



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:

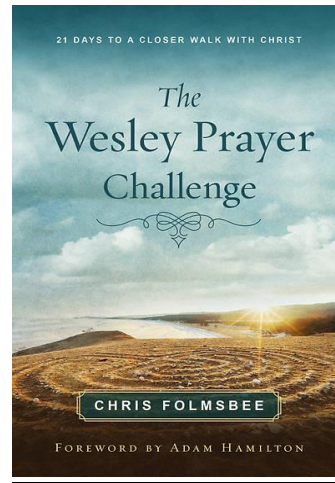
10:00 a.m. Worship in
the Sanctuary

Coffee fellowship in front of
Oglesby-Close Hall.

CUMC Online Services

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

2022 LENTEN SPIRITUAL WALK CONCORD & BRENTWOOD TOGETHER



1) TEXT BOOK: THE WESLEY PRAYER CHALLENGE - *21 Days to a Closer Walk with Christ*

By Chris Folmsbee (Forwarded by Rev. Adam Hamilton)

*Watch The Wesley Prayer Challenge Promo Video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uh0mzhSunMQ>

** Buy the text book at \$12.99 from Cokesbury (<https://www.cokesbury.com>)

- **WHO:** Anyone from Concord UMC and Brentwood Community UMC
- Two pastors (Hyesung & Sungho Lee) will co-facilitate the sessions

2) WHEN

- From March 10 to March 31 – individually daily
- 4 Group Sessions (**Zoom**) at 7 pm Wednesday
 - [1] March 9th at 7 pm;
 - [2] March 16th at 7 pm;
 - [3] March 23rd at 7 pm;
 - [4] April 7th at 7 pm

3) HOW

- **Register by the end of February** to Rev. Sungho Lee, Concord UMC (408-847-0431; rev.sungholee@gmail.com) or to Rev. Hyesung Lee, BCUMC (925-303-9339; hslee3@gmail.com)
- **Buy the book: There are books available @ \$10 each in the Narthex.**
- Participate in daily reading/reflections each day and join in 4 group sessions via zoom on 4 Wednesdays as scheduled above!



With COVID-19

Pastor Lee

We had hope that someday COVID-19 would be a thing in the past.

Once, we had a dream of a world without COVID-19. Scientists made their efforts to make vaccines and leaders of the nation encouraged us to take vaccines. Once, the infection rate was going down and we thought that the pandemic was ending.

Then, we had Delta and Omicron. Now we do not know whether we will overcome COVID-19 completely. Many people are now talking about COVID endemic, not pandemic.

That means we have to live with COVID.

Our goal has been shifted from getting rid of COVID to living with COVID. We will wear masks, take vaccines with regular intervals, and take social distance everywhere. We will take more care for our fundamental health factors like foods, exercise, and fellowship with others (the most important factor for our health according to medical studies).

Our goal is to stay healthy, joyful, and vital in our daily lives.

Can you think of a world without any virus? We have been living with all kinds of viruses. They are a part of the universe. We cannot get rid of them. If that is the case and fact, from the beginning, our goal should have been to make our bodies healthier and stronger to live in any condition.

We would do our best to make us healthier. We will be more careful with the foods that we take, exercise that we do, and fellowships that we have with others.

We need to belong to small groups to have our allies

This is true not only without bodies. Our spirit also needs this strengthening practice every day. We cannot live in a world without evil (or evil spirit). We have been living with all kinds of evils. If this is the reality that we face every day, our goal should not be getting rid of the evils from the world but to live with evils with enough power to resist and fight against it.

For such a fight we need allies. The Holy Spirit would be our greatest ally. However, we need other Christians who would support us not to be tempted by evils. Other Christian brothers and sisters would share their knowhow not to fight against those evils with Christian values. That is the reason why we need to belong to small groups of Christians who have the same values, same identities, and same purposes.

Means of Grace

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodism, emphasized the means of Grace: meditation of the Bible, prayer, Holy Communion, fasting, worship, and small group accountability. We need to practice these means of Grace both individually and collectively.

Read the Bible every day and write journals. Pray to God and write prayer journals. Share your insights and learnings with others in small groups. Come to church weekly worship and praise God together. Participate in communal work for the community around our church and in the world.

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Be a strong Christian, not a murmuring complainer.

We will start the Lenten Wesleyan Prayer Small Group with the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church. Our church members and their church members will support each other in prayer. We want to be strong Christian soldiers and not murmuring complainers. We want to be winners from the battles against evils. Let us equip ourselves with prayer and practices of the means of Grace together. You are invited to this Lenten Wesleyan Prayer Challenge. Come and let us do it together.

You can pick up the textbook from the church narthex, "The Wesleyan Prayer Challenge." Or you can buy it yourself from Cokesbury (by Chris Folmsbee). We start on March 9 and end on April 7. You read it individually everyday but have a group online on March 9, 16, 23, and April 7 at 7 PM. Please register with me at rev.sungholee@gmail.com



March 2, 2022

**Drive-thru/walk-thru
Ashes and Communion
6:30 to 8:00am
5:00 to 6:30pm**



Kathy Evans
UMW Vice President

Upcoming UMW events:

Thursday

March 3: Ruth Circle Meeting – 10:00 am
Sherrill Hall

Sunday

March 13: Anna Circle Meeting – 11:15 am
Susannah Wesley Room

Saturday

March 12: UMW General Meeting – 10:00 am
Program: 11:00 am
COMMUNITY Victims Solutions
Light lunch will be provided
Oglesby-Close Hall

March 14: Winter Nights begins. Families
move in to CUMC.

March 15: Ruth Circle providing evening
snacks and meal for Winter Nights



Good News!!

On Sunday, March 6, the 1st Sunday in Lent
the choir will return to the service.

We have missed them!!

HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

A graphic for Holy Week featuring five colored squares: a green square with a yellow palm frond, a blue square with a white cross and a brown footprint, a yellow square with a white cross and a blue footprint, a red square with a white crown of thorns, and a green square with a white cross.

April 10

Palm Sunday Service at 10:00am

Children's Palm Processional



Friday, April 15

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday

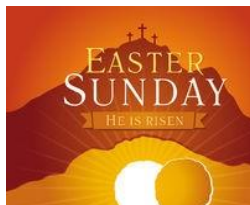
Combined Service 7:00pm



April 17

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:30am in the Friendship Circle



Easter Sunday

Service in the Sanctuary with orchestra and choir

10:00am

**Winter Nights Is
March 14 to March 28
SIGNUP TODAY!!!!**



Some Ways you or your group can help

Daily Coordinator – 4:30 - 9 pm
Work with kids – 5-8 pm
Sleepover – 9pm – 6 am
Help with meals – 5 – 7 pm
Breakfast setup/cleanup – 6 - 7 am
Laundry – 9 am - 2nd and 3rd Monday

Monetary Contributions for food and supplies – Please mark donations “CUMC – Winter Nights” and place in the offering plate.

Ways to Help on Weekends

Breakfast: 7: 30 -10:00am
Lunch: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Dinner: 5 – 7 – pm
*Help during day: 9 – Noon, Noon – 3 pm,
 3 – 6pm, 6 – 9 pm*
Sleepover: 9pm- 7:30 am

If you can't make it in person to sign up on Sunday or you would like more information please call

Delores Loague (672-6870)

THANKS for CARING and SHARING!



**Daylight-Saving Time begins,
March 13, 2022**

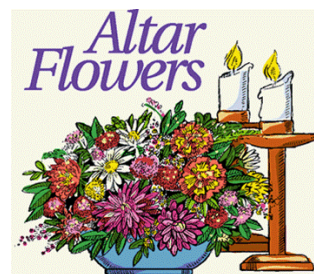
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

Masks and Social Distancing

We will be changing the protocols as of March 6. We are following a modified form of the county requirements.

Masking for vaccinated will be optional but still required for the unvaccinated.

Social distancing will still be required.



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

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



Please notify us of any changes in personal addresses, phone number 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

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Return Service Requested

