

CROSSROADS

Dear FCC Concord Members,

I want to pass along some information I recently received from Bill Plambeck, the chair of our House and Grounds Committee. The last time that the exterior of our church was painted was in 1991 – that's seventeen years ago! We've done some maintenance painting on doors and windows, but the bulk of the paint is 17 years old. The industry standard for exterior painting is every ten years, in order to protect the buildings properly. That makes us seven years overdue.

Painting the church exterior will give us the chance to change the personality of our buildings with new colors. A committee is working on selecting the colors, and samples of the proposed color combination will be provided so that you can get a sense of how the newly painted buildings will look.

A loan has been offered to us in the amount of \$50,000 at 4% interest over 10 years. We have a bid of \$42,700 for painting all building exteriors. The remainder of the loan would be used to replace some metal gutter and to do cosmetic carpentry work. We hope to have all of the work completed by September 1, 2008.

Since the amount of the loan represents a significant financial commitment, we need the approval of the congregation in order to move forward with this project. For this reason, the Administrative Council is requesting your presence at a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the project and ask questions before casting your vote. If you're unable to attend the meeting, I would ask you to please fill out the absentee ballot you will receive in

the mail and return it to the church office. Please remember to sign the ballot paper and print your name on it, and mark the returned ballot "attention Church Clerk" so that we can be sure to record your vote.

I hope you will join me in supporting this project so that we can continue to maintain a church building that is an outward reflection of the love and care that we feel for God and for one another. I look forward to seeing you on June 22nd.

Sincerely,

Tim Rose
Moderator

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 22, 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be voting on a proposal to repaint the exterior of the church buildings. Please look for a letter to be sent to all members that will explain the proposal in greater detail.

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A Word for our Grads

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



A friend whose son recently graduated from college pointed me to a great segment aired on National Public Radio a while back by Baxter Black. Black is a cowboy poet whose daughter also recently graduated from college. In the piece, Black said that as he kissed his "little girl" for what may be the last time – for soon she will be a woman – he wondered and reflected on what will become of her.

"Who," he wondered, "will take care of her? Who will she love? What will she remember? What will she forget? What star will guide her?"

Black goes on to ask if *"the boulders in her life will make her strong or break her spirit? Will she discover the difference between pride and vanity, between courage and posing, between distance and privacy? Will she forgive herself when can't live up to her own expectations? Will she find passion in life... a calling? And will she know that I will always love her... even when we are separated by distance and life?"*

There are many in our community with these very same thoughts and wonderings as their children prepare to take the next important steps in their lives. For them these are exciting yet anxious times.

As the church, we have the privilege and responsibility of helping prepare young people for life, at least spiritually. We even know, in some small way, what parents feel as their children spread their wings and begin to fly. Like Black, I wonder what they will remember and what they will forget. I wonder if we did enough, if we shared with them what they need to know, mostly that God loves them as they are – for who they are, not for what they do.

My unceasing prayer for the young people of FCC Concord who are graduating from high school this spring is that they will remember *always* that they have a spiritual home within this congregation and that *wherever* they go and whatever they do, our love and our prayers go with them. My prayer is that Kate and Kelsey will go forth from this place and follow always the light that is Christ, who takes us away from none of life's ups and downs, but promises to go through all of them with us.

In Paul's letters to his young associates Timothy and Titus, he wishes them well as they go out on their own to face the world. In his final instructions and wishes he urges them, to *"guard the treasure you were given! Guard it with your life... and may overwhelming Grace keep you always!"*

May God continue to bless the Class of 2008!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ".

Mark Your Calendar! Save the Date!!!

June 29 will be the first of our Super Summer Sunday Series.

Join your church family at 6pm on June 29 for an evening of pizza and games. Bring your favorite game and join us for an evening of fun. More details soon.

—Ellie McDougal
Chair, Spiritual Formation Team



This year FCC member Chris Walker will be making his 14th AIDS Walk to fund

research into finding a cure for AIDS. This year's event will in San Francisco on July 20.

You can support Chris with your donation. Please see Chris or send your donation to the church office or to his home at 830 Savanna Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Greeter Schedule



June 8	Janet & Matt Hecker
June 15	Dee & Collier Laird
June 22	Hugh & Arlene McNamar
June 29	Ruth Langley & Gloria Mattson

The Importance of Being a Greeter

Modeling what it means to be "an inclusive and loving community..." our greeters are the friendly faces who meet you at the door here at FCC Concord on Sunday mornings.

The early service greeters do "double duty" as deacons, and the entire roster has opened themselves to being that first face seen upon entering our doors.

Your willingness to take on the "extra duty" as a member here is GREATLY appreciated!

If you are unable to serve at the time listed below, please trade with someone, or contact Janet Gay at janetLGA@aol.com or 687-0470.

Special thanks to all of the "Greeter Angels" who fill in as needed when the person scheduled cannot make it.

You're AWESOME!!

— Janet Gay
Hospitality Chair

Serving in Worship...

June 8, 2008

"The Art of Nourishment "

Genesis 18:1-8

9:00 AM

Elder: Rick Marr

Deacon: Terri Gross

11:00 AM

Greeters: Janet & Matt Hecker

Scripture Reader: Hugh McNamar

Table Elder: Wendy Collins

Offertory Elder: Toni Barmore

Time for Children: Russ Peterman

June 15, 2008

"Harvest Hands"

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

9:00 AM

Elder: Kelsey Gross

Deacons: Greg Mitchell & Cho Nai Cheung

11:00 AM

Greeters: Dee & Collier Laird

Scripture Reader: Bill Bush

Table Elder: Carolyn Partney

Offertory Elder: Scott Sumner-Moore

Time for Children:

Editor's Note: We apologize for the delay in printing this letter from Katie Blaisdell, our Chapman University student.

April 15, 2008

Dear FCC Concord Friends,

Greetings from sunny Southern California! Or, sunny in theory - this weekend the temperature was in the mid-nineties, perfect weather for our outdoor Peace and Earth Fair, except for the gusts of wind that knocked over one of our awnings! Today, though, we are back down to the low sixties with cloudy skies. Sometimes the weather is just not logical.

It is a season of busy-ness here at Chapman. There are hundreds of prospective students visiting campus, and I got to host this really cool girl you might have heard of called Kate. We were quite the party, as my roommate's name is Katie as well. I've also spent some time planning events for my job in the Service-Learning office; last week we took a group to L.A.'s Garment District to talk to workers in sweatshops and to tour American Apparel, a company that works to be "sweat free." It was an amazing discussion on how people of faith and conscientious college students can make consumer choices to improve people's lives.

I'm also working on efforts to make our cafeteria use more sustainable practices like locally grown and organic food and biodegradable plasticware, to bring about a better discussion of the immigrant communities in our area, and to help Chapman in its efforts to become a shelter space in case of a disaster.

The other exciting occurrence in my life is the Truman Scholarship. When I visited y'all in March, I was in the area for my interview, and it turns out I did well because I got the scholarship! The most exciting part of that is that next summer, I will get to have an internship in almost any public service institution I can think of in Washington, D.C. I also get \$30,000 for grad school and access to thirty years' worth of scholars who have devoted their lives to public service - so cool!

This summer, I am looking forward to staying here in Orange County and working in a couple of really amazing internships. One of those may be with a group called C.L.U.E. - Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. It's an interfaith group that fights for workers rights in the area and around the state, and I'm really looking forward to working with them. Plus, since I'll be staying in my apartment, by the time I leave next year, I will have lived in one place for a year and a half - the longest I've lived anywhere in the last five years!

In love and faith,

Katie Blaisdell '09

New Officers and Leaders Elected

At the congregational meeting held on June 1, the following slate of new officers and leaders were elected to one-year terms beginning July 1.

Admin Council

Moderator — Greg Hile
 Vice-Moderator — Judi Carlisle
 Secretary — Bill Bush
 Finance Ministry Team Chair — Lori Landberg
 House & Grounds — Bill Plambeck
 Personnel — Tom Kilpatrick
 Clerk-Historian — Pat Rishel

Ministry Council

Moderator — Greg Hile
 Vice-Moderator — Judi Carlisle
 Chair of Elders — Kathleen DeGiobbi
 Chair of Deacons — Andie Raymond
 CWF Representative — Linda Smith
 Fellowship — Lisa Morgan & Denise Schneider
 Hospitality — Janet Gay
 Outreach — Carolyn Partney & Janet Hecker
 Spiritual Formation — Ellie McDougal
 Stewardship — Judi Carlisle & Diana Carlisle
 Worship — Lynne Hile

Elders

Kathleen DeGiobbi, Kelsey Gross, Lynne Hile, Ellie McDougal,
 Diane Maltester, Tim Rose, Roy Graves, Hugh McNamar,
 Scott Sumner-Moore, Sarah Partney, Carolyn Partney

Deacons

Andie Raymond, Pat Twigg, Terri Gross, Heather Raymond, Collier Laird,
 Gloria Mattson, Bill Bush, Bill Plambeck, Dee Laird, Don DeGiobbi,
 Tom Kilpatrick, Matt Hecker, Matt Landberg, Meg Sumner-Moore, Sue Sumner-Moore,
 Judi Carlisle, Dean Henry, Thomas Henry, Luz Porto, Joan Payne, Lois Mackey, Scott Bis-
 bee, Al or Bev Lockwood, Cecelia Ambach, Rick Marr, Diana Carlisle, Mike Cluster,
 Wendy Collins, Brooklynn Jeffreys, Al DeBella, JonMichael DeBella, Joyce Parlin, Pat
 Watson, Doris Hamblin, Paula Rose, Patti Halter, Lori Landberg

Congratulations Graduates!

On Sunday, June 8 at the 11:00 a.m. service we will be recognizing our graduates and honoring them for their wonderful accomplishments.

We will be recognizing out two high school graduates, **Kelsey Gross** and

Kate Landberg. Kelsey recently graduated from Berean Christian and will be staying locally to attend school at DVC where he can focus on his love of music and film. Kelsey will continue to serve as an elder in this congregation and play in our band!

Kate graduates next week from Concord High School and will be attending Chapman University in the fall. She's incredibly active in school and youth group activities, having served on the Regional Youth Council for several years.

Anne Maltester will graduate later this month from UC San Diego with a degree in Political Science. Her plans will include working for a while and eventually pursuing a Master's Degree.

Twin sisters **Carol** and **Sara Chui** both graduated from Loma Linda University Medical School! They will each now begin their residency.

If there are other graduates that we failed to include, please contact the church office so that we can give them their proper due! We are incredibly proud of all our graduates and wish them all the very best!

CCNC-N Global Mission Partner

CCNC-N and the Office of Global Ministries (DOC and UCC) is seeking a volunteer to serve as our region's Global Mission contact person. This would include a three day training event (probably in Cleveland, OH) and then a strong commitment to help educate the region about our church's global mission; possibly help establish a long-term relationship with one of our Global Mission partner churches internationally; encourage increased DMF giving which support global missions; encourage the sending of a regional global mission intern; to name a few things.

If interested, please contact Ben Bohren (ben@ccncn.org or 925-556-9900 immediately so that a selection can be made by the June 14 regional board meeting.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!!

Inner-Change at the Crossroads

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 8—Inner-Change
Youth Group

June 15—Last Inner-Change
Youth Group

June 21-28—MEXICO!!!



*I would like to reiterate Russ and
send out a HUGE*

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the graduates of 2008!!

Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning.

~Orrin Hatch

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you
choose.

You're on your own.

And you know what you know.

You are the guy [girl] who'll decide where to go.

~Dr. Seuss

Dates To Remember:

*June 21-28—MEXICO MISSION TRIP

*July 24-27 ICYF (Register <http://www.icyfchapman.org/index.html>)



Summer Camp Dates & Info!!!

*Chi-Rho Camp-June 29-July 5

*CYF Camp-July 6-12

* Junior Camp-July 13-19

*Summer Camp Registration information is
now available at

<http://www.ccncn.org/youth.htm>



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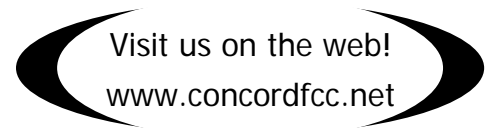
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**Submission deadline for next issue: Monday, June 16, 2008
11:00 a.m.**



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 8, 2008

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

Monday, June 9

2:00 pm — Staff Meeting
 Dinner — Mexico Fundraiser at Bambino's
 6:00 pm — Rachel Ruth Circle / Bambino's

Tuesday, June 10

9:30 am — Mary Martha Circle / Library

Thursday, June 12

7:00 pm — English Classes / Discovery Room

Sunday, June 15, 2008 (Father's Day)

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

Monday, June 16

2:00 pm — Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm — Joint Admin/Ministry Council Meeting / Library

Thursday, June 19

7:00 pm — English Classes / Discovery Room

Saturday, June 21

8:00 am — Mexico Send-Off

Russ will be on vacation 6/20-26

Family Camp June 13-15