



The Carillon

November/December 2023

Vision Statement: Growing in Jesus to Serve; Serving Others to Grow God’s Kingdom.

From the Pen of Pastor Rena

Since this will be the last Carillon that I will participate in as Interim Pastor of Conway United Methodist Church, my prayers and best wishes are extended to the Transition team and their new role in the development of a new community church on the site of the former Conway United Methodist Church Campus. It is my sincere prayers that God’s abundant blessings will continue to all who enter the campus, as each of you will be led by the Holy Spirit to uplift God’s kingdom and share the Good News with all who enter the campus.

In addition, for those of us who are uniting with other churches whether it be United Methodist or some other denomination, let us continue to serve God in truth and in Spirit that the work we do will provide glory to God’s name. Matthew 28:18-20 exemplifies for all that it is our bounded duty to make disciples of all. For this famous passage and inspired word of God signifies: “Then Jesus came to them and

said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

As Interim Pastor and member of the former Conway United Methodist Church, I will miss the wonderful faces of family and friends that each of you became for me when I first left Mississippi to live in Orlando. Being my adopted family in Orlando, you opened your arms and welcomed me to your family, the family and Body of Christ here at Conway United Methodist Church, and for those characteristics, I am very thankful. There is an air of sadness that prevails as I move forward to other places where God will lead me, even in meeting and making new friends wherever I may be led.

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From the Pen of Pastor Rena

I want to thank all the volunteers, visitors, families and friends, the Quilting Ministry, United Women of Faith, the Thrift Shop, the Food Pantry, the Trustees, the SPRC, the Worship Committee, the Streaming Ministry, the Preschool staff, the Youth Ministry, the Church Council, the Finance Committee, and Laity for all the excellent roles you have taken that were above and beyond the call of duty. I have enjoyed being your Pastor for these almost eleven to twelve months. And have tried to walk alongside each one with my love.

Along with many other persons, I am planning a "Gathering of Love" for Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. or immediately following Worship service. I will ask each person who plans to attend to bring their favorite dish. Meats and main courses will be supplied by your Interim Pastor.

Many continued blessings to everyone. Be blessed in all that you do and give God the praise for all your many blessings. I love each of you as you are my sisters and brothers in Christ.



Rev. Rena S. Lewis, Interim Pastor, Chaplain, MSN, MDiv

Worshiping and Giving at Conway United Methodist Church



As a member of our Church, you have several ways to participate:

1. Worship with us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.
2. You can watch our service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings by using the Facebook link on the church's website or on Facebook Live Stream.
3. View the Church service using YouTube by searching under Conway United Methodist Church or by selecting the YouTube link on the church's website.
4. **Giving** can be in-person on Sundays at worship, on the Website, or bringing to the church office Monday through Thursday.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Every week the church continue to provide food for 70 families and individuals, because of the generosity of our church and community.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Donations needed every week include rice, beans, cereal and canned vegetables.

Questions: Alison Whitney at 407-615-1080.



PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE

Happy Holidays from the Preschool!

At this time, we are gearing up for the holidays, please see our upcoming special events below:

In November, we will partner with the CUMC Food Pantry as we collect food items for the 'Thanksgiving Basket' food drive from November 1-10.

Our Thanksgiving Break will run from November 20-24, during this time our school will be closed.

We pray that you have a wonderful, blessing filled Thanksgiving.

In December, we will again host Cookies and Crafts with Santa in the FLC on December 14, from 4pm to 6:15pm. We are looking forward to a fantastic evening of fellowship with our families.

Our preschool Christmas Program will be held on December 20, at 11am and our Christmas break will run from December 25 - January 5.

We pray you have a wonderful, blessing filled Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many Blessings, Casey Wilson, Preschool Director

CONWAY United Women in Faith (UWF) UPDATE

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior.

In keeping with the tradition of the Conway United Women in Faith a special presentation was given to three outstanding servants of Conway UMC. President, Frankie Edwards, Vice President, Judy Turner and Secretary, Wendy Hamlett presented each honoree with a gold pin and certificate from the national office acknowledging their service as outstanding Laity Servants.

The honorees were Movetta Manning, Chris Mateijow and Bob Jex. May God continue to direct their paths to serve and Bless others.

The UWF ladies also enjoyed a presentation from our First Responders of the fire department. Loads of new information was shared.

The group will have a new name soon. However, All work in mission will continue with the Transition Team. Your continued support would greatly be appreciated especially in our Thrift Shop.

In His Love and Service

Frankie Edwards, President UWF



Reverse Advent

Each Sunday this advent season, Conway's Student Ministries will be participating in a Reverse Advent. Instead of getting a gift we will be giving a gift, as we focus on the true gift of the season, Jesus. We invite you, our church family, to join us in participating in a Reverse Advent supporting our pantry.

Sunday, November 28th ~ Canned Proteins & Soups

Sunday, December 5th ~ Grains/Rice/Potatoes & Pasta Sauces

Sunday, December 12th ~ Fruits, Vegetables, & Dried Beans

Sunday, December 19th ~ Breakfast Foods

Sunday, December 24th ~ Hygiene Products

Advent Decorating



Our sanctuary always looks so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas Season. This year, Advent begins on December 3rd.

Please come and be a part of the decorating.

We will meet in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30.

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please call Pattie Voelpel at 407-273-9193 or just show up.

Youth News

- November 5th ~ Patch Take Down 5:00-6:30pm
- November 19th -22nd ~ T.A.G. Mission Trip
- December 9th ~ Luminary Fliers 9:00am-Noonish
- December 10th ~ Luminary Kit Making 5:00-6:30 pm
- December 15th ~ Sand Bags 5:00-6:30ish pm@CFB
- December 16th ~ Luminary Delivery 9:00am-to ???
- December 24th ~ No Youth
- December 31st ~ No Youth



Our next Blood Drive is Sunday December 13, starting at 0800.

Appointments recommended via OneBlood.org.

No scheduled events (yet) for 2024...

V/R,
Bob J.

Children's News

- November 1st ~ Attitude of Gratitude Wk 1
- November 8th ~ Attitude of Gratitude Wk 2
- November 15th ~ Special Message: Angel's Visit to Mary
- November 22nd ~ No Clubhouse Due to Thanksgiving
- November 29th ~ Connect with The Prince of Peace
- December 6th ~ Follow The Star
- December 13th ~ Share The Good News
- December 20th ~ Christmas Party
- December 27th ~ No Clubhouse
- January 3rd ~ No Clubhouse

Come join us in room 20 in the Education Building from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays as we learn about how to grow in God as we learn about an **Attitude of Gratitude and Christmas Science** where we will learn how to be part of one of God's amazing stories through stories, crafts and games.

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome!



Congratulation to Amy Beudet!

Amy was elected by her peers as Teacher of the Year for Moss Park Elementary School for the 2023 to 2024 School Year.



Continue to pray for those who are in Assisted Living facilities, Nursing Homes, and Rehab Centers.

Carl and Carolyn Barrett—Westminister at Winter Park

Betty Douglas—Superior, Residence of Clermont

Audre Game — The Gardens at DePugh

Vivian McCartney is at Home

And Ruth Suthphin, and Ruth Ann Cody

Doris Thompson is at home in North Carolina

OUR CONWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gladys Boggan, Evelyn Calloway,
Kay Cooksey, Merry Dawson,
Sandy and Wayne Hudson,
Carol and Ben Human,
Greg and Renee Gillette,
Robin Goets, Eddie Julian,
Marie Nobel,
Rusty and Mary Anne Pike,
and Dianne Young



I want to thank everyone for your well wishes, love cards, gifts and prayers on my birthday on October 29th.

God bless you!

Pastor Rena

With an Attitude of Gratitude, we **THANK YOU!!**

Our Pumpkin Patch was an **ENROUMOUS** success because of **YOU** and **YOUR** support!

We are grateful for each and every person who supported our patch through your prayers, your manual labor during the unloading process, and to ALL of the amazing Patch Sitters who welcomed our community!

Blessings, The UMYF & CUM Preschool

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 10 AM TO 2 PM

FRIDAY— CLOSED

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to set an appointment with Pastor Rena, please contact her at 407-277-5010, or 601-323-2499, or rena@conwayumc.org

**Gathering of Love
On
December 3, 2023**



Immediately following Worship Service
Please bring your favorite dish!
Meats and main courses will be provided
by Pastor Rena



Youth / College & Career / Adult -
Sunday Serve project making
Gleaning Bags for St. Andrew
Society



College and Career Dinner

Message from the Conway United Methodist Church Disaffiliation Team

As we continue working through the process of disaffiliation, we wanted to communicate with all members of Conway United Methodist Church. We realize that some of you are confused about what is happening.

Our feelings are that we have a great deal of love for this Church and have watched it decline over the last many years. We do not want to see this continue to the point that there will no longer be a Church at the corner of Conway and Anderson.

Our goal is to continue the many wonderful programs and missions that are currently active in the church, restart some programs and missions that we have had in the past, and seek out new programs and missions to grow our church and have a significant impact on the Conway community.

Now that over 70% of the voting members voted for disaffiliation, the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church will give us an opportunity to disaffiliate. The new church will own the land and buildings on this property and be able to progress on the mission to move forward.

At this point in time, we are working on all that needs to happen to establish Conway Community Church and bring this mission to fruition. All members of Conway United Methodist Church will automatically become members of Conway Community Church unless they decide to opt out.

We would like your input by asking you to provide some information to us so that we are aware of the congregation's thoughts and would appreciate it if you would answer these three questions.

- 1) What programs, activities, or missions do you feel are critical to continue under the new church?
- 2) What programs, activities, or missions that we have had in the past, but were discontinued, would you like to see restarted?
- 3) What new programs, activities or missions would you like to see the new church pursue?

Please feel free to share your input with any member of the transition team, listed below.

Larry Smith – Chair

Tom Turner – Finance & Legal

Reeny Dawson & Pam Lattin – Office

Rick Fry – Property

Chuck Riddick – Sign

Jason Beudet – Parsonage

Kelly Bayer & Amy Beudet – Communications

Pattie Voelpel – Worship

Stephanie Parkkila – Children, Youth, Reach-Up, College & Career Ministries



November Birthdays!!

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6	Breece Jones Larry Smith
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13	Mary Belle Dewitt Greg Gillette Charlee Sutphin
14	Dawn Hughes
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16	Matt Taylor
17	Mia Deloach Tom Turner
18	Ashley Smith Helen Strain
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22	Amy Beaudet Joan Daley Larry Deloach
23	Gil Croft
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25	Lori Taylor
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27	Pam Young
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29	
30	Louise Baker Pam Getz
31	Jamie Heltsey

December Birthdays!!

1		18	Merry Dawson Andrew Stapp Mackenzie Tacey RJ Terry Brain Turner
2	Wanda Piercy- Clementz	19	Madeline McCamy
3	Erin Pike	20	
4		21	
5	Pari Bolinger Caroline Deloach	22	Gini Curls
6		23	
7	Christopher Ellis Jordan Hullett	24	
8		25	
9		26	Clark Getz Sharon Fisher
10	Stewart Brockett	27	Kerry Webb
11		28	Elizabeth Lynn Chynna Thompson
12	Ana Pardo Madeline Werner Johan Quevedo	29	
13		30	Karen Byrd Bev Winn
14		31	
15	12 Maria Hetitch Frank Leathery		
16	Taylan Dannmiller		
17	Dee Francis Bobby Hanna		

If your name or that of a friend or family member at Conway UMC does not appear on the birthday calendar, please contact the Church office so that we may add their names. Thank you!