



# Concord United Methodist Church A Reconciling Congregation

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December 2019

## The Concord Connection

Seeking God, Serving the Community, Supporting Each Other

### Sunday Worship Schedule

#### One Body Communion Service

1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of each  
month at 9:30am in the  
sanctuary.

#### REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES:

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

Wed. Hour of Prayer

6:30-7:30 p.m. Chapel

#### Memory Care Service

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 2-2:30pm  
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



### Please join us this Holiday Season!!!

- **Sunday December 22nd.** 3 Services - 8, 9 & 10:30—Christmas Sunday.

- **Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>.**  
Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 9:00 p.m.

**5:00pm** is a family service with a pageant and candlelight recession.

**9:00pm** is a traditional service with choir, communion and candlelight recession.

#### **Sunday January 5, 2020: One Body Communion Service**

**9:30am in the Sanctuary**



### Caregiving for You and Me

#### *Are you a Caregiver?*

There is a group for you at CUMC designed for caregivers to share their caregiving experiences and get resources to assist on their caregiving journey.

**Where: CUMC Susannah Wesley Room**

**When: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm**

This group is run in partnership with Alzheimer's services of the East Bay (ASEB). CUMC's Lay Leader, Micheal Pope is ASEB'S CEO and is one of the group leaders.

We hope you will take advantage of everything this group has to offer.



**I give thanks to God for a new small group in our church!**  
**Pastor Sungho Lee**

There are many reasons that I am thankful. This year, I am thankful for the fact that our church becomes the 100% apportionment paying church, for the new roof over our sanctuary, and for a new small group that started recently.

On Nov. 17, Sunday afternoon, 11 people gathered together at the Brentwood CUMC parsonage to launch a new small group. We already have many small groups in our church. However, many of our church members are getting older. To attract younger people, I wanted to start one group for 30s-40s and another for 50s-60s. This event was the first effort in this direction. We had a gathering according to the **4W principle** of the small groups.

**Welcome:** My wife prepared food for the participants. When people arrived, they welcomed each other.

**Worship:** We sang a thanksgiving song together and prayed to God for the gifts that we had received this year.

**Word:** We meditated about the words of the thanksgiving song that we sang and shared what we are thankful for this year. All of us shared our experiences of encountering God through other persons and events in our lives.

**Work:** We decided to meet once a month. The host of the month will decide the focus for our group. In January, we will meet at a house of a host to have a homemade cookie contest. We will bring the cookies later to our church for fellowship.

Tentatively we call our group **Honeycomb** because everybody in our group is *sweet*. This is a group for 50s-60s. I pray that we can have another group for 30s -40s soon. Our church will grow through these small groups that invite new people to Jesus by sharing their lives together.



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

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

A group for cancer patients.

Meets the **Second and Third** Thursdays of the Month, **6pm -7pm** in Susannah Wesley Room

Led by Steve Pierce, 925-518-4447



**UMW General Meeting**

**Wednesday December 18, 2019**

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

**Program begins at 11 am.**

**Guest Speaker: Micheal Pope**

**Topic: Senior Health**

**Lunch: 12pm,**

**Hosted by: Abigail, Esther and Anna Circles**

**Guests are welcome!**

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

## CUMC Annual Leadership & Goal Setting Retreat



Some of our CUMC groups are enjoying a bit of a break from meetings for December. In the midst of all the holiday bustle I hope you will all take note of an important meeting and put it on your calendar.

**CUMC Annual Leadership & Goal Setting Retreat**  
**January 25th, 2020**  
**Oglesby-Close Hall**  
**Continental Breakfast available at 8:30 AM**

Every committee and commission is **expected** to be represented at this important meeting. We will be reviewing the goals we've previously set and looking at the results of the survey that was conducted on Sunday, December 8 for information requested by our District Superintendent, The Rev. Schuyler Rhodes. This will help us as we set goals for 2020. Our Lay Leader, Micheal Pope, plans to preside.

Staff members are welcome to attend. New members of committees are encouraged to participate so that you will gain a better perspective of your group's place in the system. Anybody who wants to know more about our church family is welcome to attend whether or not you serve on any committees at this time. We will have you out of there in time for lunch!

Questions? I'm in the directory so leave a message on my home phone (925) 672-2502 or email me at dianawb@pacbell.net

Your Administrative Council Chair,  
 Diana Bauer

### In Our Prayers



**Ruby Perez and family following the death of Max. A memorial service was held at CUMC on Saturday November 23, 2019.**

**Betsy McLeod and family following the death of Doug on December 1. Service was held at CUMC on Wednesday December 4.**

**Arni Wipprecht** who is now on hospice.

#### **Continued Prayers:**

Dave Atkinson, Mary Ginochio, Allegra Mills, Marge Boyer, Midge Sundsten, Bill Shannon, Chuck & Diane Rogers, Chris Gregory.



### ALTERNATE ATTENDANT NEEDED!!

We are in search of an alternate Nursery Attendant for Sunday mornings. It is a paid position.

If you are interested please contact Steve Pierce 925-518-4447 or email: [sdpierce49@comcast.net](mailto:sdpierce49@comcast.net)



### Ongoing Project!

#### ONGOING PROGRAM TO COLLECT ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE CONCORD/ARNOLD INDUSTRIAL WAY HOMELESS SHELTER

#### Concord Single Homeless Shelter Needs

The collection box is still out for toiletries, twin sheets and blankets, socks, adult underwear and adult diapers for folks at the Concord Shelter.

Towels have been added to that list and in preparation for winter, we will also be collecting adult coats, Jackets, sweaters, caps, gloves, scarves. Containers for your donations are in the church narthex and Oglesby – Close Hall.

As always items must be clean and in good repair. And as always we say, ***Thank You and God Bless you all for your generosity in helping those in need.***

God Bless, Social Action Committee



### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our K thru 5th grade Sunday School is in need of new teachers. Please consider becoming a part of helping our children grow in their faith by being one of their teachers! The curriculum is in place and there are helpers for the classroom. The teaching schedule would only be once a month or so.

Please contact Vince Gregory at: [vince\\_gregory@yahoo.com](mailto:vince_gregory@yahoo.com), or phone: 686-2330



***Give gift cards as Christmas gifts! That way they can purchase what they want or need!!!***

We have gift cards available to purchase for all your needs. Staples, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's, etc. You can also order cards for pick up next Sunday from over 500 vendors!

**We ARE selling and taking orders for gift cards in Oglesby-Close Hall after the 9 & 10:30am Services on Sundays.**

Your Prosperity Team



**Summarized Statement of Activities  
For the Period Ended November 30, 2019**

	Month Actual	Month Budget	Month Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
INCOME	21,534	26,763	(5,229)	273,297	294,390	(21,093)
EXPENSE	21,558	26,679	5,121	298,156	293,464	(4,692)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(24)	84	(108)	(24,859)	926	(25,785)

The results of operation for the month of November resulted in a deficit of (24), primarily due to total actual income lower than budgeted income by 5,229, and total actual expense is lower than budgeted expense by 5,121. The combination of the two make up the deficit for the month less the 84 budgeted surplus. The negative variance in income comes primarily from pledges which has a negative variance to budget by 2,419 and from open plate's negative variance to budget by 3,191.

The YTD Actual operations resulted in a deficit of (24,859) primarily for the following reasons:

1. Total YTD actual income is below budget by 21,093, primarily due to actual collections for pledges and open plate coming in lower than budgeted amounts. YTD shortage for pledges is 10,318 and open plate is 17,587, offset by fundraisers and investment income higher than budget by 6,813.
2. Total actual expense exceeded the budget by 4,692 primarily due to Trustees spending on structural repairs, replacement of water heater, fire extinguisher service at Sherrill Hall, O-C Hall kitchen drain water lines and faucet repairs.

NET ASSETS AS AT November 30, 2019 = \$512,573

Report on Gift Cards  
For the Month Ended November 30, 2019

	Month	YTD
Sales	7,225	81,320
Income on Discounts	289	2,470

**FREE!**  
**Learn Chi Gung and Tai Chi**  
**Fridays at 9:30am in Sherrill Hall**

**Call Irving Lee for more information: 708-9252**

Tai Chi exercises our brain and body. The gentle exercises helps with your balance to prevent falls. The emphasis is on the breathing, getting oxygen flowing throughout the body. Helps one keep calm and lowers the blood pressure. Although we gear this towards the senior citizens anyone may attend. If you can't stand you may sit. The key is to keep the body moving. Classes led by Irving Lee as a Community Service. There is no charge

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

**The Chapel is 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

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**Return Service Requested**

