



## Concord United Methodist Church

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December 2017/January 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

**6:30-8 p.m.**  
Chapel

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for  
articles is on the  
**1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY, 10  
AM** of each month.

No exceptions.  
Please email articles  
when possible.  
Thank you,

*Marilyn Robrecht –  
Editor*

## CAROL SING 2017 - TOYS FOR TOTS AT CUMC

On Saturday December 2, CUMC held its **Annual Carol Sing** with an attendance of approximately 200! It was a great evening of entertainment and of course the cookies and hot chocolate too!!!

The **Mt. Diablo Chapter of the Harley Owners Club** made their annual toy run to CUMC that morning. There were over 30 motorcycles and a few cars, bringing a total of 125 toys!!! It was a wonderful, fun-filled morning. (See page 2) We thank them so much for their generosity.

This year, the Marines were here to collect the toys at the 7:00pm Carol Sing. From the sale of Snowman Soup we purchased 335 toys. We also received toys from the 7:00pm Carol Sing, from neighbors and our faithful congregation.

**That brought the total to over 485 toys!**

**We wish you a Merry Christmas!**

## MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

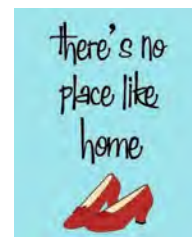
*Monday, January 15, 2018 at Noon*

*Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church  
1801 Lacassie Ave., Walnut Creek,  
(ample parking)*

*Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Charles  
Tinsley, Presbyterian Minister and  
Juvenile Hall Chaplain---“Where do  
we go from here and why we can’t  
wait---Embracing the Strength to  
Love.”*

*Music by St. Benedict’s Gospel  
Choir & pianist Dwight Stone.  
Refreshments and conversation to  
follow program.*

Sponsored by Social Justice Alliance  
of Interfaith Council & Mt. Diablo  
Peace & Justice Center.



## “Ruby Slippers” fund raiser

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing is holding its annual “Ruby Slippers” fund raiser at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville on Saturday, February 3 and is looking for items for its silent auction. If you have any items or services you would like to donate, please call Delores Loague at 925-672-6870.

CCIH provides permanent housing and services to formerly homeless and at risk families.



**Pastor Lee**

## **Christmas is a season for sharing!**

Our church Christmas Season starts with Advent. Advent is time for waiting. We are waiting for the coming of the Lord, Jesus in our daily lives, in our history, in the world as he came before! Jesus came to share God's love and life with us. When we wait for Jesus, therefore, we also wait, sharing our time, talent, treasure, and testimony.



Bikers came to bring Toys for Tots! They came to share their time, talent, treasure, and testimony.



I took pictures on our church roof! What a wonderful time for us to share our life and love through Jesus Christ, our Lord! I pray that this sharing continues throughout our lives!



## ***CUMC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, COMPANY'S COMING!***

**Winter Nights**, the travelling shelter for homeless families, will be visiting CUMC for two weeks beginning **Monday, February 26**. Good Shepherd Lutheran and St. Bonaventure Churches will once again be working with us to make sure our guests are safe, comfortable, and have some fun too.

Currently there are 9 families with children of all ages from little ones to teenagers in the program. Families sleep in tents in Oglesby - Close Hall, arriving at 5 PM and leaving at 7 AM weekdays. Parents go to work or to the Oasis in Pittsburg where there are computers, and counseling. Kids go to school.. On weekends, families come and go as they please.

Ways for individuals and groups to help include

- **Set up** (10AM) Monday, February 26 and take down (10AM).Monday, March 12
- **Daily Coordinator** (4:30 - 9 PM)
- **Evening Meals** - (5 - 7:30 PM). The families eat at 6:30 PM.
- **Breakfast setup and cleanup** - (6 - 7 AM) weekdays
- **Weekend breakfast** (7:30 - 10AM) **or lunch** (12:30 - 1:30 PM)
- **Homework help and activities** (5 - 8 PM) Monday thru Thursday
- **Sleep over** (9 PM - 6AM) nightly
- **Weekend Help** during day wherever needed
- **Laundry** - Monday, March 5 and Monday, March 12
- **Donations** of money for food and supplies. **Please mark contributions "CUMC" -- Winter Nights" and place in offering plate on Sundays.** Donations not needed for Winter Nights will be used for homeless shelter meals.
- **Prayers** that the families will soon find homes and get their lives back together.

No job is too hard and all are important for a successful two weeks..

**Signups begin Sunday, January 21 at church or you may call Delores Loague at (925-672-6870).**

***Thank You for Helping in Any Way You Can!***

### **GOOD TIMERS**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
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!

### **D.W.C.N.W.**

***Diagnosed with Cancer, Now What?***

A new small group for cancer patients.  
Meets the First and Third Thursdays of  
the Month, 6pm-7pm in Susannah  
Wesley Room

Led by Steve Pierce, 925-518-4447

## LUNCH AND LEARN.

**On Sunday, January 28, in Oglesby-Close Hall after the 10:30 service Church and Society will host a light lunch and power point presentation and discussion on “Single Payer Health Insurance, What It Is and What It Is Not” presented by Pat Snyder from California Health Care for All.**

***This is an opportunity to get your questions about health care answered and all are welcome.***



## UMW General Meeting

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

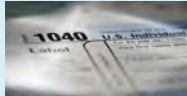
**Business Meeting: 10:00 am in Sherrill Hall**

**Lunch to follow the program.**

**Guests are welcome!**

**You do not need to be UMW members.**

## FREE TAX PREPARATION



FREE FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA INCOME TAX RETURN PREPARATION will again be offered by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays here at the church (classrooms 1 & 2) and at other locations on different days. The service, provided by IRS certified tax counselors, is available starting February 2017. 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, 2018, 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

## In Our Prayers



### Continued Prayers:

Carole Engler, Don Johnson, Bud & Babe Busick, Marge Boyer, Sud & Midge Sundsten, John & Connie La Coste, Bill Shannon, Doug McLeod, Diane Rogers, Conrad Taylor, Chris Gregory, Myrta LaPlante.

## Los Rios District

# Revival

## SHOUTING JOY TO THE STORM!

**Saturday February 3, 2018**

**Community United Methodist Church  
1875 Fairfield Ave.  
Fairfield, CA 94553**

**9:30AM-5:00PM**

**Preachers: Rev. Ron Swisher**

**(Pastor of Community UMC, Fairfield)**

**Rev. Chris Logan**

**(Pastor of The Table @ Central UMC,  
Sacramento)**

**Music by: Fairfield UMC Choir, Santa Rosa First UMC Fijian Choir, Rev. Rod Brayfindley and Rev. Laurie McHugh**

**Suggested Donation: \$25/person (includes lunch and**

**Concord United Methodist Church SHARE Food Pantry Suggestions**  
**MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS FOR 2018**

(Post on your fridge as a friendly reminder)



***Food  
Pantry  
Needs***

**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 Carpoif.

January	Hearty Soups, Ramen, Tuna, Spaghetti
February	Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Spaghetti
March	Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Spaghetti
April	Canned Fish or Meat, Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Spam, Corned Beef, Spaghetti
May	Oatmeal, Other Cereal (Unsweetened, if possible), Tuna, Spaghetti
June	Powdered Milk, Vegetable Oil, Tuna, Spaghetti
July	Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Tuna, Spaghetti
August	Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers (Saltines, Graham), Tuna, Spaghetti
September	Canned Meals -- Pasta, Chili, Stew
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.



**Quiet Time of Prayer**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

The 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. You need not be a member of our church community, just someone who needs a little extra prayer. God Bless

**Learn Chi Gung/Tai Chi**  
**Fridays at 9am 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.

Irving Lee  
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Tickets on sale soon!



**ITALIAN DINNER**  
**SATURDAY NIGHT,**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2018**  
**OGLESBY-CLOSE HALL**

**THREE SEATINGS:**  
**5:00P.M., 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.**  
**TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS,**  
**\$5 CHILDREN 10 & UNDER**



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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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from  
 2pm – 2:30pm, In the Chapel