

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

March 14, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I'm excited to share a really great gift with you. We have partnered with **RightNow Media!** to give you unlimited access to their digital library. If you're not familiar with them, this group is like the Cable/Hulu/Netflix/Roku/Disney+ for churches and their members. In fact at this moment, over 20,000 churches and Christian schools are using this ministry.



They are the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. Their extensive library has **more than 20,000 videos** taught by leaders like Max Lucado, Francis Chan, Chuck Swindoll, Ann Voskamp, Jennie Allen, Dr. Tony Evans, Priscilla Shirer, The Bible Project (*btw, that's my personal favorite....you've seen a video or two from them in my Bible studies*) and many more. They incorporate more than 400 Christian publishers and over ten thousand Bible studies, conferences, kid's videos, and much more!

These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study (maybe your Sunday School class or our women's groups) or for personal devotions. Many series include **free discussion guides and handouts**. This is available to you IMMEDIATELY.

Our church believes that RightNow Media is a tool that can help you live out your faith in every area of your life - at home, with your family, at work, and in our community. In addition to series on books of the Bible, RightNow has videos on a variety of topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more.

There's even a **library just for kids with over 2,000 safe, wholesome and entertaining videos**. RightNow Media has an app (it's free) that's available for your phone (android or Apple), tablet or whatever other smart device you use, so you can access content offline and anywhere and anytime.

Very soon you'll receive an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it by this time next week, check your spam or promotions folder.)

To get started, simply click the link in the email, create your free account, and start browsing these inspiring powerful videos.

I hope and pray that this opportunity will be a blessing to you and your family!

Grace and Peace! *Pastor John*

2 quick PS's.

RightNow Ministries will reach out to make this offer known to you, help you set up your user account, and show you how to use it for your entire congregation. It's not a spam call, it's legit, so don't be afraid to talk with them.

Not sure how all this really works? You can check them out for yourself. They have a great little online introduction video. Check it out!

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:

Greg Reed, Pierre, Laurette, Gerhardt & Jarrett Rheeder, Harold & Martha Robertson, Pete & Phyllis Robinson, Charles & Lucy Rockett, Dan, Kathy & Anna Rockett.



ECCCM
Eastern Christian Ministry, Inc.

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.

The red bins where you usually put your grocery bags for ECCCM are now located under the March Madness tables in the CFLC. This is to accommodate our church's fabulous prayer walk.

First UMC Conover was represented by 7 volunteers this past Tuesday at ECCCM.

Thank you!

Anita Deal, Your ECCCM Representative

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Jim Horst at Frye RMC

MEMORIALS

Community Engagement Fund

In memory of Ronald Robinson by:
Dutch Robinson

Flower Fund

In memory of Ruthie Thornburg by:
Mitchell & Linda Sigmon
H.A. & Jean Slate
Harry & Trenia Monk
Bob & Lois Goodson
Doug & LaRue Black
Bruce & Michelle Cloninger
Conover Home & Commercial Hardware

General Fund

In memory of Michael Moritz by:
Mark & Lynn Hall

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Disaffiliation Fund

In honor of Phyllis Watson by:
friends of the church.

FIRST OF ALL A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT CAME OUT SATURDAY AND HELPED START THE SET-UP PROCESS FOR OUR PRAYER WALK!

We had 30 people, 8 from Turning Point Church in Conover.

I have been asked if we could start Saturday with the set up for the life center. If you are interested in coming out Saturday morning at 10, please text me. 828-228-6467. This way I can see if we have enough to start Saturday or wait until 2 on Sunday.

We, all those working with the Prayer Walk, encourage you to attend and invite any one and every one you can. If you need flyers to give to your friends and family or place in a business (so many businesses are glad to do so), just let Pastor Charmaine know how many and we will get them printed. I passed out three hundred last week. One of the guys I invited last week attends a church in Taylorsville and he only took a couple flyers, because he, Adrienne, put it on their screen announcements and would do so every week till the Prayer Walk.

GOD is Good.....GOD IS SO GOOD!!!

Anthony Price



NEWS TO USE



Girls' Life Group Began March 7

All girls 2nd- 5th grade are invited to an exciting new group which began Tuesday, March 7. We meet at the home of Pastor John and Beth Woods, at 208 2nd Street NE, Conover (right by the Downtown City Park). Older girls are also welcome to come and be junior leaders. We will gather at 5:00 for a time of fellowship and getting acquainted. We will share a meal of pizza and fruit and discuss plans and hopes for this group. The group will meet each Tuesday from 5:00-6:30.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore ways to study the Bible and discuss the big ideas of our faith. We will also plan some special outings and service projects.

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!

ATTENTION - GOODTIMERS

Goodtimers Lunch on Wed. March 15th. So as not to interfere with The Bible Study, we will meet, have lunch at Western Steer in Newton. Will try for a 12:15 meeting time, but anytime you can get there will be OK! Go through the ordering line to order something off of the menu or order the buffet. You can pay here also! We will gather in the back dining room! Thanks to Eric Connor for his help! It would be helpful for seating arrangements to know about how many will attend, so I will put up sign-up sheets on our Go-See-Do bulletin board. But again, you are welcome to come even if you don't get to sign up!!

Thanks! Look forward to seeing all of you!!

EASTER BLESSINGS



Easter Gifts for Shut-ins Can you believe Easter is just a few weeks away? Would you once again help us spread love and

blessings to our homebound and nursing facility members? A total of 12 Easter bags will be placed outside of Pastor Charmaine's office with the names of our nursing home or homebound members. Please bring an Easter card and/or treat to add to each bag, either on Sunday morning or during the week. The names are listed in the newsletter. The **deadline will be April 2nd** so the bags can be delivered before Easter.

Thank you so much for your amazing support of this ministry.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Ye are the light of the world," said Jesus to the disciples, warning against

- a. blinding others by overpowering display
- b. believing that others too have light
- c. hiding their light under a bushel
- d. assuming that all others will agree

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence March 12, 2023

Sunday School:

85

Worship:

8:45am Service 93

11:00am Service 99

Live streaming 29

221

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 9,348.00

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

Children's Bank 28.50

Community Engagement 50.00

Disaffiliation Fund 19,755.00

Flower Fund 475.00

Total \$ 29,656.50

CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

For anyone wanting to apply for a Connor Scholarship, please contact the church office by phone (828) 464-4635 or via email, fumcc@fumconover.org to obtain an application. Please state whether you need a high school application or a college application.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is April 9th.

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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:

c. hiding their light under a bushel
(Matthew 5:14-16)

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 (pastorcharmagne@gmail.com) (781) 913-4415 - cell
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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

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

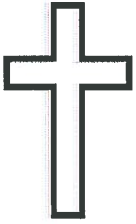
Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237, Conover, NC 28613

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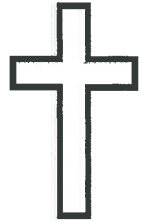
Wayne & Sybil Windsor PO Box 211, Conover, NC 28613 (828) 459-9657

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



First United Methodist Church - Conover

Youth - Spring 2023



Date	Time	Where	Address	What
March 19	4:00 pm	Bradley Markland's Home	1769 Claude Rd Conover	Youth Meeting
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	410 First Avenue North Conover	Youth Sunday Practice
May 17 or 18	TBD	FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center	410 First Avenue North Conover	Youth Sunday Practice
May 20	9:00 am	FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center	410 First Avenue North Conover	Set Up for Youth Sunday
May 21	9:00 am	FUMCC - Connor Family Life Center	410 First Avenue North Conover	Youth Sunday! - Wear Youth Shirt

