



## Concord United Methodist Church

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# The Concord Connection

Seeking God, Serving the Community, Supporting Each Other

### Worship Schedule

**8:00 a.m.** Worship  
in the Sanctuary

**9:00 a.m.** New Life  
Celebration in  
Oglesby Hall

**9:00 a.m.** Nursery  
Care Available

**9:00 a.m.** Adult  
Sunday Schools

**10:30 a.m.** Children  
and Youth Sunday  
Schools

**10:30 a.m.** Worship  
in the Sanctuary

**11:30 a.m.**  
Fellowship &  
refreshments in  
Friendship Circle.  
(Sherrill Hall if the  
weather is bad.)

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles  
is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday at 4 pm of  
each month. No  
exceptions. Please  
email articles when  
possible.

Thank you,

*Marilyn Robrecht –  
Editor*



# Galactic Blast

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

**Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**FREE**

**without a “Camp Out” under the stars on  
Thursday, July 1. (camp out fee \$15.00)**

**Times without “Overnight Camp Out” on Thursday;  
Monday thru Thursday 1pm-4pm, Friday, 9am – 1pm**

**We’re inviting all children to be a part of the excitement at our  
Summer Bible Camp. At Galactic Blast, the children will become  
cadets on the Starship Galactic Praise as we learn more about our  
wonderful, incredible, amazing God.**

**See page 7 for a registration form. Forms are also available from the  
church office or in the narthex of the church on Sundays.**



## Spring Concert Stage and Screen

**June 6th—3:30pm  
Oglesby Hall**

Join us as we listen to songs from  
Broadway, the silver screen and even a  
couple of patriotic songs presented by  
the  
CUMC Community Orchestra, Handbells  
and Chancel Choir.

Freewill offering

Dinner available for purchase  
after the concert.  
(Hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream,  
sundaes, root beer floats, etc.)

## MAY 15 ALL CHURCH WORK PARTY A SUCCESS!



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All-Church Work Party on Saturday May 15 was very successful! Despite only three people signing up, we had 15 volunteers attend, plus 9 more from the Korean Congregation. Many thanks to our Korean friends for the fine job done in cleaning the gutters on Sherrill Hall and the education wings. The rest of us accomplished several painting chores, refinished another bench (the first one was done last July, I

reorganized cupboards in the Sherrill Hall kitchen, weeded gardens, and replaced rubber “bumpers” on our folding tables.



Special thanks to **Genevieve Abille** and her youth helpers **Jonathan Carlson**, and **Paul Rohrberg**. They along with Carolynn Robason refinished the bench. **Steve and Kim Rohrberg** replaced bumpers on the folding table. **Joyce Atkinson** wielded her trusty weeder on the flower bed in the courtyard outside the office. **Sandy Aseron** worked on gardening and pruning all over! **Herb Weimar** worked on the plants next to Oglesby Hall, and documented the event with photographs. **James Hofmeister**, **Alan Carlson**, **Bud Gooderham** and **Ed Brumley** worked on painting fascia boards (way up high on ladders—didn’t even use

levitation!), and **Wanda Close** served refreshments as well as cleaning and organizing cabinets in the Sherrill Hall kitchen.

Our next work party is scheduled for **Saturday July 10** so please mark your calendars.

Dave Atkinson, Trustee Chair

### STAND! Donation List

Donations needed for Stand Against Domestic Violence. It is the only comprehensive domestic violence prevention agency in Contra Costa County.

The following is a partial list of needed items for their Shelter.

#### Cleaning supplies:

Antibacterial cleaners  
Ajax  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Lysol Spray  
Bleach  
Laundry Detergent,  
Dryer Sheets

#### Kitchenware:

Pots and pans  
Silverware  
Glassware  
Plates

#### Personal Items (full size)

Deodorant  
Toothpaste  
Ladies Razors, and shaving cream  
Shampoo and conditioner  
Women’s undergarments – NEW  
Gift Cards (Target, KMART,  
Safeway)

#### Bath

Towels/ Washcloths

#### Bedding

Pillow Cases

Items may be brought to the church office. **Please mark them “for STAND!”**

Thank You

### PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY MAY 30, 2010

**Peace with Justice Sunday**, one of the United Methodist Special Sundays with offering, will be observed May 30. The Special Sunday supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world. The United Methodist Church declares that peace with justice will be celebrated when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education, food, health care, income support and clean water.

Half of the offering collected by an annual conference is retained to fund local peace with justice programs. In addition, half of the offering is remitted to the General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy.

## Church & Society: Family Shelter Week, Wardrobe for Opportunity, Primary Election

### Family Shelter Week, Monday, July 19 thru Friday, July 23.

Our church will provide evening meals and supplies to the Mountain View Shelter for homeless families in Martinez. The facility can accommodate 7 families, approximately 30 residents, half being children. Groups and individuals within our church prepare and deliver the meals. It's a great community project and much needed as Mountain View's yearly budget for food is only \$500. If you or a group you participate in would like to help, please call Delores Loague at 925-672-6870. Thank you.

**Wardrobe for Opportunity** is accepting clothes that can be worn for job interviews. The clothes must be clean and on hangers, ready to wear. Clothes recipients must have finished training and have a job interview lined up. Please take your donations to Wardrobe for Opportunity which is located at Broadway Plaza Concierge, Walnut Creek across from Yogurt Park. The hours are 10 to 9, Monday thru Friday and 10 to 6 on Saturday and Sunday. For information call Sunny at 510-463-4100 extension 214.

### Primary Election, June 8

It's time to make our voices heard! You should have your sample ballot by now, so look over it carefully. In addition to voting for candidates in preparation for the November election, there are five propositions on the ballot. The California Council of Churches has analyzed the propositions, and given its recommendations for each proposition. You will find this information on the bulletin board outside Oglesby Hall. Become as informed as you can, and then,

**BE SURE TO VOTE!**

## RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

**Our Rummage Sale (May 6-8) was a huge success!** The total proceeds thus far is over **\$7600.00**, which surpassed what was made in 2009!! We are still receiving money for items being sold on Craig's List!

### We want to thank:

- **everyone who donated items to the sale.** We had very little storage, but everyone was patient and held on to their treasures until we were able to accept them.
- **all who spent their days pricing and boxing items.** That is such a huge task and having most items priced makes the set up for the sale go so much easier!
- **the Thursday Lawn crew** who brought everything that was in the off-site storage shed to the church on Saturday, May 1, and helped to set up Oglesby Hall for the sale. After unloading their trucks they also picked up items at members homes.
- **all the volunteers** who gave up their Saturday to set up Oglesby Hall. Many of you also returned on Sunday thru Wednesday to help.
- **everyone who purchased all those wonderful "must haves"!**
- **the cashiers, helpers, etc. who worked the actual sale and helped clean up on May 8!!**

There were so many who helped in some way, from organizing the sale to cleaning up after it, that it is impossible to thank everyone by name, so;

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!!!**

## PINOCHLE PLAYERS ♠♣♥♦

The Pinochle Players will be meeting **Friday June 11 at 2pm in Sherrill Hall.** Your hosts will be **Helen and Ben Yeraka.**

Beginners, singles and newcomers are always welcome!



## Used Eyeglasses

If you have any old eyeglasses you no longer want, Bud Gooderham collects them for the Lion's Club. Leave them in the narthex on Sundays and please mark them "for Bud."

## RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

### Prize

Betsy's Hair Basket  
 Renaissance Hotel  
 Trader Joe's  
 Starbuck's Gift Card  
 Fiore's Restaurant  
 Elephant Bar Restaurant  
 Safeway Gift Card  
 Safeway Gift Card  
 Rocco's Pizzeria  
 McDonald's  
 McDonald's  
 Mark Kerr Appliance Repair  
 Irving Lee Self Defense  
 El Tapatio Restaurant  
 Oakland A's  
 Waterworld  
 Buttercup Restaurant  
 Dairy Queen  
 Guitar Center Gift Card

### Winner

Evelyn Thomas  
 Linda Reed  
 Midge Sundsten  
 Sandy Maguire  
 Bud Gooderham  
 Rosemary Winters  
 Linda Jinks  
 Steve Rohrberg  
 Sandy Maguire  
 Elaine deProsse  
 Sud Sundsten  
 Midge Sundsten  
 Carol Murray  
 Reta Simmons  
 Carole Engler  
 Nancy Howser  
 Tracy Woodard  
 Wayne Stephenson  
 Bryan Nogaki

### Prize

Country Waffles  
 Muffins from Mimi's  
 Muffins from Mimi's  
 Muffins from Mimi's  
 CoCo's Pies  
 Marie Callender's Pies  
 Old South BBQ  
 Personalized Placemats

### Winner

Wayne Stephenson  
 Wendy Pitts  
 Carole Engler  
 Nancy Howser  
 Karen Brooke  
 Wilma Winder  
 Mark Kerr  
 Micheal Pope

### Auditor Needed

The Finance Committee is looking for someone who can do an audit for the church.

Please contact Valerie Sergej, 969 7555 if you are interested.



### BIKE-A-THON REVIEW

**On April 24~25 twenty-six hardy and intrepid riders rode all or part- of 100 miles on Bike-A-Thon #35.** The weather was perfect, the scenery was spectacular and of course there were a few "slight inclines" (hills) and streams. Yes, we forded three streams with a few slippery results.

Our challenge, other than survival without accidents, was to raise money for Heifer Project International. With everyone's help, \$7,800 was pledged and \$7,366 has been collected to date. Wally Kresley was our "Super Star Pledge Gatherer and Collector" by collecting \$2,300.

Pastor Rob took the challenge and pedaled 50 miles on Saturday and finished in the front group of "Macho" riders.

Our overall "Super Star" was James Hofmeister who was in the best shape due to riding 150 miles per week and weight lifting. He rode extra miles on both days helping keep track of some of the slower ones and assisted in all categories.

Of course, the ride would not be possible without the SIX drivers, with "Super Star" Doug McLeod patiently driving the "poop-out" truck/trailer and bringing up the rear.

Check out the Bike-A-Thon interview on our web site ([www.concordumc.org](http://www.concordumc.org)).

After riding 35 and leading 25 years, I'm passing the baton on to some younger 'studs' but will still be involved with guidance from the rear of the pack.

Stay healthy, stay young by riding a bike!

Jim McGuire

## GROWING FAITH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

May is a beautiful time in California: bright blue skies, fresh, cool days, green hills, gorgeous flowers in bloom – beauty abounds. It's easy to overlook such grandeur when so many of our days have such beauty.

Do we overlook the glory of God?

Recently in our worship we focused on Psalm 150, a doxology of praise:

“Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his unsurpassing greatness.” It ends:

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

Do we constantly give thanks for all God has given us?

Our society and economic welfare is built around the expectation that succeeding generations will live better than prior ones. This, perhaps, unrealistic standard can create a mentality of entitlement and ungratefulness.

The old Methodist hymn from an agrarian era reminded us:

“We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.”

We say grace for our food and can see the direct connection to the land and God's beneficence but what about all the other things we enjoy in our lives?

We drive anywhere we like but are we thankful for our vehicles - the iron ore from the earth processed into steel, the latex from the trees to make our tires, the oil from the deep earth to fuel our vehicles, the chemicals, plants and animals used to make the upholstery. Are we thankful for the trees that provided the wood to frame our houses?

Man has processed God's gifts into wondrous forms of comfort and convenience but the materials we use all have their origins in a world created by a loving God. Nothing comes from nothing.

As the hymn continues: “He only is the Maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the morning star.”

“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.”

As we enjoy the abundance of all God has given us, let us take time frequently, to give thanks and praise to God who makes all things possible.

Yours in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee

### CUMC COOK BOOK PROGRESS

We are in the 1st draft process of proof reading our cookbook recipes, (thank you all. We can still squeeze in a few more if you hurry!)

**Do you have a business that you would like advertised?** We have come up with the idea of putting advertising in our book. The cost is a \$50 donation per business advertisement. It's as simple as providing us with your business card(s). I'm sure we will receive enough to pay for the printing and processing of the cookbook, so we can have **CLEAR PROFIT** for the church when we sell.

**If you are interested in publishing your business in our cookbook, please contact either Sandy Maguire or Harriet Hoselton at the following emails:**

**wjm1426@sbcglobal.net  
hettylu47@yahoo.com**

**Harriet and Sandy**

### GOODTIMERS

Tuesday, June 8, 2010  
12:00 noon in Sherrill Hall



**Featured Speaker--Our own Irving Lee**, who will speak and perform on how to protect yourself. It will be instructive and useful.

Bring a sandwich, dessert and drink will be provided.

Bring a friend.

### New Address

Our favorite "Pink Lady" will have a new address as of June 1.



Helen Tousignant  
11242 Signal Hill Avenue  
Rosedale, OK 74831

### Habitat for Humanity

The Missions Committee is looking for a volunteer to lead our participation in Habitat for Humanity.

Please contact:

Doug McLeod, Missions Chair  
925-825-6799, or mac4160@comcast.net

### STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The 2010 Staff Parish Relations Committee is always ready to listen to anyone with ideas, comments or concerns regarding our staff.

Debbie Ow, 689-4451  
Bud Busick, 672-4328  
Harriet Hoselton, 682-6020  
Carol Murray, 672-8299  
Carol Rossi, 768-1028  
Helen Johnson, 682-1775  
Juanita Boehner, 685-8800  
April Ochoa, 212-8235  
Milton DeGroot, 682-2185  
Micheal Pope, Lay Leader, 510-367-9802

### Church Staff

Robert Kirk, Pastor, [pastorrobkirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorrobkirk@sbcglobal.net)  
Doug Emigh, Director of Music  
Genevieve Abille: Director of Youth Ministry  
Pianists: Lee Woods, 8 a.m.  
Doug McKeehan, 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Marilyn Robrecht, Office Manager  
Luis Peña, Custodian  
Nursery Staff, Robin Morgan, Kiley Jones,  
Nicole Headley  
Sunday School Coordinator,  
Kathy Evans-Butler, (313-0228)

### Stephen Ministry Contact

Laura Moreau, (458-3309)

### Our ChristCare Equippers

Robert Kirk (685-5260), Bud Busick (672-4328)  
Laura Moreau (458-3309)  
Valerie Sergey (969-7555)



### In Need of Prayer

**Dean Hall** who had surgery on May 17 at Kaiser, Oakland. They installed 3 aortic stents. He is currently in ICU but hopes to be moved into another room soon. **Ray Quilici** who has been in the hospital due to weakness in his legs. Ray is doing well and will be transferred to Stonebrook Healthcare Center, in Concord for physical therapy. **Debbie Ow** and family following the death of her father, Bernard Mott on May 12. Mr. Mott was a retired United Methodist pastor.

**Marilyn Forrey** who has pneumonia.

**Marion Dawson** who needs continued prayers for her health.

Continued prayers for **Chris Gregory**.

### Concord United Methodist Church

Dear Dave Atkinson,

The AARP Tax-Aide program completed a very successful first season at CUMC. We prepared returns for 631 taxpayers. This is approximately 100 more than we served last year at the Concord Senior Center.

The average adjusted gross income of our clients was \$27,499. The returns that we prepared produced \$487,362 in refunds for taxpayers. This included \$114,081 in Earned Income Credit for 41 clients. Earned Income Credit is the refundable credit that can make a real difference to lower income families with children.

All this would not be possible without the facilities and support provided by the Church. On behalf of AARP Tax-Aide, I want to thank you and the Church for the support you have provided. Particular thanks to Marilyn Robrecht for acting as our liaison. It is the cooperative effort of both the Concord United Methodist Church and Tax-Aide volunteers that allows us all to help so many people in Contra Costa.

We hope that we can work together again in 2011.

Jack B. Cooper Jr., Site Coordinator  
AARP Tax-Aide Program

**SUMMER BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION**



**CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
1645 West St., Concord, CA 94521  
925-685-5260

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**FREE, without a “Camp Out” under the stars on Thursday, July 1.**  
**(camp out fee \$15.00)**

**Times without “Overnight Camp Out” on Thursday;**  
**Monday thru Thursday 1pm-4pm, Friday, 9am – 1pm**

**Children must be 3 years to 6th grade**

Name of Child: (Please fill out a registration form for each child)

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in Sept. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Responsible:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

or cell \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

***MEDICAL RELEASE***

I hereby authorize SBC Leadership to obtain medical treatment in case of an emergency for:  
Name of child. \_\_\_\_\_ during the week of  
June 28—July 2, 2010.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Ref. # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical conditions or allergies that the SBC staff should know about.

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### CHILI "SMACKDOWN" COOK-OFF

Yes Sir and Yes Ma'am!!! We're having an old fashioned church chili cook-off here at CUMC on **July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 4:00 pm to approximately 7:00 pm.** While the chili is being prepared by 10, yes I said 10 cooks; hot dog dinners will be prepared and served as well! This is part of the Prosperity Team's efforts in fund-raising, and we hope it will be an annual event for years to come.

The following contestants will be preparing their special recipe, so look for them and encourage them on that day: **John Sergey, Mark Kerr, April Ochoa, Peggy Lamanna, Tracy and Lisa Woodard, Sean Forrey, Marilyn Forrey, Greg Brumley, Doug McLeod and John Glay.**

As the event gets closer, more details will be forthcoming as to the judging of the event. We would like to have the congregation/guests as judges, and the details are still being worked out. For questions, please refer to John Glay or Bill Maguire.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

***Not happy with the .01% return from your Money Market Fund or the 1.5% CD return from your Bank?***

If you are a Senior Citizen, we have good news for you!

If you establish a **Gift Annuity of \$5,000** or more, many good things happen:

1. You may double or triple your income. ie age 76 generates 6.4%.
2. You may receive a tax deduction.
3. You will help CUMC meet its long term needs.

Look at the information rack in the Narthex and check out the "**Gift Annuities**" brochure. If this might work for you, contact one of the Endowment Committee members for more information.

Pat Blakely  
Jo Ann Johnson  
Delores Loague  
Chuck Rogers

Don Boyd  
Russ Kladko  
Chuck Morones  
Ray Spears