



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

October 31, 2023

ROBIN MAYS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS at FIRST

2003. It was an eventful year. That's the year Apple began its iTunes Music Store. The Harry Potter movies were in their heyday, Saddam Hussein was captured in Iraq, and in science, the Human Genome Project was completed, sequencing 99% of the human genome. Sky Marshals, Freedom Fries and 1% interest rates were all in the news.

In California, Arnold Schwarzenegger became governor, and right here in Conover, NC, **Robin Mays** became the "governor" – OK...maybe more the central nervous system for First Methodist Church.

This past Friday we celebrated Robin's 20th year in our church's front office, fielding phone calls, preparing worship bulletins and newsletters, counting offerings, and handily solving whatever the current problem of the day might be. Robin has helped our pastors keep track and keep up with all that's going on in our church: surgeries, new births, birthdays, anniversaries and so much more.

These days, as a member of our church (as of this year), she graces us with her beautiful voice in the choir and helps us worship even more fully. We celebrate her faithfulness to the Lord and her constant care for our church.

I invite you to make a special effort to express your appreciation for Robin and thank her for all the ways our church family is better through her.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John



HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR NEW SIGNS?

We are sporting new external signs at our church these days. Thanks to the combined efforts of our Design Team and our Church Trustees, we have new signage on the large marquee by the street and over the front and back of our Connor Family Life Center. The new look matches this new chapter in the life of our congregation and helps us share who we are with everyone who passes by.

It's just another sign (ha, ha....get it? Sign?) of how the Lord is leading us into this new future He's prepared for us. How exciting to see tangible evidence of this journey we're on. Be sure to give a "pat on the back" to both the Trustees and Design Team for their hard work.



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:

John & Betsy Hemmings, Brent & Carrie Henderson, Eddie & Connie Henderson, Ian, Jess, Lillian & Kyler Henderson, Gene & Lil Hendricks, Sharon Hendricks.

ECCCM

Tuesday, November 7, is the designated volunteer day for First Methodist Church Conover. Hope to see some of you there. If you can't make it that day, no worries. Any day, Monday through Thursday, would be fantastic. Also, any amount of time is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continual donation of grocery bags to ECCCM. Hygiene products you donated in October are currently being distributed to our clients.

The **November food request** is sugar, flour, and cornmeal. These items along with any grocery bags may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office.

Thanks, Anita Deal, your ECCCM Representative



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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your November birthdays and November wedding anniversaries **Sunday, Nov. 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.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Debbie Wike at Frye RMC



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Randy & Diane Howard on the birth of their new granddaughter.

Laken Anne Vaughan was born Monday, October 23, 2023. She weighed 6 pounds, five ounces and was 19 inches long.

THANK YOU

First Methodist Conover,
Thank you so much for sponsoring the 2023 Catawba County Hunger Walk. Your donation has helped provide food assistance in our area. I am truly blessed to be a part of this great church family!

Anita Deal
ECCCM Board Member

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! With the Advent and Christmas season fast approaching, we will again be offering you the opportunity to order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. Order forms are available through Sunday November 19. There will be a collection box for your orders and money located on the organ bench, or you can hand deliver to Susan Hunsucker.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and checks should be made payable to FMCC with a designation of "poinsettia" in the memo section.

****ALL ORDERS MUST
BE IN BY
NOVEMBER 19th****



NEWS TO USE

A Thousand "THANK-YOU's" Is Not Enough!

But, "THANK YOU" anyway to the many, many people who pitched in to make Harvest Festival an inspiring event. Our church hosted a huge crowd of appreciative festival-goers who enjoyed amazing music, food, games, crafts, bouncing and sliding, square dancing, and a hayride! Many were blessed by the give-aways at the "flea market" and the cakewalk, as well as a chance to receive prayers and God's word through free Bibles. From the parking attendants who directed and shuttled, to the volunteers running all the activities, all the way to the dedicated clean-up crew, **OUR CHURCH SERVED** in big and important ways!

Feel free to share your photos on our FaceBook page or send them to Beth Woods (woods777@aol.com) to be shared. Please also share feedback and ideas for improvement next year!

And keep praying for the seeds that were sown Saturday... God will bring forth an abundant harvest in His time.

Beth Woods, Coordinator of Lay Ministries

DO YOU USE FACEBOOK?

If you use Facebook and haven't already "Followed" our church page, please do that as soon as you can! We have increased the frequency of posts there and it's a great source for information about upcoming events. On Facebook, just search for "First Methodist Church of Conover" and click the "follow" button. Very soon, you'll be "in the know" about all the great things happening at our church. If you have anything you would like us to post on this page, please send it to Beth Woods (woods777@aol.com).

ALSO, if you are already following our page, feel free to "Share" any of our posts so that your friends can also see them! That's a great way to multiply how far out our church's message can reach!



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Jesus wept," when He

- a. heard of Lazarus' illness
- b. met Martha, Lazarus' sister, as He came to Bethany
- c. saw Mary and the Jews who came with her, weeping
- d. came to the cave

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence October 29, 2023

Sunday School:
89

Worship:
8:45am Service 111
11:00am Service 124
235

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 9,037.00

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

Children's Bank 108.00
Total \$ 9,145.00

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." . Well, maybe not quite yet. BUT it IS time to start thinking about Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. FMCC will be participating in this ministry this year! Shoeboxes will be available Sunday in the narthex and CFLC for you to take, pack and return to the church by November 12.

This is such a fun and rewarding mission for all ages!! BE SURE to take one of the "How to pack a shoebox" papers when you get your box from the church. This paper includes gift ideas and the necessary labels for your Shoeboxes, and the envelope for your shipping cost. Thank you!



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FMC-C RECYCLES!

As we mentioned in the October 10 newsletter, for many years, our Boy Scout ministry was involved in recycling. Although our scouting program has ended, **Gerald Loftin & Wayne Thornburg** have graciously volunteered to continue recycling aluminum cans for us.

All proceeds from the recycling will be donated to our Children's Mission Bank. You are invited to participate. When you bring cans to be recycled, please remember to keep them "loose" and not in a plastic bag. What a win-win for both our church family and our community! Thanks Wayne & Gerald!



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. saw Mary and the Jews who came with her, weeping
(John 11:33-35)

CHURCH STAFF

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MORE NEWS TO USE

DON'T FORGET our members in Nursing Facilities and our Homebound

Rev. Dixon Adams - Abernathy Laurels North Manor (Room 1014)

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Connie McCoy - The Greens (Room 211)

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

Hoops for Christ Youth Basketball Program

Registration is happening NOW!

2023-2024 Season December 2 – January 27 Games on Saturdays, Practice on Wednesdays



The Hoops for Christ Youth Basketball Program is a basic fundamentals league for ages Kindergarten through 6th grade. All players will receive a team t-shirt, a weekly devotion, at least five games of play and a trophy.

The purpose of the Hoops for Christ program is to learn about the love of Christ through the game of basketball.

Registration is limited and will end on Sunday, November 12th or when we reach capacity.

The player registration fee is \$10. Scholarships are available.

Use the QR code to register. You will receive an email with further details once player registration closes. For specific questions, please reach out to Lee Moritz, Jr. (828-850-4331) or Lindsay Keisler (828-446-3729).

Would you like to be a part of the blessing of Hoops for Christ Basketball Program?

You don't even have to know how to play basketball! We need at 5-10 people who would be willing to give a very short (5-7 minute) devotional to the kids and parents at halftime of each game. It can be on any Christian topic and can be original or "borrowed." The only requirement is that it be presented with Christ's love. Games are on Saturday mornings in December and January.

If you are willing, please contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com.

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



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Join us for
**SHARE THE
HARVEST**

Eat, Fellowship, & Dance

SAT | NOVEMBER 11 | 5PM

Hart Square
5055 Hope Rd., Vale

purchase
by 11.01.2023



scan code or visit
ecccm.org/share-the-harvest-benefit
for tickets



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TICKETS

\$30 per person

Ticket Price Includes:

Dinner prepared
by



Live music
by



casual attire | no outside food or drinks | raffles & more

NEWEST MEMBERS OF FMCC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023



Joined at 8:45am Service

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