



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

March 19, 2024

CHANCEL CHOIR TO PRESENT EASTER CANTATA MARCH 24

This coming Sunday, our Church Choir will be presenting an Easter experience celebrating that victorious day when God's redemption plan was fulfilled. Our hearts rejoice as hope rises like the Sunday sun over Jerusalem that first Easter morning. Today, we live our earthly days in the light of the dawn that revealed the power, majesty, wisdom and grace of our risen Savior. The Cantata features the following songs of worship to Jesus Christ, our King:

In Christ Alone

arranged by Russell Mauldin

Victory Medley:

"In the Light of This Day's Dawning"

"Victory in Jesus"

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

"Wonderful Merciful Savior" with "We Bow Down"

"Sweet Jesus"

Soloists: Chloe Rockett and Jonathan Rogers

"Behold Emmanuel"

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

"Only By the Blood"

"In Christ Alone" with "The Solid Rock"

Soloist: Fara Dellinger

Celebration Medley:

"In the Light of This Day's Dawning"

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

We look forward to Palm Sunday and joining you in worshiping our Risen Savior!

Jon and Shannon



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:

Pete & Phyllis Robinson, Charles & Lucy Rockett, Dan, Kathy & Anna Rockett, Katie & Chloe Rockett, Doug, Samantha, Wyatt, Jack & Reese Rockett, Jon, Shannon, Mackenzie & Jonathan Rogers.

CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP

Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for anyone wanting to apply for a Connor Scholarship. Application forms can be obtained from the church office by calling (828) 464-4635 or via email at office@fmconover.org.

Please state whether you need a high school application or a college application.



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Tony Garrison at home
Rev. Dixon Adams at Terra Bella (Room B7)

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Frederick "Fred" W. Gardner, Jr., age 84 of Newburgh, NY and brother of Vata Shook, died February 24, 2024.

The family received friends on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 4-7pm at Brooks Funeral Home in Newburgh, NY. A prayer service was held Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 11am at Brooks Funeral Home. A graveside service was held after the prayer service in New Windsor, NY.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Josie, sister, Vata Shook and brother-in-law, Don Shook and the family during this difficult time.

MEMORIAL Music Fund (Choir)

In memory of Doris "Dot" Martin by:
Clyde & Carol Kistler



EASTER 4 CHILDREN

Saturday, March 16 was our Easter for Children Celebration. What a beautiful spring day! A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make this celebration happen. I am so grateful to our teachers, group leaders, craft helpers, our awesome youth, and Prayer Walk team who worked so diligently to set up the prayer walk stations. Thank you for the prayers for this project. It was a special day to glorify God.

Jo Ellen Knecht



CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP! MEAL AND GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 6 AT 5:00PM IN THE CONNOR FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Everyone is invited to our monthly "Game Night" and meal on Saturday, April 6th beginning at 5:00pm.

We will enjoy fellowship over a good hot meal. After dinner, we will mingle and play "Candy Bar Bingo". That's Bingo and the prize will be a Candy Bar. We will be enjoying making new friendships and building stronger bonds of fellowship. Bring a friend!

NEWS TO USE



Time to Register! A Few Spots Still Open! Noah's Ark/Creation Museum Trip

We will be taking a bus trip to visit the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, and the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. Finley Cloninger will be our driver, with Harold Roberson serving as "Assistant Trip Director!"

We still have several slots open for more passengers. So, if you've been thinking about going or if you know anyone (doesn't have to be a church member) interested in this trip, please have them contact Beth Woods at 336-480-4551 or woods777@aol.com. Information and Registration sheets are on Beth's door. The information is also on our website, www.fmconover.org, accessible by the QR code below.

May 20-23, 2024 -- Price Per Person: Double room \$699; Triple room \$639; Quad room \$609; Single room \$889. You can choose who to room with.

If you want to join the trip, please fill out a registration form and return it to Burke Christian Tours or to Beth, with a \$200 deposit. (Checks made out to Christian Tours.

There is also a credit card option if you call the tour office (800-476-3900).



Ashure NEWS

March Madness for Ashure Ministry (formerly ECCCM) seems to be progressing at FMC Conover as evidenced by the team boxes in the narthex. Don't be misled by the fullest box!

Please remember EACH POUND OF FOOD COUNTS AS 2 POINTS, AND EACH DOLLAR COUNTS AS 3 POINTS. Points for monetary donations are on the banners clipped to the boxes. So, the fullest box is NOT a "slam dunk" !!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY TO OUR COMMUNITY.

NOTE: The red bins for collection of bags for Ashure Ministry are temporarily located in the Conference Room across from Beth's office.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

The rich publican Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore three because he was

- a. pursued
- b. mad
- c. warm
- d. short

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence March 17, 2024

Sunday School:
102

Worship:
8:45am Service 118
11:00am Service 128
246

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$	9,299.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)		
Children's Bank		48.00
Music Fund (Choir)		50.00
Preschool Fundraiser		<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$	9,497.00

Fellowship Meals at the Woods' Home

As of last week, we've had the amazing experience of hosting a total of 128 church friends for meals in our home. If you are one of those, THANK YOU for spending time with us! We hope it was as much a blessing for you as it was for us.

If you haven't been able to join us yet, you haven't missed your chance! We will set another round of dates after Easter. We will continue these as long as there is interest!

Pastor John and Beth



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2024 FLOWER CHART

The new 2024 Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway outside the church office.

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 to schedule a date.

Please do not write your name on the Flower Chart but call the church office.

A slide will be shown at both services on the Sunday that you choose with the information given by you.

The following florists have a key so that they can deliver the flowers on a Saturday:

Twigs & Twine - Conover

ABC Florist - Newton

Newton-Conover Florist - Newton

Blooms Greenhouse - Conover



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. short
(Luke 19:2-4)

CHURCH STAFF

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Organist	Kevin Haney khaney01@gmail.com (704) 914-6510
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 preschool@fmccconover.org
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fmccconover.org

DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING FACILITIES AND OUR HOMEBOUND

Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7)

1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care Center)

255 Geitner Avenue, Newton, NC 28658



Nell Johnson Kingston Residence
904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-9962 - landline (828) 228-7396 - cell

Margaret Kilpatrick, Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) (Room 2010)

102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn (Room 107)

PO Box 1599, Conover, NC 28613

(828) 381-4988 - Rick's cell (828) 381-7328 - Linda's cell

Mary Ann Simpson - Abernethy Laurels (Room 138)

102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C13)

1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

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Lee Moritz, Sr., 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613

(828) 464-3383

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237, Conover, NC 28613

(828) 256-1421



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

MORE NEWS TO USE



"Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk

If you haven't been in the Connor Family Life Center in the past few weeks, you have missed a massive transformation! (Stop by if you can!) We are entering the "COUNTDOWN" phase now. (Yes, I grew up in the Apollo days... T-minus 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...) We will go live and open our doors to the public on Sunday, March 24 at 6:00. We anticipate welcoming about 1,000 visitors from our community and surrounding areas. There's still time for YOU to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker or even strangers! Posters are still available in the sanctuary and in Beth's office. There's also still time for you to volunteer, for set-up tasks or for hosting.

Work days: All hands are welcome!

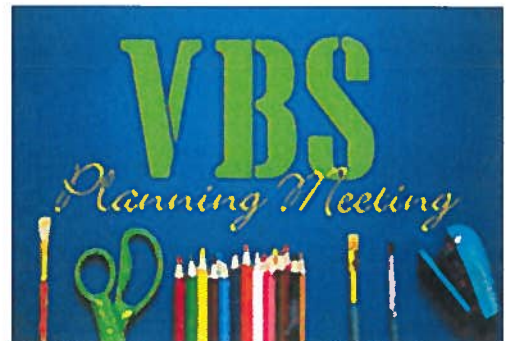
- There will be work going on throughout the week of March 17-24, so feel free to stop by and offer your assistance.
- On March 24, right after the late service, a crew will be setting up the last of the hallway scenery.
- Each night of the Prayer Walk (March 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29 – not open on Maunday Thursday) we need about 25 costumed volunteers to sit quietly as part of the "scenery" and to provide assistance to visitors in the case of an emergency. SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PRAYER SHAWL ROOM.
- On March 30, beginning at 10:00, we will disassemble and pack away the entire set-up. This is an enormous task, and we need anybody who is willing to come donate even an hour or two.
- Prayers! Please bathe this ministry in your prayers. Please pray for the people working to provide this experience and for those who will visit. The story is powerful, and God will use it to change lives!

VBS Planning Meeting April 21

Spring is upon us... which means summer isn't far away! We need to set a date for VBS, choose a theme, and establish a volunteer base. With this in mind, we will have an initial planning meeting on Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 in the Conference Room.

If you have any interest in VBS, if as a parent, volunteer, or advisor, PLEASE plan to attend this meeting!

For questions, contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551.



EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

"THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

The Worship Committee met Sunday, March 10th and one of the subjects discussed was carrying and removing "The Light of Christ" at our services.

This has not been done since pre-Covid and is something that you have said you missed and would like to see it resume.

To do so we have to have volunteers. Before it was our kids that were pre-confirmation age. We talked about other churches and who their volunteers are. There is broad spectrum.

So we would like any one, age **10 to 100**, that would be willing to assist in carrying and removing "The Light of Christ," to please let us know.

You do not have to.....

Wear a robe (unless you want to)

Sit up front (unless you want to)

Pastor John and the Worship Committee will help so you know how, what, where and when

The more of us that volunteer, the less often your rotation would come around.

Please reach out to Jeanne Laws, Anthony Price, Pastor John or any member of the Worship committee.

So let us resume carrying the "Light of Christ" for the Glory of Christ.



Register now! Registration deadline April 6.

First Methodist Hosting NC GMC Missions Conference!

April 20 – 9 am – Noon

The NC GMC is partnering with One Mission Society and their 1-day Church Training Workshops to provide regional workshops across the state. The intention is to help EVERY CHURCH in the NC GMC develop an intentional missions plan for their church, impacting the church's ministry from their neighborhood, their city, regionally, and globally.

First Methodist Church of Conover will host one of these events on April 20 (Saturday) from 9-12. It will be open to churches all around us. We want anyone interested in missions of any type to plan to attend this workshop. We will have time together to cast vision and make plans for the mission work of First Methodist Church.

Remember, in the GMC, missions will arise from every local church -- from every church and every church's neighborhood -- to our regional, national, and global missions. As we hear God's call to "witness boldly," the GMC wants to equip churches to be effective in every area of mission God calls us to.

While the GMC will take registrations after April 6, they will cancel this workshop if we don't have at least 20 people from 6-7 churches registered by then. So, please register now if you are interested. The QR code below will take you to the registration link OR you can find the registration link on our website: www.fmccconover.org, on our Facebook page, on the NC GMC site at www.gmcncpac.org/missions, woods777@aol.com and the link will be

OR you can email Beth Woods at
emailed to you. Options!



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