

Our Vision:



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

*“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 31, 2023



“Where DO We Go From Here?”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 19th at 2:00pm

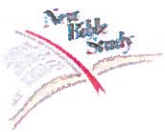
You have questions....

- *What happens now that we voted to leave the United Methodist denomination?*
- *How much do we have to pay to disaffiliate? ➤ How will we do come up with the money?*
- *What’s going to change at my church and what’s not going to change?*
- *Are we going to connect with other churches that have done this?*

We’ll try to give some answers....

With our historic vote earlier this month, we’re only halfway done. Voting to leave was one step. The second step is figuring out where we go from here.

Join us as we try to give some answers to these questions and chart the next steps for our church family.



A new 9-week Bible Study!

Acts



Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 p. m. or Wednesdays, 10:-:30-11:45 a.m.

beginning February 21st/22nd (Materials to be distributed the week before.)

The book of Acts tells the story of what happens to his followers after Jesus returned to heaven. The Holy Spirit shows up (just as Jesus had promised), the church starts to grow, and the things Jesus said before He died begin to make sense to his followers.

This fast-moving historical account of the first three decades of the church begins in Jerusalem just after Jesus' resurrection, recounts how the gospel reached beyond Israel into the rest of the Roman Empire, and closes with the apostle Paul's two year ministry in Rome.

“The Acts of the Apostles” may be a misnomer since what is recorded are the acts of the Holy Spirit through His human vessels, including the apostles, for the glory of God.

Join us as we spend this spring delving deeper into this fascinating second half of Luke’s writings!

Call or email the church office to sign up!

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:

Connie McCoy, Jennifer & Todd Miller, Greg Monk, Harry & Trenia Monk, Johnny & Denise Moose, Debbie, Kyle & Erin 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.



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 Charmaine'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



IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Richard Matthews by:
Jimmy & Cindy Clark

In memory of Michael Moritz by:
Nancy Clarke

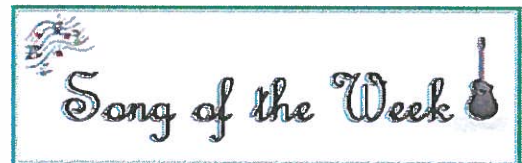
Preschool Fund (Playground)

In memory of Yvette Bumgarner by:
Nancy Clarke
Clyde & Carol Kistler

Youth Fund

In memory of Michael Moritz by:
Dolores Setzer
Rev. Phil & Marjorie Setzer

The Methodist Men made a donation in memory of Richard Matthews to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



"Brighter Days" by Blessing Offor

Check it out on YouTube and be ready to sing with us on Sunday!

ECCCM NEWS

In February, ECCCM is requesting donations of canned or boxed pasta, pasta sauce and macaroni. Of course, any donations are much appreciated!

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

Anita Deal



NEWS TO USE

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 10:00am – 1:00pm. 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 – 2:00pm 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!



Our congratulations to Annette Walker, Director of Grief Services at Carolina Caring who was recently honored for 30 years of service. She started her career with Carolina Caring in May 1992 as a social worker and counselor helping those in some of the most difficult times of their lives.

We are proud of Annette and for her 30 years of service.

Your church family



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus was then led up into the wilderness by

- the Spirit of God
- the devil
- John the Baptist
- no one

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence January 22, 2023

Sunday School:

85

Worship:

8:45am Service	97
11:00am Service	119
Live streaming	61
	<u>277</u>

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 16,227.33

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

Children's Bank	66.00
ECCCM	25.00
Pastor's Disc. Fund	75.00
Preschool Fund	75.00
(Playground)	
Youth Fund	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$16,568.33

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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The Preschool has a teacher who will be going on maternity leave in a few weeks. This leaves the preschool short a teacher in our toddlers/ twos classroom . If you are aware of anyone who may be interested with working with children in a Christian setting please let us know or have them get in touch with Julie Robinson @ (828) 234-1394. This position is Monday thru Friday, 8:30am until 1:00pm.

Thank you,
 Julie Robinson, Director

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. the Spirit of God
 (Matthew 4:1)

CHURCH STAFF

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

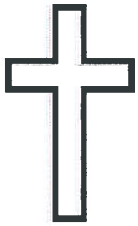
(828) 464-3383

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
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

