



Concord United Methodist Church

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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*



ITALIAN DINNER

**SALAD, SPAGHETTI,
GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT**

Served by our Youth

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Ministry

**SATURDAY NIGHT,
FEBRUARY 11, 2017
OGLESBY-CLOSE HALL**

THREE SEATINGS:

5:00P.M., 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.

Bring your family and friends!!

**Tickets will be on sale in Oglesby-Close Hall,
after the 9 & 10:30 services.**

**TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS,
\$5 CHILDREN 10 & UNDER**

**For more information or to reserve tickets: call
James Wakefield: 766-6272**

Sunshine Basket of Hope Follow Up Story Pastor Sungho Lee



Everybody in our church knows that we had Sunshine Basket of Hope during the Advent Season. Our church member, Deborah Vanoni gave \$1,000 to buy gift cards and left it for anybody to pick up as they needed. During Advent, about 20 some cards were picked up and still some cards were left. After Christmas, however, one person called to the church and got 2 cards from the ones that were leftover.

Still there were left over cards to be picked up. Then there comes the letter from DS Staci Current: "I know that many of you will collect special Christmas offerings this week, perhaps may have a surplus of mission funds that you would like to spend before the end of the year, or might have members of your church who are looking for a great mission to make an end of year contribution. May I encourage you to consider making a gift to the Neighborhood Ministry of Salinas First UMC? I visited this amazing ministry last month and was blown away by it. The ministry provides a hot breakfast and lunch 6 days a week, an art room, computer lab, hygiene items, clothes closet, health clinic, prescription assistance, and over 50 confidential twelve step meetings per week. They serve over 200 folks per day and do it all on a shoestring budget. The need in Salinas for these services is great. So please let's support them in our prayers and contributions."

I shared this letter with Deborah and she was willing to donate the left over cards to the ministry! So, I am bringing those left over cards to our DS to deliver it to the Salinas First UMC. This is the beauty of the connectional system of our United Methodist Church. We are all connected and do ministry together.

May God bless other churches through our church continually in the year 2017! We will serve our community and all the people in the world as God gives us resources! I give thanks to God who gives us spirit and resources. I give thanks to our DS who gives us mission opportunities. I give thanks to our church members who share their time, talent, treasure, and testimony for the glory of God!



UMW General Meeting

SATURDAY meeting, January 21, 2017

Business Meeting: 10:00 am in Sherrill Hall

Program: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon
Meals on Wheels CEO Elaine Clark
Speaking on Senior Outreach Services

Lunch to follow the program.

Guests are welcome!
You do not need to be UMW members.



Good Timers

Tuesday February 14, 2017

12 noon, Sherrill Hall

Bring a friend. Bring a sandwich,
drinks and dessert provided.

For more information please call
Pam or Dean: 777-9868

Effective January 1, the following changes were made:

The **Nursery** will be open for ONLY the 10:30 a.m. Service (staffed 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.)

CUMC's Office Hours are:

Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 – 12 noon, AND
1:00 – 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 – 12:00 noon

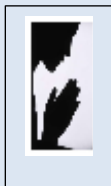
In Our Prayers



The family of Felicia O'Connor following her death on January 9. No service has been set at this time.

Continued Prayers:

Bill Maguire, Babe Busick, Sud and Midge Sundsten, John & Connie LaCoste, Shirley & Bill Shannon, Marge and Bill Boyer, Doug McLeod, Milton DeGroot, Jeff Simmons, Chris Gregory.



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. 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



Concord United
Methodist Church

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 4th Saturday from
2pm – 2:30pm, In the Chapel

A Splendid Way to End 2016



Many thanks to CUMC members and friends for donating gifts or money to buy gifts for our Salvation Army Christmas family.

A special thank you also to our United Methodist Women for the \$150 grocery gift card. This year CUMC had a large family, two parents and four young daughters, and your generosity helped ensure that they had a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Thank You for Caring and Many Blessings to You All in 2017!

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+.

Beginning January 1, 2017, to make an appointment for Tax-Aide please call (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 2015 Tax Return and documents
- Covered California: All documents including 1095A

SHARE SUNDAY is the 3rd Sunday of the month-but you can bring your donations on any Sunday.



SHARE -- This amazing food program feeds our hungry friends and neighbors each month. Please bring a can of fruit or vegetables, or maybe a jar of peanut butter, or macaroni, spaghetti -- any non-perishable food. OR if you have a fruit tree that is being generous, please share that as well. Fresh vegetables are good too.

SHARE is a non-profit organization where 99+% of any monetary donations go to the people it is helping. All work is done by volunteers. We thank you for your help in the past and ask you to continue to remember those who are having difficulty feeding their family. We don't want anyone to be hungry.

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**Freebie - 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, 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 and Marian Lee as a Community Service.
There is no charge.

Irving Lee
(925) 708 9252