



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

November 14, 2023



We are pleased to sponsor the children from Conover School for our Angel Tree again this year. The Conover School is a separate public school for children of various ages that have disabilities. Each child has specific needs, so we try to give exact information for the items that will accommodate each child.

The Angel tree will be setup in the area outside of Beth's office. The tree will be up by Sunday, November 26. If you are able to attend the services, you can select a name from the tree. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet along with your phone number.

Gifts will be due back by the end of the 11:00 church service on Sunday, December 10.

I realize that it may not be convenient to select a name from the tree or shop for an angel. I have setup an email address angelsfmcc@yahoo.com so you can communicate with me directly if you want to participate in the Angel tree ministry this season. I will be happy to select an angel for you from the tree and/or do the shopping for you. If you are interested in this option, please email me now at the address above. Just let me know what you wish to do. If you want me to do the shopping, please let me know how much you want to contribute in the email you send to me. You can pay me via check or Venmo.

We appreciate your help with this and we know that these children will be blessed with your kindness! Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 828-320-9904. Thank you so much!

Dana Little

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:

Dianne Hollar, Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar,
Clarence & Gaye Hood, Charles, Mary & Matthew Hornick,
Elizabeth Hornick, Kaitlin Hornick.

PROJECT AGAPE

(American Greater Armenian Partnership Efforts)

Those wishing to make a donation may write a check to **Project Agape**.

Mail to:
Project AGAPE, Inc.
PO Box 25453
Winston-Salem, NC 27114

Tis the Season

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are fast approaching and once again the Caring Ministry would like to spread love and joy to our homebound and nursing facility members. If possible, would you please remember these special members with a card this month and let them know how thankful we are for each of them? Also start thinking of ways to remember them at Christmas. Bags will be placed outside Beth's office right after Thanksgiving. We invite you to bring Christmas cards and goodies to add to the bag either on Sunday morning or during the week. Names are listed in the newsletter each week. Our deadline will be **December 12th** so that the bags can be delivered before Christmas. Thanks for all the ways you bless these sweet friends throughout the year.

The Caring Ministry Team



ECCCM

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.

FMC Conover was well represented last Tuesday at ECCCM with 9 volunteers. Your dedication to this ministry is amazing!

Thanks, Anita Deal, your ECCCM Representative

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Connie McCoy at The Greens
Jennifer Ball at CVMC

THANK YOU

What a church family! Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and calls I have received since my recent knee replacement surgery. What a blessing it is to be part of this church family, Sunday school class and Choir that truly cares for each other. And a special thank you to our Pastor John that goes out of his way to let us know how much he cares for each one of us and is always there for us. Blessings and love to you all.

Charlie Anderson

HONORARIUM

General Fund

In honor of our Methodist Men for helping with the Murder Mystery Dinner by:
The Nest

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 rail behind the organ bench, or you can hand deliver to Susan Hunsucker.

Poinsettias are **\$12.00 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



FOLLOW FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF CONOVER!

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!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Attention Christmas Decorating Committee! We will be decorating the church Sanctuary on Friday, November 24th. We will meet at 9:00am to begin. You do not have to be on the Decorating Committee to help. We can use anyone and everyone that would like to help.

Thank you,
Michelle Sierzenga



FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS TREE

All church members who would like to add a family ornament to our Family Life Christmas Tree in the CFLC, that would be great. A collection box will be located in the Common's Area by Thanksgiving. Just drop off your ornament in the box. If it's after Thanksgiving, you may add the ornament to the tree.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Because he had been raised from the dead, Lazarus was

- a. assured of a long life
- b. in imminent danger of being put to death
- c. liable to contract diseases
- d. uncertain of his friends

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence November 12, 2023

Sunday School:
95

Worship:

8:45am Service	121
11:00am Service	111
	<u>232</u>

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 16,530.00
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(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,716)

Children's Bank	7.00
Disaffiliation Fund	200.00
Harvest Festival (Bibles)	106.00
Poinsettia's	216.00
Samaritan's Purse	<u>20.00</u>

Total	\$ 17,079.00
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Deposit of Withholding Tax Refund:	\$ 435.66
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The shoebox total as of Sunday was 182 at the church and 4 online. Such a blessing to be able to touch that many lives!

Anita Deal

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

The Birth Announcement for baby Garrison said that the proud grandparents were Tony & Margaret Garrison. Tony & Margaret are the proud great grandparents and Aaron & Lisa Garrison are the proud grandparents.

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Conover, NC 28613
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Community Thanksgiving Worship



Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Covenant Christian Church on Sunday, Nov. 19th at 6:00pm. All are invited.

Covenant Christian is located on Hwy 70 at 2968 Hughey Drive, Conover.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
b. in imminent danger of being put to death
(John 12:9-11)

CHURCH STAFF

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Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fmconover.org

Neighbor's Table

Let's review a new mission/outreach to our community which began September 16, 2023.

- **What?** Supper
- **For?** The homeless, the lonely and those needing help during difficult financial times
- **When?** Third Saturday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30pm

What is needed to make this a successful mission and outreach:

- Volunteer groups to prepare/serve meals and fellowship with our guests
- Prayers
- Assistance in identifying those we want to reach

Below is a list of food prep groups and their menus:

- September 16, 2023 Methodist Men - BBQ/fixings, dessert
- October 21, 2023 Sharpe Bible Class - Hamburgers, FF, pie
- November 18, 2023 Young couples/children - Soup, sandwich, cookies
- December 16, 2023 Clark Bible Class - Ham, green beans, sweet potatoes
- January 20, 2024 Rockett family - Spaghetti/meatballs

I wish to thank these groups who have volunteered thus far.

Many people have asked me what they can do and when can they help.

1. We still need groups to prepare/serve meals: February 17, March 16.
2. The goal is that each group would be willing to prepare and serve meals two times in a twelve month period, so no one group would be overworked.

If you have questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact me: call/text at 828-638-8525 or e-mail at lgstorytime@bellsouth.net.

Pray for the success of this mission and outreach to the community of Conover and that those in need of this outreach will hear about and come to the feast of food and love.

Neighbor's Table Coordinator
Lois Goodson

MORE NEWS TO USE

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

Rev. Dixon Adams - Abernathy Laurels North Manor (Room 1014)
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

James Davis - (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, Abernathy Laurels North Manor,
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Connie McCoy - The Greens (Room 211)
3031 Tate Blvd., SE, Hickory, NC 28602

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

Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C13)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

Dottie Aycock-Harris - 1449 Brookstone Drive, Hickory, NC 28602
(704) 460-4919 - Ron's cell phone
noghost@bellsouth.net - email address



John & Betsy Hemmings, 2537 Birdie Lane, Conover, NC 28613
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(828) 256-1421

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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.