

Our Vision:



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“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 7, 2023

“What Am I Talking About When I Say PRAYER WALK?”

Our Prayer Walk is titled *Journey to Jerusalem* (J2J). Through Word, sound, visuals and the gift of silence, you are invited to immerse yourself into the story, to journey with Jesus.

Your ‘Journey’ will start at the main entrance of the Connor Family Life Center (CFLC). You will make your way through the CFLC, classrooms, commons area and office hallways. On this path you will encounter Scripture, art, displays and some questions. These are designed to help draw you into the Journey to Jerusalem for the crucifixion of Jesus, to travel with him.

There is no right or wrong way to complete this experience. It is entirely up to you and how much you want to read or how long you want to stay.

Holy Communion will be available at the end of the walk for anyone that wish to partake.

There will be plenty of reserved Disability Parking spots close to the CFLC. Participants may prefer to be dropped under the awning. Please note that the entire J2J is wheelchair accessible. We strongly encourage you to consider using one of the provided wheelchairs if you even think you might struggle completing the approximately 25 minutes of walking and standing. We WANT YOU to focus on the story; to remain ‘present’ in the experience without getting anxious about physical limitations.

This year we will be offering a booklet for our Spanish-speaking friends so they me be able to experience the gift of Scripture in their native tongue. Please encourage your Latino friends to attend!

How do You Get Involved?

We have welcomed many new faces to our Team which ranges in age from 15 to 85 and includes artist, carpenters and fabric people. If you can hold up a ladder, climb on a ladder, use a staple gun, or clothe a mannequin we have a place for you. This team is a family. Come hang out with us at least one time and you will experience the joy and learn about the finer details that are in place to make sure we offer the best Easter experience to all our visitors.

We do specifically need help **this coming Saturday** for an hour or so, starting at 10am, to bring all the containers from the storage buildings into the areas they will be used. You don’t have to be strong! We have carts and there are plenty of other things we will have for people to do.

If you are available to be a docent (person clothed in Biblical costume, present along the walk to assist if needed), even if it is only for one of the five nights, please contact me so I can sign you up.

If your synthetic trees or house plants would like to be part of the scenery on the way to Jerusalem please drop them off near the stage in the CFLC. Be sure to mark it clearly with tape and marker (provided) when you drop it off. During the week Robin will open the door for you at the office entrance.

Above all, as we pour our energy into this event, please pray for the crew and those that will be participating. And help us spread the invitation far and wide. **Pastor Charmaigne**

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:

Todd, Melissa, Evan & Addison Punch, David & Brenda Putnam, Emily Randall, Alex, Margaret, Grace & Blaire Putzer, Judy Rayburn-Young, Charles Reed & Rona Saunders.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express the LOVE we have felt over these last couple weeks since the death of our precious Ruthie. Thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, visits, food, but most of all, the PRAYERS. We are so very BLESSED to be a part of such a loving and caring church.

Love to you all,
Harold, Laurie, Jeff, Michael, Kim and Lee



Double Thanks from ECCCM!

FUMC CONOVER donated a total of 110 pounds of food to ECCCM in February. Thank you for those donations along with a huge amount of grocery bags.

But let's not stop there... Numerous members volunteered at ECCCM throughout the month. Special thanks to those from Sharpe Bible Class who assisted with preparing ECCCM's quarterly newsletter last Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Andrea Long at Viewmont Surgical Clinic (At home)

MEMORIAL

Community Engagement Fund

In memory of Ronald Robinson by:
Dr. Chris & Donna Reese
Charles Robinson
David & Jo Robinson
Susan Lee

Disaffiliation Fund

In memory of Ruthie Thornburg by:
Charles & Lucy Rockett

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:
Jeanne Abernathy

Flower Fund

In memory of Ruthie Thornburg by:
Susan Hunsucker
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg
Tina Lawing
Class of '63 (Bandy's High School)
Ray & Pam Penley
Eddie & Carol Warren

Preschool Fund

In memory of Michael Moritz by:
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg
Conover Fire Dept. Fireman's Fund

In memory of Yvette Bumgarner by:
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg

In memory of Betty Lockman by:
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg



SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE HOUR
THIS
SATURDAY
NIGHT.

NEWS TO USE



Girls' Life Group Begins March 7

All girls 2nd- 5th grade are invited to an exciting new group beginning this Tuesday, March 7, 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 signup 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



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? Easter bags will be placed outside of Pastor Charmaigne's office with the names of our 14 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.

Thank You Church from the Soul Sisters

All our soup has been sold, and all recipes are put away until next year. Thank you to our awesome church family for making this fundraiser so successful. With your generous donations and support, we raised over \$2100 for missions. We appreciate your support!

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

By Our Presence March 5, 2023

Sunday School:

74

Worship:

8:45am Service 117

11:00am Service 122

Live streaming Not reported
239

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 24,762.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,716)

Children's Bank 97.70

Community Engagement 425.00

Disaffiliation Fund 37,025.00

Flower Fund 175.00

Preschool Fund 110.00

UMCOR 3,000.00

Total \$ 65,594.70

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Mark Allen Yount, 67, of Claremont and brother-in-law of Glenda Yount, died Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Carolina Caring Sherrills Ford Hospice House.

A memorial service to celebrate Mark's life was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Bennett Funeral Service in Newton. The family received friends following the service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenda and the family during this difficult time.

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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!!



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods (pastor@fumconover.org) (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell
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Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
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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

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

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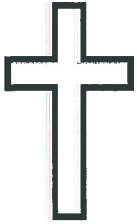
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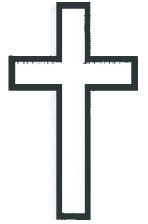
Wayne & Sybil Windsor PO Box 211, Conover, NC 28613 (828) 459-9657

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

