



# Concord United Methodist Church

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March 16, 2017

## 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*

### Worship



### Mark your calendars!!!

**March 19 & 26, 2017**

We will be having two services only  
in the sanctuary on Sundays, March 19 & March  
26. The service times will be at 8am & 10am for  
both Sundays. Winter Nights Families will be in  
Oglesby-Close Hall.



**April 9, 2017**  
Three services, 8, 9, & 10:30am  
Children's Processional

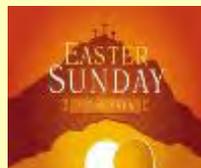


**April 13, 2017**  
6:00pm – Dinner & Program  
Oglesby-Close Hall



**April 14, 2017, Noon at St. Bonaventure**  
5562 Clayton Rd., Concord  
Program: "7 Last Words"

7:30pm at CUMC in the Sanctuary



**April 16, 2017 TWO SERVICES**  
Sunrise Service at **6:30am**  
Free Community Easter Breakfast  
at 7:00am, Oglesby-Close Hall  
Traditional Service at **10:00am**



**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**  
11:00am (or when the service is over)



## **Remember you are dust, to dust you shall return! Meaning of Ashes**

**Pastor Lee**

We are going through Lent. Lent is 40 Days journey for Christians to repent our sins, reflect on God's Grace, and renew our relationship with God. It starts with Ash Wednesday when we receive ashes on our forehead to remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Imposition of ashes reminds us of the finality of our physical life. It helps us to detach ourselves from the world. We can see what is important in our lives. We can reprioritize our time, treasure, and talent based on our realization of our mortality.

### **Drive through Communion and Ash Imposition**

This year, following the last year's success, we decided to do the drive through communion and ash imposition again. Some people thought that it is "cool" and may help young people to come to church. It helped many young people who needed to rush to their schools and jobs.

However, here is a surprise!

One woman brought her elderly mother to the drive through communion. She received the communion and ashes. When I served the mother-daughter together, I realized it that this is actually for those people who cannot walk the long isle to receive the communion and ashes.

In our church, many elderly people use walkers and wheel chairs. They have a hard time to get out of their cars and use their walking aids (canes, walkers, and wheel chairs). It is a burden for many people. Even though they have yearning for the special opportunity to receive the communion and ashes, physically it would be a big challenge for them.

When they are comfortably sitting in their cars and receive the communion and ashes, I realized that people love Jesus and they want to worship God. We need to serve them considering their (physical, financial, and social) conditions.

### **Communion and Ashes at the Work Places**

After the drive through communion was over at 10 AM, one woman came to me. "Pastor, thank you for your service. I received communion this morning. I could not have it for a long time because of my church's policy. I am happy that you have an open communion theology. Because you serve everybody, would you also come to my mother and serve her communion?" I said, "Sure!" Then she told me that her mother is in hospital where she is being treated for her cancer.

I brought my traveling communion set and ashes. I went to the appointed time and met the family. I served the mother, father, and the children. Then, to my surprise, I saw a line of people waiting for the ashes and communion! They were hospital employees, patients, and their families. They saw me serving one family and asked me to serve them also!

I realized that people had a desire to be with God. Some people do not have time to do that because they had to work! They are not lazy people. They are not faithless people. I learned that day that many faithful and hard-working people cannot come to church service because they had to work and serve others. I served them with joy and a new understanding of people's hearts.

Now I can see some empty pews with the new understanding that our church members are busy working and serving people somewhere. I can look at the empty pews and bless them. I want to also find many ways to serve them, paying attention to their needs. Some may need drive through communion. Some people may need a small group at home. Some people may need online Bible Study. Some may need one-to-one home Bible Study. I want to pay close attention to the needs of the people. I will listen to people more carefully to figure out what their needs are. This is my Lenten resolution.

Every day, I will give my ears to people to find out their needs. I will pray how to meet them. May God open my eyes to see the new ways to serve God's people!



## **Needs candy!**

Easter is April 16th and we will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

**At this time we have plenty of plastic eggs**—but no candy to fill them with!

Small wrapped Easter candies are needed to fill the plastic eggs. Please bring the candy to the church office.

Your donation is appreciated.  
Thank you!



## **UMW General Meeting**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

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

**Program: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon**

**Carolyn Paulson, RN**

**Topic: Diabetes**

**Potluck lunch to follow the program.**

**Guests are welcome!**

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

## **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. may sit. The key is to keep the body moving.

Classes led by Irving and Marian Lee as a C Although we gear this towards the senior citizens anyone may attend. If you can't stand you community Service. There is no charge.

Irving Lee  
(925) 708 9252



## **Co-ordinated Lenten Journey**

**Everyone is invited to the following Lenten Journey Programs & Potluck Dinner.**

**Monday, March 20 at 7:30pm**

Taize Service

Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church

1578 Kirker Pass Rd. Clayton

*(Taize music comes from the Taize community in France. This community is an ecumenical monastery that began in WWII as a refuge for orphaned youth.)*

**Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm**

Concord United Methodist Church

Oglesby-Close Hall

Ecumenical potluck dinner

## **Good Timers**

**Tuesday April 11, 2017**

**12 noon, Sherrill Hall**



**Program:**

**Chuck and Karen Morones will be presenting a "Picture" journey of their trip to the Antarctic Area.**

Bring a friend. Bring a sandwich,  
Enjoy our dessert, punch and coffee.

We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Any questions, please call  
Pam or Dean Hall: 777-9868



**William James Maguire Jr.**  
**April 26, 1928 - February 18, 2017**

Bill Maguire passed away peacefully with his family and Pastor Lee by his side on Saturday, February 18, 2017 after a valiant and brave battle with a blood disease. He touched many lives with his gentle spirit, positive attitude and contagious enthusiasm for life.

Bill was born in Providence, Rhode Island and attended Moses Brown and Saint George's. He graduated from Brown University with a BA in Economics. During the summers of his school days, he worked as a lifeguard on beautiful Newport beaches. Bill served two years in the U.S. Army before starting a financial career with Merrill Lynch in New York City. In later years, he owned a real estate company, Maguire Realty, in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. Then he pursued investment financial planning in the San Francisco Bay Area. He moved from the East Coast to California when his son and daughter-in-law were expecting a child. He felt he could not be a real grandfather 3,000 miles away. His bond with his grandson Ben, who is now 25, is a strong and loving one.

Bill always loved sports and played football in high school and college. One of his happiest memories was his experience coaching his son's eight man football team of two squads of ten year olds called the Maguire Monsters and the Gallagher Gorillas. Their first season, they were undefeated and unscored upon, every coach's dream. Bill enjoyed spectator sports, crossword puzzles, travel, all food especially lobster and chocolate, and time spent with friends and family where his gift for stories was notable.

His years as a church member of the Concord United Methodist Church were happy ones as a member of the Men's Christ Care Group and in his leadership role of the Prosperity Team where he formed valuable friendships.

Bill is survived by his family members: wife Sandy, his son Chip, daughter-in-law Jackie and grandson Ben as well as his son Timothy, his stepchildren Kathy and George Duff, Kristi and Mark McCombe, Neal and Kristin Drucquer and seven grandchildren: Kaley and Colin Duff, Erin, Findlay and Matthew McCombe, and Nick, Noah and Esme Drucquer. He is also survived by his nephews and nieces: Sally, Barclay and Bill Mackinnon and Nancy Perkins. A memorial to celebrate Bill's life on was held Saturday, April 1, 2017 at CUMC, a donation in Bill's name may be sent to the church. He is greatly missed.



**SATURDAY**  
**May 6, 2017**  
**UMW Special Event**  
**Goodwill Vintage**  
**Fashion Show**  
**10:00 am**  
**Oglesby-Close Hall**

**Please Come Join Us Making  
 Crafts for the UMW Bazaar**



**Now meeting Mondays  
 at 1:00pm in Sherrill Hall**

If you are planning on making crafts for the **UMW Bazaar which will be on November 3 & 4, 2017**, join us every Monday from 1 to 4pm (or for as much time as you can) in Sherrill Hall. There will be a **new craft each month** with supplies, ready for you to get to work. Monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to pay for the supplies.

**March's craft will be dog/cat treat wreaths.**

This will be a time where you can **join our monthly craft and/or bring new ideas, work on crafts** you already are making, **have fellowship** with other crafters, and maybe **learn something new!**

Harriet, Laura and Linda will be there.

## Mission Committee

### Breakfast fundraiser on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Sherrill Hall

\$5.00 per person

Children under 6—free



The menu will consist of **French Toast (2 slices), breakfast sausage (2) along with fruit and beverages.**

The funds will support **Mission committee outreach programs and Shelter meals.** We will be pre selling tickets starting Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> but tickets will be available at the door also.

## Thank You

Dear Friends at CUMC,

Thank you for all the cards & prayers while we have been unable to go to church. We appreciate the visits from Pastor Lee.

Marge and Bill Boyer



## UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is Sunday, March 26, 2017

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR**, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee.

**Since 1940**, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

**Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:**

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Next Sunday there will be an envelope in the bulletin for giving. Please make your check out to CUMC and write: UMCOR Sunday in the remarks.

## Concord United Methodist Church SHARE Food Pantry Suggestions MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS FOR April & May 2017

(Post on your fridge as a friendly reminder)



### Food Pantry Needs

<b>April</b>	Canned Fish or Meat Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Spam, Corned Beef
<b>May</b>	Oatmeal, Other Cereal (Unsweetened, if possible)

**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 Carpoiff.



## Quiet Time of Prayer

Wednesdays **6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**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



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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

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CONCORD, CA 94521



This is an invitation to nursery attendants, Sunday school teachers, ushers and ANYBODY ELSE who would like to have CPR training. If we can get a class least

10 people the cost falls to \$50 per person. It will include the newest technique of chest compressions, use of the defibrillator and other useful information. Completion will include a certification. Even if you don't need CPR certification you might want to have this potentially life-saving training. If you are interested please contact the church office.



## **PROSPERITY TEAM SEE'S CANDY EASTER FUNDRAISER!**

Order forms are available in  
Oglesby-Close Hall on Sunday.

You can also call the church office for more  
information. 685-5260.

**All profits go to the CUMC General Fund.  
Last day to order is April 2 and pick up your  
order on April 9.**

Please make checks out to CUMC with See's  
fundraiser in the remarks. THANK YOU!!!