

CROSSROADS

Come Together

Seeking, Celebrating Serving 2007—2008

September 9, 2007

We're going to do something different and special this year. To kick off our Fall program we will all worship together at 10:00 am then move to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious brunch.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this exciting service and fellowship meal.

See you there!

Explore Membership at
FCC Concord

Looking for a community of faith? Have you thought about joining our church but you wanted some questions answered first? Have you been curious about what membership really means, but you don't know who to ask?

Please join us for our next inquirers gathering:

Monday, September 10 @ 7:00 p.m. at Russ Peterman's home (very near the church)

This is your chance to:

- Get to know the minister
- Ask questions about FCC, the Disciples of Christ, the meaning of membership, and life in community
- Get to know fellow guests and members

Interested?

Contact Russ Peterman at the church office
(russ@concordfcc.net or 925/685-7503)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



Serve God,
Saving the
Planet



Join us this Sunday as we conclude this

Series. Discover practical tips of simple things we can do today that will have a large impact on Tomorrow

Disciples Women, Christian
Women's Fellowship Quarterly
Brunch,

September 8, 10a.m. church library.

All women in the church are invited to gather for food and fellowship. Please bring a brunch item to share.

The Mission Springs Service Project is new stuffed animals for law enforcement officers to give to children. They should be new and 8-10" in size. (No beanie babies). We will collect these stuffed animals at the Brunch and they will be taken to Mission Springs the following week.

Mission Springs
Retreat

September 13-14 and 15-16



Theme: Simple Gifts -

Celebrating the gifts we give to Ourselves, To Others, To the World. Speaker: Rev.

Cathy Myers Wirt

Registration forms

are available on-line at www.ccncn.org or in the church office.

We would like to know if you will be attending one of the Mission Springs retreats. Please notify the church office or Linda Smith, lasmith@aol.com.



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"Back to School Fashion"

-- by the Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman, Senior Minister

It is the time of year when three dreaded words are muttered by young people across the country, words that bring joy to parents and pain to

children—**Back to School.** With squeaky new shoes and a backpack full of supplies (most of which they will never use), children of all ages drudge back to class for another year of book reports and pop quizzes.

During the decade-plus that I served as a youth minister, I noticed that each new school year was marked with a new fashion trend. I also remember that when I was in the tenth grade we all wore pink polo shirts with the collars flipped up. We thought we were so cool. But the next year pink polos were definitely out and everyone was wearing parachute pants with zippers all the way down the side. I'm not quite as hip and cool these days, and so I'm not exactly sure if this year I'm supposed to wear hip-huggers or bell-bottoms—I'm more than a little confused. The only thing I know for sure is that if I stepped on a local campus I'd get laughed at if I wore a pink polo and parachute pants!

If, like me, you aren't sure what the latest fashion might be, let me point you to something that never goes out of style. In Paul's letter to the church in Colossae he suggests that *"as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."* For over two thousand years those who look the sharpest in the eyes of God are not necessarily the ones with the trendiest clothes, but those decked out in compassion, kindness and love. You may not find that type of fashion in the pages of *Cosmo* or *GQ*, but you will most definitely stand out as the best and the brightest!

Finally, let me also pass on some beauty tips I came across from Dear Abby: *for attractive lips, speak words of kindness; for lovely eyes, see the good in people; for a slim figure, share your food with the hungry; for beautiful hair, let a child run his fingers through it once a day; for poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.*

What makes us truly beautiful is not what we wear, but who we are beneath the fashion of the times.

Grace and peace to you,

September Birthdays

- 3 Sally Bender
- 4 Kelly Mayes
- 6 Christine DeBella
- 7 Laura Leonard
- 9 Matthew Hecker
- 9 Mike Cluster
- 10 Tiani Powers
- 12 Sue Sumner-Moore
- 16 Jamie West
- 18 Mandy Hanks
- 20 Aidan Partney
- 24 Zakary Gay
- 25 Don DeGiobbi
- 25 Frances Trimble
- 26 Vicki DeLaurenti



September Anniversaries

- 3 Janet & Mike Gay
- 8 Elaine & Earl Ortiz
- 21 Scott & Diana Carlisle



Please let the church office know if your birthday or anniversary is missing or is listed incorrectly

*Serving In Worship...***August 26, 2007****Romans 8: 18-25**

"The New Seatbelt"

9:00 AM**Elder:** Janet Gay**Deacons:** Terri Gross**11:00 AM****Table Elder:** Carolyn Partney**Offertory Elder:** Diana Carlisle**Time for Children:** Carolyn Partney**Scripture Reader:** Michele Watts**Greeters:** The Gay Family and Annabelle Decker**Ushers:** Doris Hamblin [captain] Dee Laird, Gloria Mattson**Diaconate:** Hugh McNamar [captain] Kate Landberg, Lori Landberg, Bill Bush, Domonique Veasley**September 2, 2007****9:00 AM****Elder:** Diane Maltester**Deacons:** Greg Mitchell & Cho Nai Cheung**11:00 AM****Table Elder:** Wendy Collins**Offertory Elder:** Kathleen DeGiobbi**Time for Children:** Sarah Partney**Scripture Reader:** Judi Carlisle**Greeters:** Linda Smith & Gloria Mattson**Ushers:** Patti Halter [captain] Pat Watson, Kay Waggoner**Diaconate:** Gloria Mattson [captain] Bill Plambeck, Dean Henry, Debbie Henry, Elaine Sherman, Luz Porto, Judi Carlisle

Thank You 2006-2007 Greeters!



The Hospitality Ministry Team would like to thank all of the wonderful FCC Concord members who have accepted their invitations to be Greeters for late service. We've made it almost all the way through the church roster! As the "new" 2007-2008 year rolls around we hope you will all, once again, be open to serving when you see your name in the Crossroads and receive the postcard invitation in the mail. It is a fabulous opportunity to meet your FCC Concord family, one at a time, as they enter our welcoming front doors for late service. You may be paired up with an "old" friend or it may even be a "new" friend! Entire families are encouraged to jump on the welcome wagon when their turn rolls around!

It's always a pleasure to hear feedback from you such as, "I was a little nervous at first, but found I really enjoyed it!" and "I loved it! I'd like to do it more often!" If you are not an "official" member of FCC Concord and you would like to be on the Greeter List, don't hesitate to let Janet know. She'd love to add you...the more the merrier!

Remember, if you are unable to serve when asked, please feel free to trade with someone else or contact Janet Gay at janetLGA@aol.com so we can have another friendly face at the door that morning. It is the Hospitality Ministry Team's goal to have everyone be part of the warm, welcoming environment we are so fortunate to have here at FCC Concord.

Thank You

Dear Russ and our FCC Family,

Thank you so much for the plant you sent for my mother's funeral. It was greatly appreciated by the entire family. Thanks also for all of your prayers and concern.

We hope to see you soon and thank you in person.

James and Kay Jezek

September Greeters

2 Linda Smith & Gloria Mattson

9 Pat Watson & Ellie McDougal

16 Bev & Bill Plambeck

23 Hugh & Arlene McNamar

30 Carolyn & Don Partney

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SEEKING, CELEBRATING AND SERVING CHRIST THROUGH OPEN
MINDS, COMMITTED HEARTS AND WILLING HANDS.

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN CONCORD**

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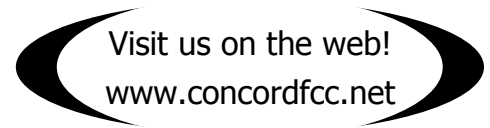
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Email submissions and subscriptions to: info@concordfcc.net
Submission deadline for next issue: Monday September 3, 2007 11:00
a.m.



All submissions are subject to editing!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 26, 2007

9:00 am — Worship / Sanctuary
10:00 am—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am — Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, August 27

2:00 pm—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 28

12:00 noon—Diving Deeper Group / Church Office
6:00 pm—Pastoral Relations Team / Senior Minister's
study

Wednesday, August 29

7:00 pm—NOOMA/ Russ Peterman's home

Thursday, August 16

8:00 am—Spiritual Moment / Church Office
7:00 pm—Interfaith Task Force CNWS Public Meeting/
Sanctuary

Sunday, September 2, 2007

9:00 am — Worship / Sanctuary
10:00 am—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am—Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, September 3

Labor Day—Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 4

12:00 noon—Diving Deeper Group / Church Office
7:00 pm—Worship Team / Library

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

6:30 pm—Spiritual Formation Team / Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm—Outreach Team

Thursday, August 23

8:00 am—Spiritual Moment / Church Office

Saturday, August 25

10:00—CWF Quarterly Brunch