



Concord United Methodist Church

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October, 2018

The Concord Connection

Seeking God, Serving the Community, Supporting Each Other

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Worship
in the Sanctuary

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Nursery Care
Available

9:00 a.m. Adult
Bible Study

9:00a.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

Wednesday 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*

October is *SHARE* month!



Please put your coins (and dollars) in the bottle in the Narthex.

*All the money donated goes to buy food for those in need. **SHARE** is not a hand-out...but a hand-up. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you prefer, place your food donations in the **SHARE** box in the Narthex.*

October	Canned or Dried Beans, Refried, Pinto, Black, Kidney, Pork & Beans, Tuna, Spaghetti
November	Sugar, Flour (preferably 4 or 5 pound bags), Tuna, Spaghetti
December	Anything from the above list

Cans with pop top are especially appreciated for the homeless.
Fresh fruits and/or vegetables are also welcome.

Please welcome the newest member to our CUMC staff!

**Choir Director,
Terry Lezama-Jensen**

Terry Lezama-Jensen began his Pastoral Music Ministry in 1971 as Chapel Choir Director at his alma mater, Berry College in Mt. Berry, GA. Since then he has found himself in United Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Interdenominational, and Catholic communities where he has been called on to sing, play the organ and piano, direct, preach, and teach.

Terry is a native of the Bay Area, born and raised in Petaluma. In 1979 he moved down to San Francisco and spent three decades living, working and ministering there. In 2009 he moved across the bay to take his chances with the Hayward Fault. Terry and his Nicaraguan husband Mauricio live in Vallejo, with their three dogs and one cat. When not working at his real job as a Business Systems Analyst, or doing music for us, Terry enjoys barbecuing and lazing around the pool, exploring local street fairs, checking out historic sites, dining at restaurants (both the interesting and the mundane), watching telenovelas to improve his rudimentary Spanish, and taking in first-run movies at the local multiplex.



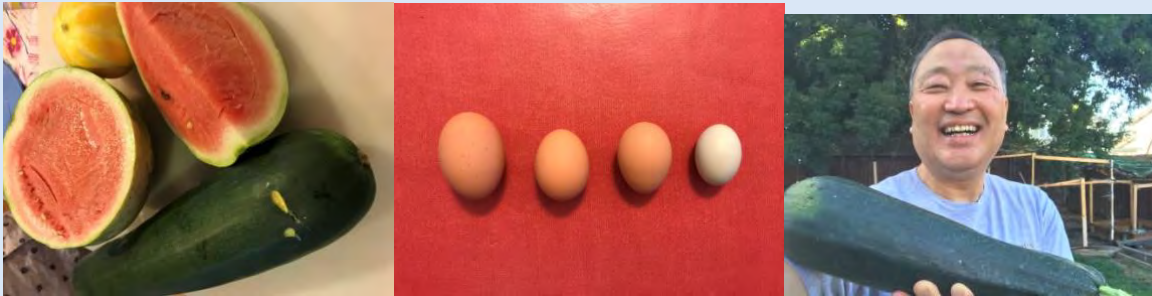
God allows us to have Fall Harvest!

Pastor Lee

During this month of October, I want to give thanks to God who allows us to have good harvests!

1. Personal Harvests

In my garden, I had zucchini, water melon, oriental melon, green onions, cabbages, and many other vegetables. My chickens lay eggs: Hope, Joy, Love, Peace had eggs like an Advent Eggs.



2. Church Ministry

God allows us many small groups for our church:



Moving Forward	Karen Morones—685-3917 Linda Jinks—510-299-9342	Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm	Sherrill Hall
United Methodist Women			
Esther Circle	Elaine Collins—672-1211	1st Wednesday, 10:00am	Sherrill Hall
Abigail Circle	Betsy McLeod—825-6799	2nd Wednesday, 10:00am	Sherrill Hall
Anna Circle	Ann Kung—672-9729	2nd Sunday, 12:00pm -	Susannah Wesley Room
Caregivers Support	Micheal Pope-510-367-9802	4th Wednesday, 10:00am	Sherrill Hall
Wed. Bible Study	Jim McGuire—997-2257	Wednesdays, 7:00pm	Sherrill Hall
Cancer Support (Diagnosed With Cancer, Now What?)	Steve Pierce—518-4447	2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 6-7pm	Susannah Wesley Room
Qui Gung/Tai Chi	Irving Lee—687-2494	Fridays, 9—10:00am	Sherrill Hall
Men’s Group	Jim McGuire—997-2257	1st & 3rd Fridays, 10:15am	Fireside Room

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Vesper Small Groups

Micheal Pope—510-367-9802
 Carol Wolfe
 Erwin Eclarino 876-3592

Saturdays, 6—7:30pm Susannah Wesley Room
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Sisters in Christ

Betsy McLeod—825-6799

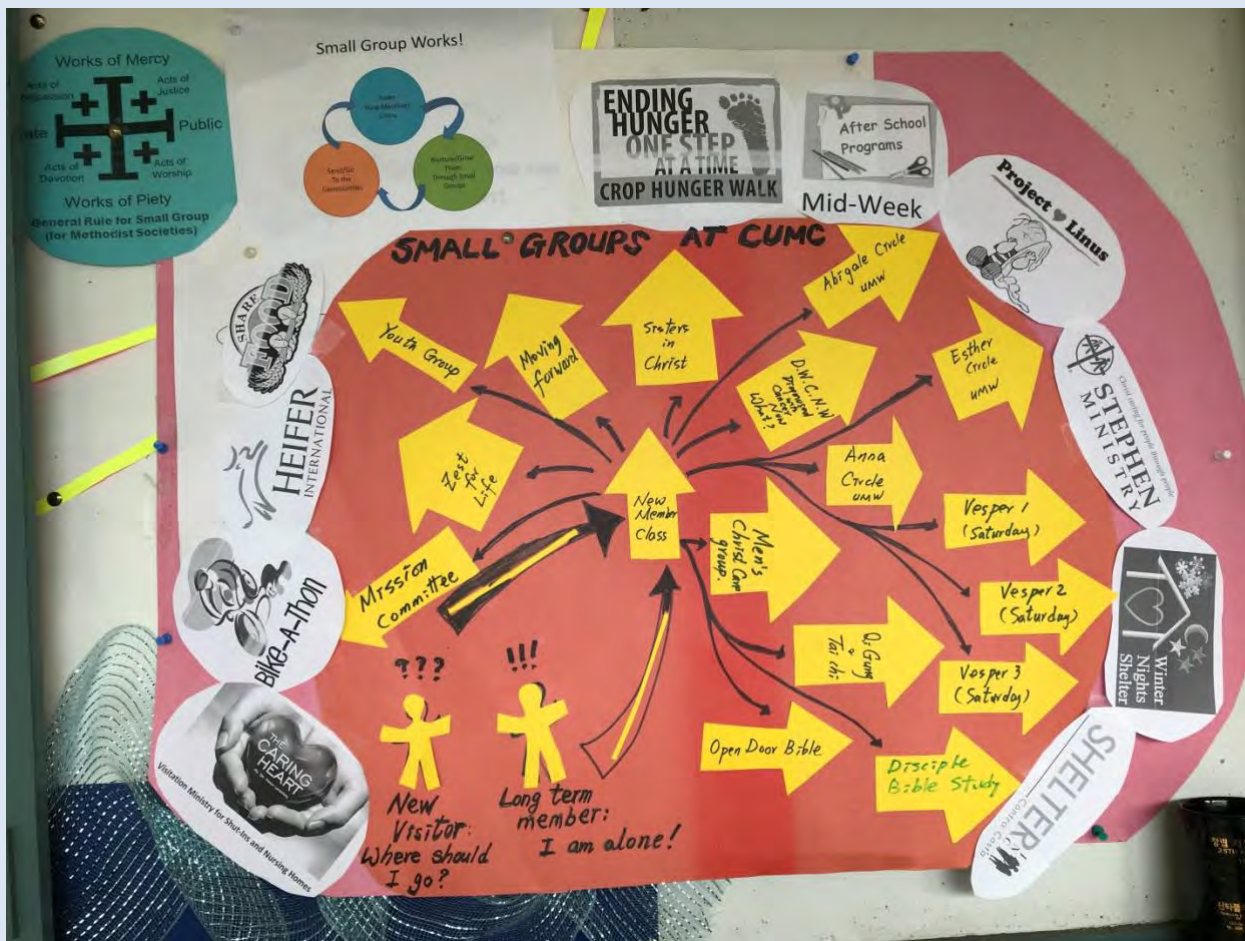
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11:45am-Fireside Room

Open Door Bible Study

Sandy Maguire—256-4272
 Sue McGuire-212-3357

Sundays, 9-10:00am Susannah Wesley Room

Those small groups are the entry points for the new members and the nurturing place for the current church members.



We invite people to these small groups. We nurture them here. Finally we send them out to our communities to serve God and God's people.

May God continually bless our church with many fruits of our mission and ministry!

Take time to think about the fruits that you have harvested through God's Grace:

1. What have God allowed me to harvest this year?
2. What is still growing in my life and during my faith journey?

Church & Society

Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 11, 6:00 pm, at Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road in Lafayette.

A potluck begins at 6:00 (please bring a vegetarian dish to share) with meeting to follow promptly at 7:00. Reverend Charles Tinsley, who is retiring after 25 years of service at Juvenile Hall will be honored. Over 100 congregations make up the Interfaith Council, so come, make some new friends and learn about the mission and activities of the Interfaith Council. All are welcome.

ANKA Behavioral Health Services will hold its fourteenth annual memorial service at CUMC on Friday, November 9, at 10:00 am to honor and remember the homeless who have died during the past year. A light lunch provided by ANKA will follow the service. This service is always very moving and all are welcome to attend.



Blanket Sunday is October 21.

That's the day CUMC will start collecting blankets, sleeping bags, coats, sweaters, jackets, sweat shirts, socks, caps, gloves, anything that will help keep someone in need warm during the winter. Both adult and children's clothes will be accepted but items must be clean and in good repair (zippers working, buttons on). Containers will be in the narthex and Oglesby-Close Hall for your donations.

Thanks for Caring and Sharing!

Youth Happenings for October/November

Sundays – Youth Sunday School at 10:30 AM

Fridays – Youth Group from 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Sun., Oct. 14th: CROP Walk in Walnut Creek
at 1 PM

Mon., Oct. 15th: Monday Night Dinner at Skipolini's
Pizza in Todos Santos at 7 PM

Sat., Oct. 27th: Trunk or Treat at 5 PM

Sun., Oct. 28th: Youth Sunday at the 9 AM
and 10:30 AM Services

November Dates for Monday Night Dinner:
5th and 19th.

Want more info? Email James
youth@concordumc.org



UMW General Meeting

Wednesday November 28, 2018

Business Meeting:
10:00 am in Sherrill Hall

Program begins at 11 am.

**Speaker: Pat Everette,
Veterans History Project**

Topic: WWII Veteran History

Guests are welcome!

You do not need to be UMW members.

TRUNK OR TREAT



A free event for children of all ages! Come in costume and be ready for games, frights, a bouncy house, and plenty of candy!

Saturday, October 27th, 2018 5 PM to 7 PM

Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord

Questions? Email youth@concordumc.org

Share this flyer with a friend or neighbor!



MID WEEK



Free After-School Program

The Mid-Week After School program offers a free and safe place for all children. We offer nutritious snacks, homework help, and various enriching, creative, and sometimes messy, activities. This is not a religious program, but rather a community program our church offers to our neighbors all around! If your child is in grades K-8, they are welcome to join. Just stop by on a Wednesday and you will receive the necessary paperwork and information.

Wednesdays 1 PM to 6 PM

Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord

www.concordumc.org/mid-week.html

midweek@concordumc.org





Just a few of the gift cards we have on hand!!

Gift cards available to purchase from our inventory of over 30 vendors that we keep on hand.

Visit the Prosperity Table in Oglesby-Close Hall after the 9 and 10:30 services

Gift cards available to purchase from our inventory or to order from over 500 participating vendors!



GOOD TIMERS

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
12 noon, Sherrill Hall

Annual Thanksgiving Potluck!

Hosted by Dean and Pam Hall

Pam & Dean will be providing the Turkeys!

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

Summarized Statement of Activities

9/30/2018

	YTD		
	YTD Actual	Budget	Variance
INCOME	246,026	240,627	5,399
EXPENSE	234,015	239,394	5,379
SURPLUS	12,011	1,233	10,778

The results of operation ended in an YTD surplus of approximately \$12K. For the month of Sept, total Pledges and Open Plate received exceeded the budget by \$1K. Prior months from May to Aug, the monthly collections were consistently below the monthly budget. The positive results for Sept were primarily attributed to yearly pledgers starting to complete their pledges for the year and for the reason that Sept has 5 Sundays. YTD Pledges and Open Plate is still behind YTD budget by \$16K. YTD Bequest and Use of Facilities actual Income exceeds YTD budget by approximately \$20K. The combination of Total YTD Actual Income exceeding the Budget by approximately \$6K, and YTD Total Expenses being lower than Budget by 5K, plus the forecasted surplus of \$1K resulted in the YTD surplus of \$12K.

Total Net Assets 498,389

Report on Gift Cards-September 2018

	Month	YTD
SALES	5,180	58,685
INCOME ON DISCOUNTS	272	2,049

Quiet Time of Prayer
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Chapel will be open for a weekly time of prayer.

We invite all who want to pray.

We feel that a quiet time of prayer will help those who are feeling down and don't know how to get feeling better. Prayer is a very powerful way to get us through times that are difficult, so please come and join us. You need not be a member of our church community, just someone who needs a little extra prayer. God Bless



It's that time of year! We are beginning to gather cups needed for Snowman Soup!

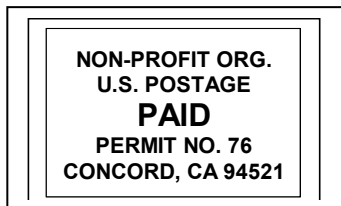
Please bring your Christmas mugs to the church office during the week or to church on Sunday.

Don't forget, the more Snowman Soup we make and sell; the more toys we can purchase for the Toys for Tots program!

Thank you for helping make this program possible!!!

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Return Service Requested



Buy a Chair Campaign!

Oglesby-Close Hall is getting new chairs and we need help paying for them. Help us by buying a chair (or more!)

1 Chair - \$28 4 Chairs - \$100

Checks can be made out to the church with "Buy a Chair" in the memo line.

Ask a Trustee for more information!



Concord United Methodist

Concord United Methodist Church And Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay

Invite Individuals living with memory loss and their caregivers to a specially designed worship service. Sing, worship and fellowship with families that are coping with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss.

Every 4th Saturday from 2pm – 2:30pm, In the Chapel