message or emailing Rita at msdeal@charter.net.

All proceeds will be used to support our missions. Thank you for your support!

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:

Karen Martin, Tony & Kathy Martin, Evan, Sydney and Elijah Matson, Mike, Kelly, Laci & Haley Matthews, Robert Matthews, Robin & Windy Mays.

THANK YOU

FUMC Blood Drive in Memory of Michael Moritz

The Moritz family would like to thank our church for your overwhelming support of the Jan 22 blood drive in memory of Michael Moritz. Your prayers, presence, gifts, and service during this event filled our hearts to overflowing with the love of Christ our Lord. Cindy, the Red Cross Supervisor for this event, stated that this was the best blood drive she had ever done. The Red Cross goal for the event was set at 32; we surpassed the goal, ending with 42 units of blood donated, and 52 total check-ins. Many others came, but were not able to be fitted in due to time. We were able to pray with the staff at the end, finishing at 7:30 Sunday night. Our hope is to make this an annual event. We are so thankful and give all the glory to God for the great things He is doing at FUMC-Conover. May He bless you all!

— Philippians 1:6

Michele S. Moritz

Fellowship Group for Girls Starting Soon!

A new group for girls 2nd grade through 5th grade will be starting in February. Older girls are welcome also and will be given some leadership opportunities. The group will meet weekly and will have components of Bible study, service projects, fellowship, and fun. Meeting location will be at John and Beth Woods home, but may vary according to the group's activities.

More information about meeting times and dates will be announced soon, but we would like to have input from anyone who is interested. Girls are welcomed and encouraged to invite friends from beyond the church. Anyone who is interested or who has questions, please contact Beth Woods at 336-480-4551 or at Woods777@aol.com.



IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS General Fund

In memory of Michael Moritz by:
Mabel Lawing
Barbara & Brock Weaver
Clyde & Carol Kistler
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank

In memory of Richard Matthews by:
Mark Propst (Mark's Gutter Service)
Cody Propst (Propst Insulation)
Cliff & Debbie Wike
Clyde & Carol Kistler

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Richard Matthews by:
Pat & Alice Woods

Preschool Fund

In memory of Yvette Bumgarner by:
Amos, Isaac & Mary London

THANK YOU

Dear church family,

Your acts of kindness and support during this time of the loss of our grandson, Hayden Andrew Deal, have been amazing and encouraging.

We feel so blessed to be part of this compassionate church family. God's love and blessings to each of you,

Junior and Anita Deal

THANK YOU

Words cannot express the love that we have felt over the last few months for our church family. This truly is the best church family anyone could have. Thank you for all the calls, text, cards, donations, and the blood given this weekend in memory of Michael. But most of all, Thank you so much for your prayers. We have definitely felt each and everyone of them.

Debbie, Kyle, and Erin

NEWS TO USE

ARE YOU READY TO START A JOURNEY?

Can you believe it? It is that time again. Time to start planning our 2023 Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk. So I am asking all of those who have helped and all of those who are willing to help to please attend our first meeting on Sunday, January 29th at 2:00pm (tentatively in the CFLC) I look forward to seeing all of you there.
Anthony Price

Prayer Walk dates are:
Sunday April 2nd to Wednesday April 5th
Friday April 7th
Clean Up Saturday April 8th

THANK YOU

Rick and I continue to be so grateful for our church family. We are thankful to all for your continued prayers, cards, goody bags, and the love and support you always give to us. We also greatly appreciate those who visited and shared so many Christmas carols with us. Again thank you for your love and support.

Linda Parker

ECCCM NEWS

In January, ECCCM is requesting donations of canned soup or broth. Of course, any donations are much appreciated!

Please leave any food donations and plastic bags in the red bins in the hallway between Pastor Charmaigne's office and the CFLC.

Anita Deal



VALENTINE CHEER

Love is in the air and the Caring Ministry requests your help spreading love and joy to our homebound and nursing facility members. Bags have been placed outside Pastor Charmaigne's office with the names of 14 of our treasured members. We invite you to bring Valentine cards and goodies to add to each bag on Sunday morning or drop them by during the week.

The deadline will be **February 5th** so that we can deliver before Valentine's Day.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping with this ministry.

The Caring Ministry Team



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Upon Jesus' baptism, when the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son," the Spirit of God descended like

- a. an eagle
- b. a cloud
- c. a dove
- d. a pillar of fire

(The correct answer is on the back of the

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence January 22, 2023

Sunday School:

82

Worship:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| 8:45am Service | 104 |
| 11:00am Service | 126 |
| Live streaming | <u>61</u> |
| | 291 |

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 20,997.50

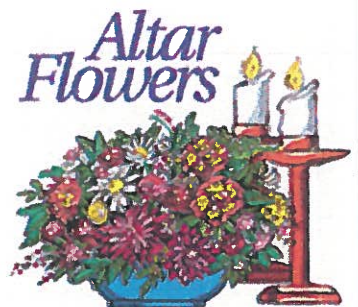
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,716)

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| Children's Bank | 82.71 |
| Pastor's Disc. Fund | 25.00 |
| Preschool Fund | 50.00 |
| (Playground) | |
| Methodist Men | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total | \$21,335.21 |

FLOWER CHART FOR 2023

If you wish to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 and ask for available dates.

Thank you,
Robin Mays



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CHILDREN'S BANK OFFERING
PRESENTED TO
SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME

The children's bank offering for October, November, and December of 2022 in the amount of \$1,001.55 was presented to Jamie Brown, CEO of Sipe's Orchard Home. Pictured left to right are Pastor John Woods and Jamie Brown.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. a dove
(Matthew 3:16-17)

CHURCH STAFF

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumconover.org) (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell |
| Associate Pastor of Faith Development | Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com) (781) 913-4415 - cell |
| Office Administrator / Financial Secretary | Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.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@fumconover.org) |
| Lead Nursery Worker | Pilar Tobar |
| Custodian | Luisa Toro Bryan |
| Church Office | (828) 464-4635 |
| Website: | www.fumconover.org |

MORE NEWS TO USE

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

Martha Johnston - Abernathy Laurels - Harmony Court (Room 1043)

102 Leonard Ave. Newton, NC 28658

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

Ruthie Thornburg - Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation (Room 604)

539 Third Street SW, Taylorsville, NC 28681

(828) 632-8146

John & Betsy Hemmings, 2537 Birdie Lane

Conover, NC 28613

(828) 459-9444

Lee & Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613

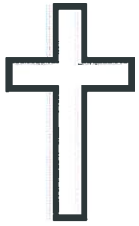
(828) 464-3383

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237, Conover, NC 28613

(828) 256-1421

Leta Tucker 123 21st Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601

If you know of any homebound members that need to be on our list, please contact the church office at (828) 464-4635.

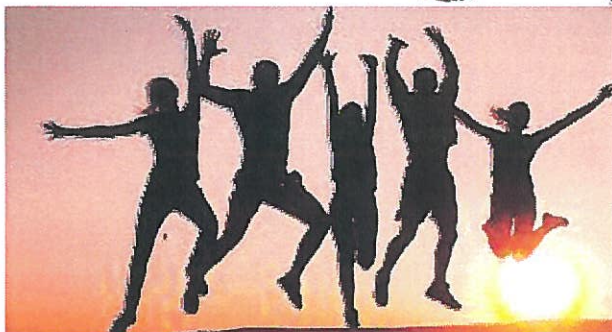
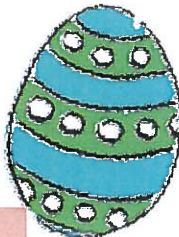


First United Methodist Church - Conover

Youth - Spring 2023



| Date | Time | Where | Address | What |
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| February 5 | Noon | Dos Amigos in Conover | 1222 Conover Blvd W Conover | Lunch |
| February 19 | 4:00 pm | Udderly Delicious | 131 US-70 Hickory | Ice Cream & Putt Putt |
| March 5 | 4:00 pm | Bradley Markland's House | 1769 Claude Rd Conover | Youth Meeting |
| March 19 | 4:00 pm | Rylee Garrison's House | 3187 Branhus St Catawba | Movie Night |
| April 2 | 4:00 pm | The Ross' Farm | 6030 Oxford School Rd Claremont | Teen Egg Hunt |
| April 16 | 4:00 pm | Sophia Job's House | 1704 Cordia Circle Newton | Youth Meeting |
| April 30 | 4:00 pm | FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center | 410 First Avenue North Conover | Youth Sunday Practice |
| May 7 | 4:00 pm | FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center | 411 First Avenue North Conover | Youth Sunday Practice |
| May 17 or 18 | TBD | FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center | 412 First Avenue North Conover | Youth Sunday Practice |
| May 20 | 9:00 am | FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center | 413 First Avenue North Conover | Set Up for Youth Sunday |
| May 21 | 9:00 am | FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center | 414 First Avenue North Conover | Youth Sunday! - Wear Youth Shirt |



February 2023

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March 2023

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Jan 29 | 30 | 31 | Feb 1 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room) | 2 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room) Groundhog Day (United States) | 3 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 4 08am-4pm Soul Sisters (Kitchen - Making soup) 6pm Baby Shower (12-7pm CFLC - |
| 5 | 6 09am-Vol. Day at ECCCM 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor) | 7 09am-Vol. Day at ECCCM 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor) | 8 1PM - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice | 9 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room) | 10 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 11 |
| 12 | 13 2pm - Circle #2 Meeting (Conference room) | 14 Valentine's Day (United States) | 15 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room) | 16 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 6:30pm Methodist Men (Kitchen & CFLC 3-9pm) - Robin Mays | 17 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 18 |
| 19 2pm Church Meeting-Next Steps (CFLC) | 20 PRESCHOOL CLOSED Presidents' Day (United States) | 21 | 22 1pm Hand & Foot (Scout Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room) | 23 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Scout Room) | 24 7pm Dominos (Faithbuilders classroom) | 25 2:30-4:30pm Birthday Party-reserved by Jan Morrow (CFLC 1:30-5:30pm) |
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Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 Christine Van Rooyen Michael Van Rooyen | 6 | 7 Betsy Hemmings Donna Ross | 8 Christiney Haggins Cheryl Hedrick | 9 Elaine Biles Taylor Rockett Hannah Whisnant | 10 | 11 Gerald Loftin Anne Spencer |
| 12 Matthew Hornick Caroline Porter Jean Slate | 13 | 14 Melissa Fisher | 15 Anna Rockett | 16 Lisa Hernandez Brad Little Felicia Little Chris McCoy | 17 Holly Hentschel Karen Martin Samantha Rockett Melissa Steelmon | 18 Patricia Howard John Sherbert |
| 19 Grace Ann Beatty Jack Hoke Josh Sigmom | 20 Peggy Currie | 21 Donna Chipley Doug Rockett CaliWrynn Wike | 22 Finley Cloninger Tyler Johnson | 23 Diane Howard Mack Little | 24 David Rockett | 25 Jessica Koenig Kelly Matthews |
| 26 Kaitlin Hornick | 27 Anita Deal Kathy Martin | 28 Alex Putzer Donna Rudisill Ron Ward | | | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 Leonard and Patricia Walling | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Scott and Michelle Gilleland | 10 Clay and Vicki Rockett | 11 |
| 12 Rodney and Darlene Burgess | 13 | 14 | 15 Michael and Tammy Goode | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Donald and Carolyn Scronce | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Al and Lisa Hernandez | 27 Eric and Kim Connor | 28 | | | | |