

CROSSROADS

Seeking, Celebrating, Serving 2007-2008
Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Kick Off Sunday

This Sunday as we gather together and kick off another great year of ministry together, there will be only **one Service** at 10:00 am.

The service will be followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall hosted by our wonderful Fellowship Ministry Team. In addition to 'kicking off' our Fall program, we will be welcoming Claire as our Student Associate minister during the luncheon.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please contact Lisa Morgan at morlisa@aol.com or 925-685-7717

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 at 1885 N. 5th Street, Concord.

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)



Outreach Ministry Faire **September 23, 2007**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please join our Outreach Ministry Team as we celebrate our **2nd Annual Outreach Faire**.

There will be lots of fun!! Come and enjoy food, music, games and more. This is your opportunity to find out about our church's outreach projects and events. The Faire is our way of saying Thanks for your support of our Outreach Ministry.



We also encourage and invite you to join our wonderful group of volunteers who share the love in their hearts by serving on our Outreach Team. As we did last year, we are having a Blood Drive at the Faire. This is your opportunity to donate blood and save a life.

Outreach Ministry Team

YOUTH GROUPS!

We're BAAACK!!!

**Youth Group kicks back off
this Sunday, September 9th**

6:00—8:00 pm

n the Youth Building!!

Chi-Rho (gr 6-8) & CYF (gr 9-12)

Bring yourself, a friend, and your energy!!

See you all there!!

Claire Richardson

Compass

What We Need is Here

by the Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman, Senior Minister



There is a different feeling in the air, isn't there? Do you feel it, too? Labor Day has passed, and the signs of the end of summer are all around us. The kids are back in school, having loaded up their new backpacks with books and supplies and laced up their new shoes. Most of us spent our vacation time and have turned back toward what lies ahead of us. The days are getting shorter and the evening breeze a little cooler.

Here at the church we have been actively anticipating our fall program for a while now. Last week the Elders and I met on retreat to pray and center ourselves for the year ahead. Claire has hit the ground running and is anxious and excited about launching fall youth ministry activities. Already the youth love her spirit, and appreciate her depth and care! All of our Ministry Teams have been building up and getting ready for fall as well, and this Sunday we'll kick-off those programs that have slowed for the summer. It's shaping up to be a full and exciting fall, with plenty of opportunities for education, mission, worship, and simply being the church in the world.

This is an exciting time of year, especially with this Indian summer we are having. I find myself pulled in this in-between time – wanting to move forward into all the excitement that lies ahead, but also wanting to relish in the slower pace of the summer passed. Maybe we are given this time, this wonderful season – not yet fall, no longer summer – to cherish, to be grateful and to get ready for the full swing of things.

Maybe you are already in full-swing. If you are, I invite you pause and simply let this interlude be with you for even just a moment. Or maybe you have been gone from your faith family over the summer, and you are feeling the pull to come back this Sunday for a warm welcome and the comfort of simply being in community.

Wherever you are, I share with you this great poem by Wendell Berry, simply entitled "What We Need Is Here."

Geese appear high over us,
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,
as in love or sleep, hold
them to their way, clear
in the ancient faith: what we need
is here. And we pray, not
for new earth or heaven, but to be
quiet in heart, and in eye,
clear. What we need is here.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, in the midst of these days of welcome and new beginnings, you are welcome here.

Grace and peace,

Gloria Mattson & Mary Watts Honored as Elder Emeritus

On Sunday, August 26 **Gloria Mattson** and **Mary Watts** were each honored with the distinction of being named "Elder Emeritus". This is a rich tradition in this congregation which designates great distinction. In our church's history only 31 individuals have been given this honor.

Naming someone Elder Emeritus is a life-time honor, and a unique way for the community of faith to express its thanksgiving and offer our gratitude for their service and leadership over the years.

With many of the surviving Elder Emeriti standing behind them, Gloria and Mary expressed their appreciation – and their great surprise – for this recognition. As we would expect from these great women, each humbly expressed how they never would have dreamed that this congregation would think so highly of them! But of course we do!

A complete list of all those named as Elder Emeritus over the years can be found in the narthex on a plaque listing this great "cloud of witnesses" that have given so much to this church family.



Congratulations Mary and Gloria!

*Serving In Worship...***September 9, 2007****Luke 14: 25-35**

"The Demands of Discipleship"

10:00 AM**Table Elder:** Sarah Partney**Offertory Elder:** Toni Barmore**Time for Children:** Russell Peterman**Scripture Reader:** Meg Sumner-Moore**Greeters:** Pat Watson and Mary and Michelle Watts**Ushers:** Elaine Ortiz [captain] Hugh McNamar, Luz Porto**Diaconate:** Don DeGiobbi [captain] Tom Kilpatrick, Al & Bev Lockwood, Sue Sumner-Moore, Meg Sumner-Moore**September 16, 2007****9:00 AM****Elder:** Kelsey Gross**Deacons:** Mike Cluster**11:00 AM****Table Elder:** Carolyn Partney**Offertory Elder:** Scott Sumner-Moore**Time for Children:** Carolyn Partney**Scripture Reader:** Matt Landberg**Greeters:** Bill and Bev Plambeck**Ushers:** Elaine Sherman [captain] Linda Smith, Ruth Langley**Diaconate:** Collier Laird [captain] Scott Bisbee, Patti Halter, Matt Hecker, Andie Raymond, Mary Raymond*Crossroads by Email— Thank you*

In a previous issue, we encouraged anyone who is currently receiving *Crossroads* by mail, but who could receive it by email, to contact the church office at emrys@concordfcc.net and let us have your email address. I am glad to report that a number of people did that.

Thank you.

If anyone else would like to receive *Crossroads* by email, please let me know.

Emrys Lloyd-Roberts, Office Manager

Church Bowling League

The FCC Bowling League will start Sunday, 9/9/07. We will have a short meeting prior to bowling (between 5:30 and 6:00 after the other league gets finished with their meeting). We still need one regular bowler and several subs. If anyone is interested, please contact Pat Twigg (pattwigg@comcast.net) or 925-625-3686.

CWF Quarterly Brunch

All women in the church are invited to gather for food and fellowship on September 8, 2007 at 10:00 am in the church library. Please bring a brunch item to share. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Kay Jezek.

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

**September Greeters**

9 Pat Watson & Mary and Michelle Watts

16 Bev & Bill Plambeck

23 Hugh & Arlene McNamar

30 Carolyn & Don Partney

*Did You Know...*

That Jane Mitchell has twice donated her hair to Locks of Love? Well done, Jane.

The Bay Area Crisis Nursery

The Bay Area Crisis Nursery GIANT Yard Sale is back! Friday and Saturday, September 14-15 8:00 am—2:00 pm daily. 1510 Mendocino Drive, Concord (corner of Clayton Road and Mendocino Drive). Bargains Galore! Children's clothes 25 cents each, Strollers, Car Seats just \$5.00. Lots of Toys, Games, Puzzles, Stuffed Animals. Also Adult Clothing, Household Goods, Linens, Electronics, Sports Equipment, Gift Items, Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs. Call 925-685-6633 for more information. Proceeds benefit Bay Area Crisis Nursery's child abuse prevention programs.

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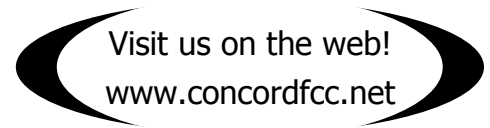
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Email submissions and subscriptions to: info@concordfcc.net
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a.m.



All submissions are subject to editing!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 9, 2007

10:00 am — Worship / Sanctuary
Followed by Lunch in Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm—Church Bowling Group / Paddock Bowl
6:00 pm—Youth Group / Youth Building

Monday, September 10

12:00 noon—Diving Deeper Group/ Church Office
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting/ Senior Minister's Office
7:00 pm—Inquirers Discussion Group / Russ
Peterman's Home
7:00 pm—Rachel Ruth Circle / Library
7:00 pm—Elders Meeting / Discovery Room

Tuesday, September 11

9:30 am—Mary Martha Circle / Library

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 pm—NOOMA/ Russ Peterman's home

Thursday, September 13

8:00 am—Spiritual Moment / Church Office
7:00 pm—Finance Team / Library

Saturday, September 15

8:30 am—House and Grounds Team / Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 16, 2007

9:00 am — Worship / Sanctuary
10:00 am—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am—Worship / Sanctuary
6:00 pm—Youth Group / Youth Building
6:00 pm—Church Bowling League/ Paddock Bowl

Monday, September 17

12:00 noon—Diving Deeper Group / Church Office
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting / Senior Minister's Office

Tuesday, September 18

12:00 noon—Diving Deeper Group / Church Office

Thursday, September 20

8:00 am—Spiritual Moment / Church Office

Mission Springs Retreat 13—16