

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

February 28, 2023



First Methodist of Conover unanimously votes to join the Global Methodist Church

At Sunday’s congregational meeting, our church family unanimously voted to join the newest expression of our Wesleyan heritage, the Global Methodist Church. This is a historic moment for our congregation and I am excited to know that we are headed in a clear and exciting direction.

The Global Methodist Church represents traditional Methodism with a strong focus on reaching new people for the gospel. It is a new start that will help us move past the disputes of the last number of years and focus on our mission. I am excited about this next phase and all the ways we will seek to form disciples who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

We will petition to become part of the North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference of the GMC. There is still a lot of work to be done to complete this transition, so let’s keep working together to step into the future the Lord has prepared for us!



Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

I Will Follow Jesus

As a follow up to Pastor John’s powerful message Sunday I wanted to share some opportunities with you to help you discern where and how to follow.

Easter 4 Kids, March 25, 10 – 12 Jo Ellen Knecht needs volunteers!!

Journey to Jerusalem, April 2 – 5 & 7 Come to the meeting this Sunday, March 5 at 2pm to see how and when we could use your help with set up, during, and breakdown of the Prayer Walk. Set up starts Saturday, March 11 at 10am. Breakdown is Saturday, April 8 at 9:30.

Senior Adult Vacation Bible School, May 8 – 10 with Ed Kilbourne. Sign-up will be out soon. Greeters and hospitality volunteers are needed.

Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 9 – 13 Details to follow.

Hospitality Hosts are needed at Bible Studies, Funerals and other gatherings; tidying the Sanctuary for worship.

Become part of the life of the church. Join a Sunday school class or other small group. The choir needs some male voices! Attend a Bible Study. Volunteer at ECCCM or other mission projects. Attend N.E.S.T. meetings. Volunteer for Children and Youth ministries.

There are so many places you can plug into. Please reach out to me and I can help you find your place.

Pastor Charmaine

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:

Caroline Porter, Randy, Jody & Quentin Porter,
Betty Prater, Anthony Price, Hernan & Chelsea
Puga-Luna, Elizabeth Pullen.

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

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

Wayne & Sybil Windsor PO Box 211, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 459-9657

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

None

MEMORIAL

General Fund

In memory of Ronald Robinson by:
Brenda Garner

Disaffiliation Fund

In memory of Ruthie Thornburg by:
Pat & Alice Woods

Flower Fund

In memory of Ruthie Thornburg by:
Brad & Kim Little
Carol Dickinson
Mark & Rita Deal
Elbert & Lee Ann Parris
Jeanne Abernathy
Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar
Charlie & Tommi Anderson
Cliff & Debbie Wike
Linda Birchfield
Clyde & Carol Kistler
Sharpe Bible Class
Debbie Moritz
Jimmy & Cindy Clark
Gerald & Sandy Loftin
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank
Dennis & Jo Ellen Knecht

HONORARIUM

Disaffiliation Fund

In honor of Margaret Garrison by:
Sharpe Bible Class

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. Please contact Robin at (828) 464-4635 if you need a name tag.



NEWS TO USE



ECCCM NEWS

During the month of March, the food request for ECCCM is donations to March Madness. Your donations count as 2 points for each pound of food and 3 points for each \$1. This is a fun and friendly competition. Of course, the real winners are the recipients of your donations, and, in turn, you will be blessed.

Please place your food in one of the team boxes in the CFLC. If placing your food in the box marked 'other', please designate a specific team if you choose. Monetary donations may be given to me, and again, please designate the team you choose.

Thanks

Anita Deal, Your ECCCM Representative



Girls' Life Group Begins March 7

All girls 2nd-5th grade are invited to the beginning of an exciting new group. Older girls are also welcome to come and be junior leaders. The girls will enjoy fellowship, service projects, Bible study and food! We will share a meal each week.

The group will initially meet at the home of Pastor John and Beth Woods and will be led by Beth and other volunteer women of the church. Anyone interested in volunteering to spend some time with some awesome young ladies (even just for one meeting!) please contact Beth. (For safety reasons, we plan to always have at least two adults present, plus there may be some meetings when we will need transportation to service projects.)

The first meeting is Tuesday, March 7 from 5:00 – 6:30. The first part of each meeting will be gathering and fellowship, so come on even if you can't be there right at 5. The address is 208 2nd Street NE, Conover (right by the Downtown City Park).

For questions or more information, please contact Beth Woods at 336-480-4551 or woods777@aol.com.

Girls do NOT have to be members or attendees of First Methodist Church. All are welcome!



PASTOR'S QUIZ

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that

- "Blessed are the meek, for they shall see God"
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be called the children of God"
- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall inherit the earth"
- "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven"

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence February 26, 2023

Sunday School:

90

Worship:

8:45am Service	136
11:00am Service	150
Live streaming	<u>18</u>
	304

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 19,772.00

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

Children's Bank	18.00
Columbarium Fund	2,581.00
Disaffiliation Fund	4,850.00
Flower Fund	<u>795.00</u>
Total	\$ 28,016.00

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your March birthdays and anniversaries **Sunday, Mar. 5th** by bringing your offering to the altar. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married. This is to help the children's church bank.



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EASTER 4 KIDS

Calling all Children ages 2 through 5th grade!
You, and your family, are invited to a very
special **EASTER CELEBRATION** on:

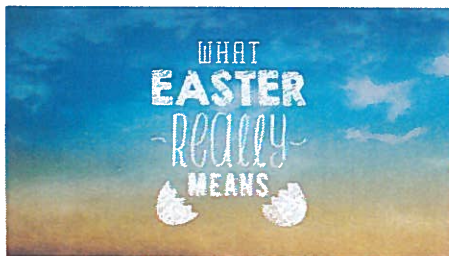
Saturday, March 25, 2023

10:00 am – 12:00

Connor Family Life Center

Children will learn about Jesus' journey through
Jerusalem, from His entry on Palm Sunday to
His resurrection. There will be stories, crafts,
snacks and activities. This celebration will be a
blessing to all children and their families. You
won't want to miss it and be sure to invite
friends, grandchildren, and neighbors!!

Bring Baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt!!



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven"
(Matthew 5:1-11)

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
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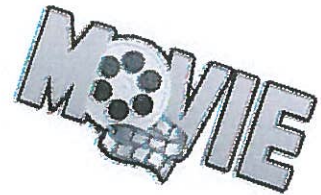
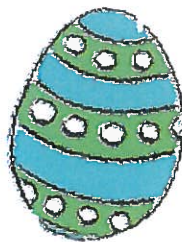
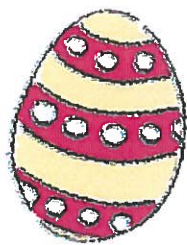


First United Methodist Church - Conover



Youth - Spring 2023

Date	Time	Where	Address	What
March 5	4:00 pm	Rylee Garrison's Home	3187 Branhus St Catawba	Youth Meeting
March 19	4:00 pm	Bradley Markland's Home	1769 Claude Rd Conover	Movie Night
April 2	4:00 pm	The Ross' Farmhouse - "Boston Farm"	6030 Oxford School Rd Claremont	Teen Egg Hunt
April 16	4:00 pm	Sophia Job's Home	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





ECCCM'S

MARCH MADNESS

CHALLENGE

MARCH 1 - APRIL 5

**THE TEAM WITH THE MOST
POINTS WINS!
DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT BY
MONDAYS-THURSDAYS FROM 9-4.**

Each pound of food
donated = 2 points

Each dollar donated
= 3 points

Be sure to include
with donation :

Team name, your name,
church or business name

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