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

CUMC Online Services

Services will continue to be available on Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible after each Sunday service.

Day of New Beginnings

On Sunday July 3, 2022, Pastor Marie preached her first sermon at Concord UMC. A special litany of welcome led by the Staff -Parish Relations Committee was done during the worship service where gifts of a new bible, hymnal and flowers were presented to Pastor Marie.

After the service there was a wonderful reception and taco luncheon fundraiser for "Healing Guatemala" by the Missions Committee. Pastor Marie was moved by the warm welcome and gifts and enjoyed the delightful lunch and dessert.

Thanks to the Missions Committee, SPRC & Church Members for your hospitality.

- Pastor Marie

Isaiah 43:19 says: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Pastor to this wonderful faith community. It is my hope that we can get to know one another and discern how God is leading us to serve the community.

The scripture from Isaiah invites us to think about new things that God is doing. This church has a wonderful past and Pastor Lee served you well! His gifts in ministry has brought the church to where it is today which was not easy during a pandemic.

As I said in my first sermon as your new Pastor - I am not taking Pastor Lee's place; I am just picking up where he left off. I know that change is difficult; I also known that your will miss Pastor Lee. It is my hope that we will grow in ministry together and find new and exciting ways to be the church during these challenging times.

God is doing something new here at Concord UMC. The best years are not behind us...the best is yet to come!

Pastor Marie

Wednesday evening Bible Study starts up on September 14 at 6:30 pm, 6:00pm for social time. We are going to study Adam Hamilton's "The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." This is a video series that lasts 6 weeks and covers the travels of Jesus.

We are doing in-person lessons and you can join us by Zoom.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Pierce at 925-518-4447.

ChrisCare
Group Ministry

CHRISTCARE STARTS FRIDAY, SEPT.2, 10:15, SHERRILL HALL.

Come meet folks that you may see in church and would like to know them better.

All are welcome and we meet each 1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:15~12:00, Sherrill Hall.

Contact Jim McGuire for further information (925) 997-2257.

Church-wide Rummage Sale and Raffle will be held on <u>Friday, August 26 from 8am-5pm and Saturday August 27 from 8am-2pm</u> in Oglesby-Close Hall and rooms 1 & 2. The proceeds from the sale goes to CUMC'S General Fund!

Raffle tickets are available for purchase after Sunday service. $1 a ticket or 6 for $5. Prizes are gift baskets, restaurant gift cards and many more!

Any donated items can be dropped off at Oglesby-Close Hall thru Thursday the 25th. 10am to 2pm. If you have any questions please call Sandy Blazer at 925-323-1800.

Our church Homecoming Sunday is September 11.

There will be a fundraising BBQ of hot dogs and hamburgers following the 10am service.

Meal are $10. Includes hot dog or hamburger w/condiments, chips, drink and dessert. Extra hot dog or hamburger $4 each.

Fundraiser benefits United Women in Faith. (formerly UMW)
The money will go towards the missions they support.

Come and enjoy a good sermon, meet Pastor Marie, if you haven't yet, and have a good lunch while you catch up with your friends!!

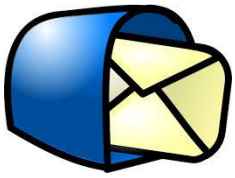
HouseBlend Farewell Concert

Saturday, September 10, 5 PM

In the CUMC Sanctuary
FREE!!
The reception following the concert will be in Sherrill Hall.
Don't miss it!
Most of us have been privileged to have HouseBlend at CUMC for many years!
Let's give them a huge farewell!

Moving Forward

Moving Forward will restart on Tuesday September 13. The bible study will be "Bad Girls of the Bible". Books will be here in about 1-2 weeks



Steve, Ken and Gayle:
Thank you to Ken Carpoff and Gayle Ochoa for answering my request for volunteers to take our bulk mailings to the Post Office!!!

Our long-time volunteer, Steve Pierce will give them instructions!!

Marilyn

Adult Homeless Shelter Meals

Concord United Methodist Church has been faithfully preparing and delivering home cooked meals to the residents of the Adult Homeless Shelter in Concord for over 20 years. It was Mary-Ann King, Ed King and Lee Morgan who answered the call to help the unhoused and established the meal program in the late 1990's - 2000's.

A few years ago, the County mandated that food had to be prepared in a **certified** kitchen. Greg Brumley and other trustees worked with the county and necessary professionals to perform the tasks of getting our Oglesby-Close (OC) Hall kitchen up to code, etc. Once completed the kitchen was Health Department certified. Then Covid-19 protocol's prohibited incoming food to the shelter, so the meals were halted for quite some time. As soon as Delores Loague learned that the kitchen was certified, and got the "go ahead" from the shelter staff, meals were back on - as a top priority.

All meals going to the shelter must be and are always prepped and cooked in the OC Hall certified kitchen.

The names of the many committed volunteers have changed over the years but it is their dedication that has kept this project, funded by donations, going strong for the past 2+ decades.

Currently, along with Delores Loague, Penny Gustafson, Mike and Carol Curtiss and Kathy Evans prepare the tasty, healthy dishes. Occasionally a friend will stop by and give the team a hand. Over the course of time recipes have changed or have been "tweaked" but the hot winter menu of chicken and noodles, 3-bean salad (a crowd favorite), coleslaw, rolls and dessert has remained the same for quite some time. A cold summer menu of "loaded" macaroni salad with chicken, 3-bean salad, rolls, orange or watermelon slices, cookies and punch is currently being prepared.

The shelter requests enough food for 64 adults. It is delivered on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Mike and Carol Curtiss faithfully deliver the food to the welcoming, appreciative staff and residents. Despite the temperamental oven and hot kitchen, the team's high spirit makes a tiring afternoon fun and extremely rewarding.

If you are interested in finding out more or are just curious, we invite you to stop by the Oglesby Close Hall kitchen for a visit. Just call the church office or contact a team member for details and schedule.

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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ATTENDANT NEEDED!!

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

If you are interested please contact Vince Gregory: 925-686-2230 or email: vince_gregory@yahoo.com

We are in need of more

Children's Sunday School teachers!! For FALL!

If you are interested, or would like to find out more information,
Please call Vince Gregory: 925-686-2330 or email: vince_gregory@ yahoo.com