



Concord United Methodist Church

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October 2017

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

6:30-8 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*

Mark your Calendar!

Concord United Methodist Women Annual Churchbell Bazaar



Friday November 3, 9 am-4 pm
Saturday November 4, 9 am-2 pm
Oglesby-Close Hall

**Crafts, Bake Shop,
Jewelry & Collectibles**

Christmas Store – Rooms 1 & 2

Lunch – Oglesby-Close Hall
Both days lunch will be served from
11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Sandwiches, homemade soups and salads along with several kinds of pie.

Raffle

Several homemade items will be offered for you to choose from.
Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.
You do not need to be
present to win.

All of the money raised goes to our pledge to mission which supports women, youth and children all over the world.

In the past the congregation has been very generous with donations of crafts, baked goods and help. We would appreciate any help you can give us again this year.



What are the characteristics of the United Methodist Church?

Pastor Lee

This is a question people ask me in our new members' class. It would be good for long-term members to review these from time to time as well.

1. We are a church who believes in love in action and social justice.

When the Methodist movement started in England, Methodists gave money, clothes, food, and medicine for the poor. They fought against sexism, slavery, and war. They opened schools for the poor. From the beginning, Methodists believed in love in action. Some denominations emphasize worship in the sanctuary, teaching in classes, or fellowship in churches, but Methodists are the ones out in the world serving the poor, the lonely, the weak, and the marginalized.

2. We are a connectional church.

Methodist churches are all connected. We do not praise the growth of one local church or moan for a decline of one small church. We live together and die together. Because of this "connectionalism," we have the following unique systems:

- 1) **Apportionment**-We give 10% of our income to the conference so that the conference can do mission and ministry together. With this apportionment we send out missionaries, build schools and hospitals for the poor, and provide resources for the all the churches in the world.
- 2) **Appointment**-Each pastor is appointed by the bishop to serve the whole conference. Pastors do not belong to the local church which pays their compensation and expenses. Every pastor is appointed for one year and their appointment can be renewed yearly. When a bishop sees the needs of the pastor's gifts and grace somewhere else, the bishop will send the pastor there.
- 3) **District, Conference, Jurisdiction, and General Conference system**-Our Concord UMC belongs to Los Rios District, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Western Jurisdiction which belongs to the General Conference that is held every 4 years.

3. We honor human reason, human experience, and church traditions as well as the Bible. We use all of them in our decisions in church and life.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

October 8: Pam Abbey preaching, 3 services (8, 9, & 10:30am)
 October 15: Stewardship campaign begins; 3 services
 October 22: 3 services
 October 28: Trunk or Treat Children and Youth Activity 5pm-7pm Friendship Circle
 October 29: Youth Sunday, James preaching, Blanket Sunday 3 services

November 3 & 4: UMW Bazaar
 November 5: Pledge Sunday, All Saints Day, Communion, 2 services (8 & 10)
 November 12: Honoring our Veterans; 3 services
 November 17: Homeless Memorial 10am
 November 19: UMW Sunday 3 services
 November 26: Thanksgiving Sunday, Oglesby-Close Hall Decorating, 3 services

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

Each week during Stewardship month (October), we will be hearing a Stewardship testimony from one of our members. For those who would prefer to write their testimony, we will include one or two in the weekly bulletin. Please consider if you would be willing to do a spoken or written testimony and which week. Please let Sandy Blazer know by phone or text (925-323-1800 or e-mail wyrmlady@aol.com)



ALTAR GUILD NEWS... We will be placing real flowers on the altar each Sunday. Due to allergies, lilies will not be used. If you would like to participate, you can contact Robin Morgan (e-mail rh34pink@aol.com) by e-mail, phone or text, or e-mail Jan Carpoft at jancarpoff@yahoo.com, 925-672-5958) by e-mail or phone. Robin and Jan will purchase the flowers for your special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. We also will place rosebuds for births. You may pick them up after the 10:30 service. And please make a donation to Altar Guild in any amount to cover the cost of the flowers.

Learn Chi Gung/Tai Chi
Fridays at 9am Sherrill Hall
Saturdays at 4:30pm Sherrill Hall
Tai Chi exercises our brain and body.

The gentle exercises helps with your balance to prevent falls. The emphasis is on breathing, and getting oxygen flowing throughout the body. Helps one keep calm and lowers the blood pressure. The key is to keep the body moving.

Although we gear this towards the senior citizens anyone may attend. If you can't stand you may sit. Classes led by Irving and Marian Lee as a Community Service. There is no charge. Note: there is no class 10/13 or 10/14.

HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE,
Friday, November 17, 10 AM,
Concord UMC Sanctuary.

ANKA Behavioral Health will provide a memorial service to honor and remember homeless who have died during the past year. Lunch to follow service.

Time to make 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 4 Tots program!

Thank you!



Concord United Methodist Church SHARE Food Pantry Suggestions MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS FOR Sept/Oct 2017



(Post on your fridge as a friendly reminder)

Oct.	Canned or Dried beans – kidney, refried, pinto, black, pork and beans.
Nov.	Sugar, Flour (preferably 4-5 pound bags)

SHARE food pantry is a non-profit organization manned entirely by volunteers from the local community and funded entirely by various types of donations.

SHARE's mission is simple: We are committed to help feed the hungry in central Contra Costa County without prejudice and with dignity.

All nourishing food donations are appreciated, but the list below shows important items that frequently run out. No glass, please.

Food contributions should be placed in the basket in the Narthex. They will be taken to SHARE by Ken Carpoft.



Prosperity Team News
August 2017:

\$5,290.00 worth of cards were sold

The churches percentage was \$233.68

The last few months have been the lowest ever, so get your gift cards for all your Christmas giving. Each card gives a different percentage back to the church.

D.W.C.N.W.

“Diagnosed With Cancer Now What”

New small group led by Steve Pierce

Meets the Third Thursday of the month 6pm-7pm
Sherrill Hall

BLANKET SUNDAY, October 22.

It's “clean out the closet” time. We'll still take blankets and socks, but the needs list is expanding to include sleeping bags, coats, sweaters, jackets, caps, gloves, anything that will help keep someone in need warm during the winter. Items may be new or used. Clothes (kids and adults OK) should be clean and in good repair (buttons on, zippers working). Please bring your donations to church beginning **Sunday, October 22** and---*thanks for Caring and Sharing!*



Please Join Us in Making Crafts for the UMW Bazaar

If you are planning on making crafts for the **UMW Bazaar which will be on November 3 & 4, 2017**, join us every Monday from 1 to 4pm (or for as much time as you can) in Sherrill Hall. There will be a **new craft each month** with supplies, ready for you to get to work. **Monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to pay for the supplies.**

This will be a time where you can **join our monthly craft and/or bring new ideas, work on crafts** you already are making, **have fellowship** with other crafters, and maybe **learn something new!**



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

Saturday, October 28th 5 PM to 7 PM

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“Building an Inclusive Church Workshop” Saturday, October 28th

Walnut Creek United Methodist Church 8:30 to 5 pm.

Our workshop facilitator is the Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran, Reconciling Ministries Network Western Regional Organizer. The free workshop helps congregations become Reconciling Churches, welcoming LGBTQ and all others into the full life of the church. Come learn the basic steps to building an inclusive community in your church. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/walnutcreekBIC>. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Child care is available with 5 days advance notice; call Walnut Creek United Methodist Church at 925-934-4208 or email office@walnutcreekumc.org with the number and ages of children.

UMW General Meeting

Saturday October 21st, 2017

10 am General Meeting

11 am PROGRAM: Carolyn Paulson

Speaking on Nutrition and Medication.

12pm Potluck lunch, bring your favorite dish to share.

*Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church*

Reformation Festival

October 29 • 11:00am-4:00pm

Carnival Games • Food • Music • Bounce House

FREE fun for the whole family!

4000 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 • GSConcord.com

HOUSING TOWN HALL,

Saturday, October 28, 10 AM – Noon,

First Presbyterian Church,

1965 Colfax, Concord.

Hosted by Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty and

Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition in partnership with county supervisor Karen Mitchoff. Share information about the countywide housing crisis, learn how residents are affected and work together to find which solutions will help the community the most.

Prayer corners:

Have you felt a need for a little extra prayer? Are you willing and able to be a prayer partner for a few minutes after the 10:30 service, once a month? Please contact Sandy Blazer at 925-323-1800, wyrmldady@aol.com





Quiet Time of Prayer

Wednesdays **6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Chapel will be open for a weekly time of prayer.

We invite all who want to pray and are feeling a little depressed because of all the tragedies in the past few months.

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. The time will be from 7 to 8 p.m. You need not be a member of our church community, just someone who needs a little extra prayer.

God Bless



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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

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In Our Prayers



Conrad Taylor, Diane Rogers, Carole Engler.

Continued Prayers:

Babe Busick, Sud & Midge Sundsten, John & Connie LaCoste, Shirley & Bill Shannon, Marge Boyer, Doug McLeod, Don Johnson, Jeff Simmons, Doris Roddick, Sue McGuire, Chris Gregory.