



**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

### From CREATIVE COUNCIL: OUR SCHEDULE IS CHANGING!

The state of California and the CA-NV United Methodist Conference have opened the state to gatherings and meetings. We will open our doors to in-person services on July 4 while continuing to observe safety protocols for the summer months. We will ask you to wear masks and practice social distancing when you attend the following:

- **July 4-Special: 4<sup>th</sup> of July—Communion/ In-Person Service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. Masks and Social distancing protocols will be observed. Hope to see you there.**
- *(July 4 is also the day The Mission Committee will be doing their annual Taco Sunday fund raiser. Plan to stay for lunch after the service and fellowship in the Rose Garden.)*
- **We will continue our in-person services at 10 AM each Sunday in the Sanctuary through July and August as we begin our re-opening protocols. We will also stream these services for those who are not yet comfortable attending in-person events as well as those who are in other parts of the country and the world who have participated in our virtual services.**

We will keep you updated on our website at  
[Concordumc.org](http://Concordumc.org)



## **Independence Day!**

**Pastor Sungho Lee**

### **We are open for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service!**

July 4<sup>th</sup> is our Independence Day! We are going to have an in-person service in our sanctuary again. We finally have independence from COVID-19!

### **The Bible proclaims our independence from sin and death!**

God gives us freedom from sin and death and freedom for eternal relationship with God. Israelites had freedom from the tyranny of Egypt and freedom for the land of milk and honey. Our country had freedom from the king of England and freedom for one nation under God. Our church has received freedom from the COVID-19 and freedom for mission and ministry in the world.

### **To be free from sin and death, we did not have to anything.**

When Israel had freedom from Egypt, they did not do anything. God freed them with mighty power. When we are freed from the power of sin and death, we did not do anything. Jesus paid the price on the Cross and did all for us. Our salvation and eternal life are free gifts from God.

### **To be free for meaningful life, however, we have to do something.**

However, to be free from England we had to shed our tears, sweat, and blood in many battles. That means, it was more our freedom for one nation under God than freedom from the king of England.

When we fought against the COVID-19, many health care workers and scientists as well as national leaders tirelessly worked for the recovery of our communal life. That means that our fight against COVID-19 is also more our fight for freedom for better community than our freedom from lock-down.

### **Now we have work to do to build God's Kingdom together!**

Because our fight was, in essence, a work to build up God's Kingdom, where everybody is respected and cared for, our work just began. We have not finished our race yet. We just turned around our halfway point. We have faithfully run our race with God to overcome this negative virus. Now let us walk together for some more miles to build up God's beloved community where love lives. See you on Sunday with smiling faces and open arms. (Winter Nights Walk was one expression of our faith journey)



## Taco Sunday



### IT'S TACO TIME!!

*Welcome back CUMC families!*

In conjunction with the renewal of the in-person worship service on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Missions Committee is holding what is usually an annual event, *Taco Sunday*. Food will be available following the 10:00 AM service. This year we will be serving from Sherrill Hall and eating outside on the Rose Garden picnic tables or/and indoors. We expect to add pop up spaces to handle those that want to eat outdoors if space becomes unavailable.

Taco Sunday is a time for fundraising to support our Mission work in Guatemala, Healing Guatemala. Healing Guatemala is a Methodist pastor and RN wife running a pastoral ministry with medical clinic, meal serving and education. It has a broad impact on the surrounding communities which are mainly indigenous Guatemalan Native People.

We send \$75.00 monthly in support of their program to build, serve and heal this community. We ask for you to join us in this mission by supporting us with purchase of Taco meals and donations.

This year's menu and prices are as follows:

For a \$5.00 donation you will receive:

1 Taco

Beans

Rice

Chips and Salsa

Dessert

Beverage

Additional Tacos will be \$2.00 each



For more information on this worthy mission please use the following links:

[healingguatemala.org](http://healingguatemala.org)

[facebook.com/luke.rhyee](https://facebook.com/luke.rhyee)



## Trustee Update

Several months ago, the church formed a committee of individuals to investigate potential opportunities to leverage the CUMC property/real estate for the benefit of our mission outreach and to better serve the greater community in which we exist. The committee has worked with a consultant that was recommended by our District Superintendent and has conducted numerous meetings. Through the committee's discernment process, and after conducting multiple interviews with other churches around the country that have also re-purposed their own church properties; the committee is prepared to share its vision for CUMC.

The committee has formed a vision of an intergenerational village on our church property. The vision is for the property to provide safe & comfortable senior housing, childcare & preschool services, meeting space for our church and other community organizations, and services to assist young adults that are aging out of the Foster Care system. Those services might include vocational counseling, skills training, coaching & mentoring, and the love & support that could be found with surrogate grandparents; a roll possibly provided by some of the senior residents.

The committee has initiated discussions with Concord City officials and found the City to be receptive to the church's vision. Additionally, the committee obtained authorization from CUMC Administrative Council at the May 2021 meeting, to seek proposals from developers that could work with CUMC to make these visions a reality.

It is early in the process, and many details have yet to be fully determined. The committee will be conducting discussions with potential development partners in the coming months, and as specific details evolve, the Committee will keep the Administrative Council and the congregation informed of what is learned and will make its recommendations to the larger church. More to follow!!

Greg Brumley, Trustee Chair



## Winter Nights -2021, A Good Four Weeks

Winter Nights families were our guests for a month, May 17 to June 13. CUMC and our co-hosts, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, First Christian Church of Concord and The Bay Church provided meals. The families raved about how good the meals were!

This year we had 4 families; 6 adults and 8 children. Two staff members from the Winter Nights program stayed with the families. They celebrated 1 birthday and 2 graduations during the time they were here. All in all, it was a good four weeks!

Winter Nights is now over and will resume this fall. We were the last church to house them and when they left here there was only one family who did not have a place to go to.

Thank you all for your commitment to this outstanding community project for making Winter Nights happen. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

### About Winter Nights

Winter Nights Family Shelter, Inc. strengthens families by keeping them together at a difficult time. The generosity of local congregations and community groups coupled with our own case management services, provide a place to begin to recover from the stress of homelessness and plan for a better future

We protect homeless families by providing shelter in a clean, safe, and warm environment and to help them break the homelessness cycle by assisting them toward self-sufficiency and into stable housing.

## THERE'S STILL TIME!!!

Invitation to Summer Bible Challenge:  
You are invited to read the Bible during summer. Choose one of the tiers.

- **Tier 1: Bible Reader:** 4 Gospel (NT)+5 Book in the Pentateuch (OT)
- **Tier 2: Bible Lover:** 4 Gospel+ Acts (NT)+5 Books in the Pentateuch+9 Historical Books (OT)
- **Tier 3: Bible Teacher:** 4 Gospel+ Acts+ 21 Letters (NT) + 5 Books in the Pentateuch+ 9 Historical Books+ 5 Wisdom Literature (OT)
- **Tier 4: Bible Master:** 4 Gospel+ Acts+ 21 Letters+ Revelation (NT)+ 5 Books in the Pentateuch + 9 Historical Books + 5 Wisdom Literature + 17 Prophets
- **Send your name, your choice, and your email address to Pastor Lee at [rev.sungoholee@gmail.com](mailto:rev.sungoholee@gmail.com)**
- **Sample:** Name Tier Email address or phone#

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