The Concord Connection
Seeking God, Serving the Community, Supporting Each Other

Sunday Worship Schedule

**One Body Communion Service**
1ST Sunday of each month at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

**REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES:**
8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery Care Available
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. New Life Celebration Oglesby-Close Hall
10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday Schools
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship & refreshments in Oglesby-Close Hall

**Wed. Hour of Prayer**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Chapel

**Newsletter Deadline**
The deadline for articles is on the 1ST TUESDAY, 10 AM of each month. No exceptions. Please email articles when possible. Thank you,
*Marilyn Robrecht – Editor*

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**Holy Week**
The week that changed the world.

**April 5: Palm Sunday—One Body Communion Service**
All children welcome to participate in the Children/Youth Processional.
One Service at 9:30am

**April 9: Maundy Thursday 6:30pm**
Dinner, Communion & Choir
Oglesby-Close Hall

**April 10: Good Friday—7:00pm**
Service of Healing
Held in the Sanctuary
Choir

**April 12: Easter Sunday—Sunrise Service at 6:30am**
in the Friendship Circle
Free Community Easter Breakfast
7am to 9:30am in Oglesby-Close Hall
10am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary.

**Children’s Community Easter Egg Hunt**
Hunt following the service.
One day I went home and my wife greeted me with concerning voice. “Honey, we lost Peace!” Many of you know that we have four chickens at home: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. She could not find Peace when she came home from church that day. It was getting darker, and chickens did not see well in darkness. There was nothing that I could do. We prayed together for Peace and slept.

Early in the morning, I heard a small voice, saying, “goo goo.” I woke up and listened to the sound carefully. I heard it again, and I went out to our backyard. I waited for a while and heard again the small sound, “goo goo.” I turned to the direction and saw a yellow round ball behind a chicken net. We have a double net. Originally we had a plastic net. However, one night we heard an emergency sound. All the chickens made loud noises in the middle of a night. I took a flash light and went out. A possum broke the plastic net and attacked our chickens. I had to run to the possum and chased him away. In the morning, I and my wife put a metal net outside. Now we have a double net, inside plastic and outside metal one.

When I found our Peace, she was in between those two nets! I did not know how she got there! I took her out from the nets and held her tight for a while. I went to my wife with Peace, saying, “Honey, we have Peace at home!” She was thrilled to have our Peace back! Then it dawned on me that if I can hear a chicken sound, then God can hear our smallest voice! Actually God even hears our sighs. The Bible says, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”(Romans 8:26) God hears our prayer!
UMW General Meeting
Wednesday March 18, 2020
Business Meeting: 10:00 am in Sherrill Hall
Program begins at 11 am.
Guest Speaker: Pastor Lee
Lenten Bible Study
Lunch: 12pm,
Guests are welcome!
You do not need to be UMW members.

D.W.C.N.W.
*Diagnosed with Cancer, Now What?*
A group for cancer patients.
Meets the **Second and Third** Thursdays of the Month, **6pm -7pm** in Susannah Wesley Room
Led by Steve Pierce, 925-518-4447

Caregiving for You and Me

*Are you a Caregiver?* at CUMC designed for caregivers to share their caregiving experiences
and get resources to assist on their caregiving journey.

*Where: CUMC Susannah Wesley Room*
*When: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm*

This group is run in partnership with Alzheimer’s services of the East Bay (ASEB). CUMC's Lay Leader, Micheal Pope is ASEB’S CEO and is one of the group leaders.
We hope you will take advantage of everything this group has to offer.

In Our Prayers
The family of Mary Ginochio following her death on February 8. A memorial service was held at CUMC on Friday February 14 at CUMC.
Eric Ferguson who is now at Stonebrook Convalescent recovering from surgery.
Edie Rucker who is recovering from injuries from a fall.
Irving Lee who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

*Continued Prayers:*
Dave Atkinson, Midge Sundsten, Helen Johnson, Marge Boyer, Bill Shannon, Eldonna Dayton, Chris Gregory.
IT’S TIME FOR WINTER NIGHTS

![Image of a winter nights shelter]

Our church has participated in Winter Nights, the traveling shelter for homeless families, almost from the very beginning, sixteen years.

This year we will be hosting eight families, 12 adults and 21 children, ages 10 weeks to 17, for two weeks beginning on Monday, February 24.

Our volunteers, as well as people from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Bonaventure’s Catholic Church, the Concord High School Key Club, and the Seventh Day Adventists Church across the street, will be doing everything we can to make our guests feel comfortable and safe and have some fun too.

Most of the families are working and have jobs. Those who don’t are taken to the Oasis, in Pittsburg, where there are computers to look for work and housing, and kids are taken to school.

The families leave each morning at 7:00 and come back at 5:00 PM. Most activities take place in Oglesby – Close Hall where the families are housed in tents and eat their meals. Two tutors from Winter Nights come each night to provide homework help. There is always a paid Winter Night staff person on the site. When a family finds a home and moves out, another family moves in.

That pretty much is the routine for Winter Nights. I’ll tell you how it went next time.

CONCORD SENIOR CENTER

Concord Senior Center is a designated Cooling Center for Seniors and People with Disabilities when temperatures get excessively hot.

Cooling Center hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9AM to 7 PM and Thursday and Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Concord Senior Center is located at 2727 Parkside Circle. Telephone number is 925-671-3320. More information on keeping cool and safe during heat waves is located on the bulletin board outside Oglesby Close Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our K thru 5th grade Sunday School is in need of new teachers. Please consider becoming a part of helping our children grow in their faith by being one of their teachers! The curriculum is in place and there are helpers for the classroom. The teaching schedule would only be once a month or so.

Please contact Vince Gregory at vince_gregory@yahoo.com, or phone: 686-2330

You can make a difference!

Every time you buy a GIFT CARD you make a donation to CUMC!

Don’t use cash or credit to pay for your regular purchases, use scrip gift cards.

Your families earn money for the church just by making their regular household purchases. But instead of paying with cash or credit, they use prepaid gift cards from America’s favorite and most trusted retailers.

You may ask, “what’s the catch?” The catch – if there is one – is that families need to plan ahead a little and do their normal shopping with gift cards. By simply planning ahead on everyday purchases like groceries, gas, restaurants, clothes, entertainment and home repair, you are making a donation to our church.

The participating retailers give a percentage of sales back to our church.

Drop by the Prosperity Team table in Oglesby Close Hall and purchase from the inventory they have on hand.

You can also place an order from over 500 gift cards available and pick them up next Sunday!

Please let us know if there are gift cards that you wish us to keep in our inventory for easy shopping!!
Summarized Statement of Activities
For the Month Ended JANUARY 31, 2020

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January 2020 operations resulted in a deficit of $22,843, due primarily to payment of our annual Property & Liability Insurance premium ($16.2k), 1st Qtr Pastor’s Health Insurance premium ($4.5k), and Dec. Tithe ($4.4k).


NOTE: An updated property appraisal was part of the roof loan process. Upon Fe Inocencio’s return from vacation, that updated appraisal value will be reflected in February’s Net Asset dollar figure.

Report on Gift Cards
For the Month Ended January 31, 2020

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FREE TAX PREPARATION

FREE FEDERAL AND CLAIFORNIA INCOME TAX RETURN PREPARATION is again offered by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays here at the church Fireside Room and Susannah Wesley Room and at other locations on different days. The service, provided by IRS certified tax counselors, is available starting February 2020. Tax-Aide does not specify an income limit but the service targets low and moderate income taxpayers of any age with special attention given to seniors 50+.

Appointments can be scheduled beginning January 1, 2020, by calling (925) 405-5234 (available 24hrs/everyday). For general information and other site locations, call: (925) 726-3199.

To complete your tax return, Tax-Aide will need you to bring to the appointment your:
- Social Security Card or ITIN letter and photo ID for all individuals to be listed on the return
- Photo ID
- All W-2s
- All 1098’s and 1099’s
- Other income and deduction records
- Your 2016 Tax Return and documents
- Covered
- California: All documents including 1095A
If you would like to donate flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one this Easter, you may do so for a donation of any amount. For those who desire, the flowers will be available to take home after the 10:00 AM service on Easter Sunday. Any funds not used for the plants will go toward supplying flowers for the altar during the rest of the year. The last day orders will be accepted will be April 5. Please fill out the whole form.

I would like to donate a plant: ____ in MEMORY of ________________________________

____ in HONOR of ________________________________

Enclosed is my check for $______________ (Payable to CUMC/ALTAR GUILD)

I will ____ will not ____ be picking up a plant after the 10:00 AM service.

Signed: ________________________________

The Concord Connection
Concord United Methodist Church
1645 West Street
Concord, CA 94521
925/685-5260

Return Service Requested

February 26: Ash Wednesday
6:30am-8am - Drive thru Ashes & Communion

6 to 8pm - Drop in Chapel
(Meditation, Ashes & Communion

GOOD TIMERS
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
12 noon, Sherrill Hall

Bring a friend. Bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert provided.

Please call Pam Hall: 777-9868 so she will know how many will be attending!