



**Concord United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation**

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The Concord Connection

Seeking God, Serving the Community, Supporting Each Other

**Sunday Worship
Schedule**

**REGULAR WORSHIP
TIMES:**

10:00 a.m. Worship in
the Sanctuary

**CUMC Online
Services**

Services will continue
to be available online,
as soon as possible
after the Sunday
service.

CUMC RUMMAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday

August 13 – 9am to 5 pm

August 14 – 9am to 2 pm



**CHURCH-WIDE, MULTI-FAMILY
RUMMAGE SALE & DRAWING*
TO BENEFIT CUMC'S GENERAL FUND**

*Tell your neighbors, share it on
Facebook, get the word out!*

Tools●Games●Puzzles●Toys●Electronics●Pictures●Electricals
Vases●Curtains●Furniture●Dishes●Frames●Collectibles
Movies & CDs●Books●Pots & Pans●Cooking Utensils
Linens●Glassware●Yard & Garden●Sporting Goods

❖**DRAWING*** \$1 ticket OR 6/\$5❖

*Gift Baskets, Specialty Food Baskets, Restaurant Gift
Certificates,*

Valuable Services and MORE

**Need not be present to win!*

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Re-purposing of our church campus

Pastor Sungho Lee

For the last 6 months, during the Pandemic times, our church leaders got together to dream a dream for the future of our church. We hired an outside consultant whom our District Superintendent, DS Shinya Gott, recommended.

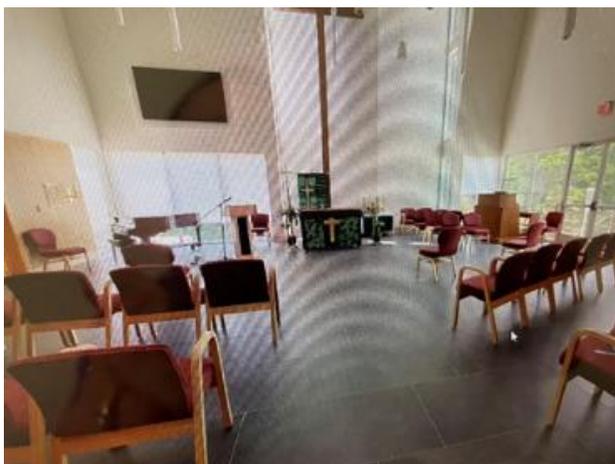
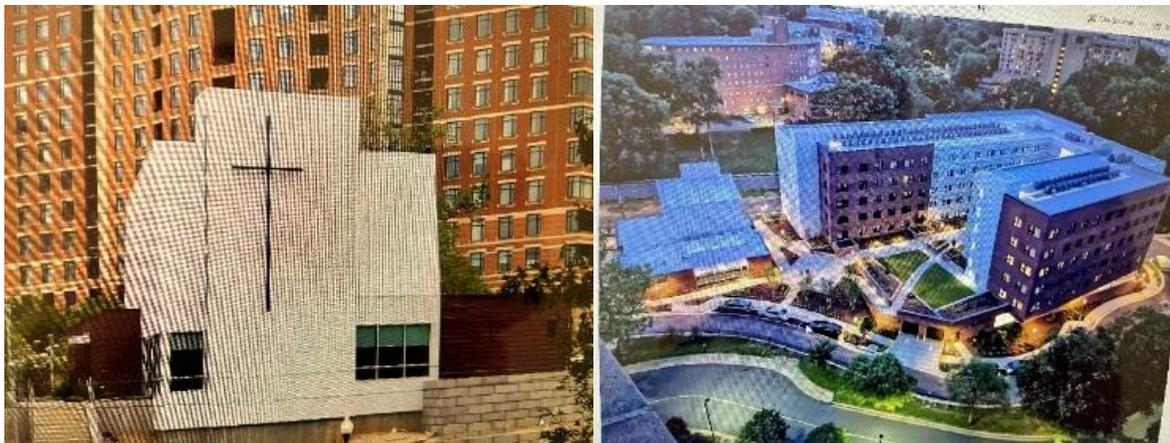
During this process, we had an interview with other churches. I will share the interview with a church in Alexandria, VA. During this interview I have identified 10 steps of re-purposing a church campus. It would also be our guideline for our road map.

1. **They had felt a need for the re purposing of their campus.** When their pastor retired, they had to fill out the church profile to get a new appointment. The cabinet would match a pastor according to the church profile. Then they realized that their church members were getting older, the membership was declining, and the maintenance of the 50 year-old building cost a lot. They had many options to overcome those challenges and one of them was re-purposing of their campus. Other options were (1) getting a less than full time pastor, (2) merging with other congregations, and (3) selling the property. In other words, their arms were twisted by the realities.
2. **They had a discernment process.** They had many meetings to see which option was the best one for them. After many church meetings, they chose the most radical option, re-purposing the campus.
3. **They chose a developer.** They had 11 different developer candidates and compared them. Each developer brought different ways of funding, designs, management services, and terms.
4. **They chose a financial model.** They chose a financial model that was suitable for them. They decided to have a 65 year ground lease. Then they were paid the rental money upfront to use it to build the building. They had to build more market price housing and less affordable housing to make the project sustainable.
5. **They had a church conference.** With the chosen developer and the chosen financial model, they had a church conference. 83 % approved the plan. Some left the church because they did not like the motion.
6. **They got the approval of the building and ground committee of the district.** It was much harder than they thought. The committee made sure that they did not want to sell the property. They made sure to have an independent church building before they approved the plan.
7. **They got the blessing of the cabinet with missional purposes.** The bishop and the cabinet members asked many questions for the congregation to answer. The most important one was about the missional purpose of the project. "What is the mission that you want to accomplish with the plan?" They found the missions that they could do with the new buildings.
8. **They got the approval of the city council.** The city of Alexandria was desperate to get more affordable housing and they were willing to help the church to move forward with grants and tax credit.
9. **They had to find a place of worship during construction.** The nearby Theological Seminary allowed them to use their auditorium for church meetings for 2 years. The Episcopal Church in the area also helped them by having worship services there.

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10. **They had a plan for management.** The management of the housing was taken care of by the developer, but some common areas and community services are run by the church. They had a plan for those ministries and management ideas.

We have had step 1 and 2 so far. We will choose a developer and financial model first before we call our church conference. Wait for the next report!



Pictures of the re-purposed building in Alexandria, VA

(**Left:** Independent church building; **Right:** The Whole Campus; **Bottom:** inside the church building-you can use it for a multi-purpose hall for worship and social gatherings or you can make small rooms with dividers.)

To all groups, committees, choir/musical/social

Please help me update the church calendar by sending an email with the name of:

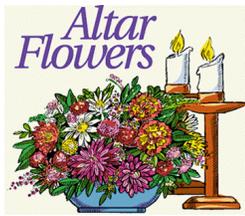
Your **group, day/times/room** you meet in or date in September you plan to start meeting and any other information you feel I need. If you had a group, etc. and it will no longer be meeting or won't start till later in the year, please send me that information.

Groups that were using a particular room before the COVID shut down will hopefully be able to continue in that room.

Let me know if you are having zoom meetings and want to show that in the Sunday bulletins calendar.

Thank you, Marilyn

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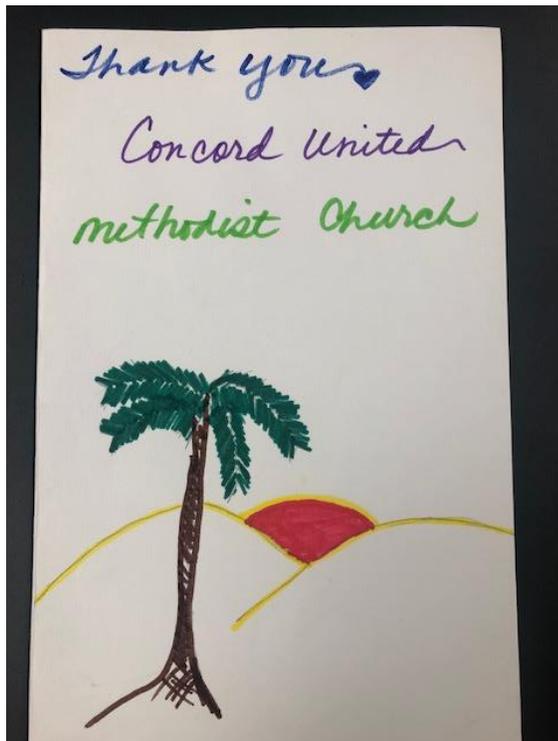


Donate flowers for a special occasion and pick them up after the service. Contact Robin Morgan or Jan Carpoft: 925-672-5958.



CUMC received the following card from the Winter Night families who stayed with us from May 17 thru June 13 this year.

Due to privacy we are unable to publish the signatures.



CHARGE CONFERENCE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2-4 PM

SPRC meets with DS: 2-2:30 PM
Worship and Agenda: 2:30-4 PM



This conference is open to anyone who would like to participate.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

At this time there is only one service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Please consider returning as a communion server or becoming one for the first time! Call or email Sandy Blazer: 323-1800 or wyrmlady@aol.com

Meditation Volunteers Needed

- **Our Unshakable Hope Group has a weekly meditation**
- **Volunteers are needed to share a meditation on a Bible passage**
- **If you are interested, please contact Pastor Lee: Rev.sungholee@gmail.com**

Church & Society

Excerpts from: Understanding California's COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act

What protection does the law provide?

- Renters who have COVID-19 related financial impacts (lost income, increased expenses, etc.) are protected from eviction for failure to pay rent due from March 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, as long as renters meet certain requirements.

Can renters get money to help pay rent?

- Yes. To qualify for assistance, the renter must (1) have income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income, (2) have experienced COVID-19 related financial impacts (lost income, increased expenses, etc.), and (3) be at risk of homelessness or housing instability.

For help getting rental assistance call 1-833-430-2122 or visit [HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com).

IMPORTANT: Renters should speak to a local lawyer if they receive an eviction notice to make sure they know their rights. There may be an organization that gives free legal services to low-income renters in your area. Visit www.lawhelpca.org to find a list.

(The full article is on the bulletin board outside of Oglesby-Close Hall.)



The SHARE Food Pantry thanks you for all of your donations.

As you know, **99% of the money donated goes toward purchasing food from the Food Bank.** All people involved in SHARE are volunteers. If you would like to work at SHARE, let either Jan or Ken Carpoﬀ know.

We serve low income families and homeless individuals. We are an emergency food pantry. Our needs are any foods. **If you have a fruit tree that produces more than you can use, bring it to SHARE. Also fresh vegetables are appreciated.**

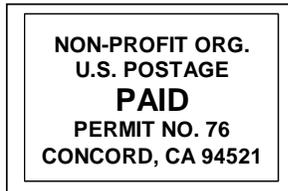
If you want to donate peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, tuna or any other groceries, we say "thank you". And money too is always welcome.

Again thank you for remembering our people. God bless!!

Jan Carpoﬀ
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Return Service Requested



New
Address!



New Address? New Phone Number? New email address???

Please notify us of any changes in personal addresses, phone numbers and/or email addresses.

Updates should be directed either to our Membership Secretary, Kathy Evans: kathyevans2460@gmail.com or to the church office; concordumc@sbcglobal.net