

# CROSSROADS

## Introducing the New Summer Worship Schedule

**June 21-September 13**

**One Service ONLY @ 10 a.m.**

By The Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman, Senior Minister

Recently the Worship Ministry Team made the decision to make the move to **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** each Sunday for the summer months! Starting on **June 21**, there will be one combined service each week at **10 a.m.**!

Please note that this is for the summer months only – after 'Kick-Off Sunday' on September 13 we will return to our regular schedule.

We are very excited about this for several reasons. The most obvious is that it will allow us to worship as ONE CONGREGATION and see the folks who we may not always see when split between two services. It will also give some of our incredible volunteers – including our beloved band members, Sunday School teachers, and others a bit of a break. This will also allow us to be more 'green' by saving energy and printing costs!

The service will be a bit of a blend between our two service styles and will include some of the best elements of both. I will also be doing a sermon series I'm incredibly excited about based upon a great book entitled "**The Secret Message of Jesus**" by Brian McLaren. There will be, of course, **Children's Worship & Wonder**, our exciting new worship ministry for children!

We've been toying with and talking about doing this for awhile, and the response has been incredibly positive! Many are very excited about this shift and what it will mean for our folks and our congregation as a whole!

I will look forward to seeing you the next couple of Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00, and then all together at **10 a.m. on Sunday, June 21!**

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*Congrats Graduates!*

Please join us, this Sunday, **June 7th**, as we honor our two new high school graduates: **Christine DeBella** and **Mary Raymond** during late worship. We are so proud of all of their hard work and dedication not only to their schooling, but to this congregation and service around the community. This is a wonderful celebration for two talented individuals who have worked hard toward this great accomplishment. We hope you will join us for this celebration.





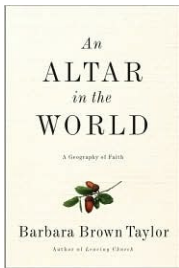
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## ***Suggested Summer Reading***

By The Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman, Senior Minister

One doesn't have to look at the thermometer to know that summer is here! For many of us that means its time to take some time to slow down and relax, maybe even read a good book at the beach or in the mountains. With that in mind, I want to recommend a few books for your summer. Here are a couple of the books that I will be reading this summer and want to invite you to join me.

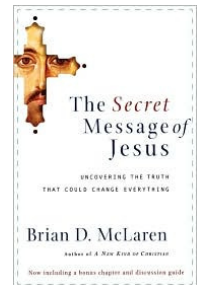
### ***Altar in the World, An: A Geography of Faith* by **Barbara Brown Taylor.****



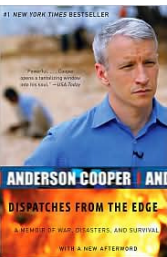
If you've heard me preach more than once, you've probably heard me quote this author. One friend recently told me that if I quote her any more than I already do I'm going to have to wear a dress! This is Taylor's most recent book and it is getting *RAVE* reviews. She is one of those people who can see the sacred in everything. Each chapter examines a different spiritual practice – simple things like walking, paying attention, saying no to work one Sabbath day each week, and points you to the spirituality of everyday living. This is one you will not want to miss!

### ***The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth that Could Change Everything* by **Brian McLaren****

I will be doing a sermon series this summer based upon this book and would love to have you join me in exploring some of the truths revealed in this engaging book. McLaren has become the most prominent voice of the "emergent" church movement, which is responding to the post-modern culture and reforming the church from the ground up. In this book, which was very recently released in paperback, McLaren invites you to "discover afresh the transforming message of Jesus—an open invitation to radical change, an enlightening revelation that exposes sham and ignites hope."



### ***Dispatches From the Edge: A Memoir of War, Disasters, and Survival* by **Anderson Cooper****



Journalist Anderson Cooper's coverage of events like Hurricane Katrina won him several awards—and changed his own heart. This book traces his journey from a fledgling reporter trying make a name for himself reporting from the edges of the world to his discovery of how very connected we all are. It is often painful, but it is more often hopeful, and tells the story of one who has seen the very worst of humanity and yet still believes in the best of humanity.

Join me in reading some of these books, and then let's get together, have a cup of coffee and talk about how they spoke to you! Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!

Happy reading!

Grace and peace,

## June Greeter Schedule

6/7 Bill and Bev Plambeck  
 6/14 Don DeGiobbi and Bill Bush  
 6/21 The Gay family and Annabelle Decker  
 6/28 Al and Bev Lockwood



## Wanted:

Baked goods for Urban Plunge Mission. This year's Urban Plunge Mission will be leaving Concord First Christian Church on Sunday, June 21 at 4pm and we would love to take some baked goodies from home with us on our annual mission trip. Anyone interested in baking cookies, brownies, rice krispie treats, etc., please contact Denise Schneider at 925-989-4386.



## Father's Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Father's Day one week early on Sunday, June 14th. Come by Estella's garden between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. for some goodies and fellowship.



To my dear church family,

Thank you all so very much for your thoughtful cards, phone calls and prayers after my surgery. I am truly touched and blessed by your abundant kindness and love. I'm a little slow getting back on my feet but I hope to be back to church soon!

Blessings and love,  
 Elaine Sherman

## JYF Swim Party!

JYF will have their annual swim party at Judi Carlisle's home. Bring something to eat and drink. Bring your family and/or a friend. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. RSVP to Ellie at [elliemcd@att.net](mailto:elliemcd@att.net) or call at 465-4665. Directions and permission slips will be available on Sunday. We will leave after late service.



## Serving in Worship...

**June 7, 2009**

"Nic at Night"

John 3: 1-17

**9:00 AM**

**Elder:** Tim Rose

**Scripture Reader:** Rick Marr

**Deacons:** Pat Twigg & Bill Bush

**11:00 AM**

**Greeters:** Bill & Bev Plambeck

**Scripture Reader:** Greg Hile

**Table Elder:** Sarah Young

**Offertory Elder:** Denise Schneider

**Diaconate:** Gloria Mattson [captain], Lori Landberg, Matt Landberg, Tom Kilpatrick, Judi Carlisle, Diana Carlisle & Cecelia Ambach

**Ushers:** Patti Halter [captain], Pat Watson & Kay Waggoner

**June 14, 2009**

**9:00 AM**

**Elder:** Diane Maltester

**Scripture Reader:** Pat Twigg

**Deacons:** Mike Cluster & Joyce Parlin

**11:00 AM**

**Greeters:** Don DeGiobbi & Bill Bush

**Scripture Reader:** Linda Smith

**Table Elder:** Lynne Hile

**Offertory Elder:** Scott Sumner-Moore

**Diaconate:** Collier Laird [captain] Dean Henry, Thomas Henry, Al Lockwood, Patti Halter, Wendy Collins & Brooklynn Jeffreys-Steel

**Ushers:** Elaine Ortiz [captain], Hugh McNamar & Chris Walker

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND****SUPER SUMMER SUNDAY SERIES**

The First Sunday night gathering will be Sunday, June 14 from 6 - 8pm. Come one. Come All. Join your Church Family for dinner and then the evening's activities will be a Game Night. Bring your favorite board games, cards, dominoes or other games to share. Dinner will be a suggested donation of \$5.00 a person or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more. Please sign up in the narthex after both services on June 7 or email Lisa Morgan at morlisa@aol.com by June 12.

See you there!!!

Dear sweet, gracious and generous people of FCC Concord,

I just can't tell you how wonderful it was to be with you all over Memorial Day weekend. My students are still raving about you and saying what a wonderful time they had in your homes. Thank you for your hospitality and generosity. A special thanks to Sue and Scott Sumner-Moore who helped organize the whole thing. And an overwhelming thanks to all of you who hosted kids and to those of you who put together dinner on Friday night and to all of you who came to the concert. It was good for my heart and soul to be with you all, to embrace you, to see your smiles, to feel your spirit. I look forward to the next time. May it be much sooner.

With love and gratitude,

Josh

(And the Palisades High School Choir)

**It's time again!**

Christian Women's Fellowship will have their Quarterly Brunch on Saturday, June 6th from 10-12 in the library. All of the women of the church are invited to share in this warm fellowship.

Please bring a brunch item to share.

For more information, contact Linda Smith at 689-3987 or lassmith@aol.com.



## Upcoming Youth Events

**June 14- LAST Youth Group gathering - end of the year BASH!! Details will follow via email.**

**June 20-June 27 - Urban Plunge mission trip!!**

### Summer Camp Info

**Junior Camp: June 28 to July 4**

**(completed grades 3, 4, 5)**

**Chi Rho Camp: June 28 to July 4**

**(completed grades 6, 7, 8)**

**CYF Camp: July 5 to July 11**

**(completed grades 9, 10, 11, 12)**

Registration forms are available in the church office or online at [ccncn.org](http://ccncn.org). Scholarships are available through the church and the region — see the church office for details.

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**Welcome New Members!!!**

Last Sunday, we welcomed the Bauer family (Mark, Suzanne and Aric) and Dick McClaskey as new members to our congregation. Please take a moment next Sunday to greet them. Look for pictures plus an introduction to our newest members in the next Crossroads.

## **Blessings and Concerns—an update from the Finance Ministry Team**

At the end of April, First Christian Church Concord was blessed with a positive cash position/bank balance of \$4,700 and year-to-date net income of \$3,300, rather than the deficit expected for four months of (\$5,400). We have seen a substantial increase during these four months of Givers of Record Income—those individuals or families who give regularly but have not submitted a formal Pledge. We have also experienced some savings on the expenditure side, especially in Personnel and House & Grounds at least to this point in the year.

However, for all that GREAT news, there are several financial areas that are of ongoing concern—especially heading into the summer and vacation months. First, pledges have fallen behind and are more than \$3,000 below budget for the first four months of 2009. If that trend holds consistent throughout the remainder of the year, we could finish the year as much as \$9,000 below budget in Pledged Income. In addition, we already know we have \$3,600 of Building Usage Income that will not materialize from a group that is no longer utilizing our facilities. We also know that some of our SIGNIFICANT expenditures (insurance and worker's compensation insurance for example) are paid either quarterly or annually and are yet to be made this year. In fact, in May, FCC paid out over \$2,100 for the second quarterly Property and Liability Insurance payment.

Although the cash position is favorable at the moment, that position could easily turn to a significant deficit position as additional expenses become due over the next few months. Please remember to keep your pledge current over the summer. If you plan to be gone, please mail in or drop off your pledge envelope to the church office. Thank you to all who are making such an effort to stay current, or are even paying over and above your pledge whenever you can! Every little bit helps--and adds up to great things being done here at First Christian Church, Concord!

### **Analysis of 2009 Income Results To Date April 30, 2009**

Pledges for 2009 as of April 30:	\$ (3,040)	below budget
Givers of Record:	2,152	above budget
Loose Offerings:	36	above budget
Outreach Inc/Special Offerings:	(1,100)	below budget
Building Usage/Ancillary Income:	(1,400)	below budget

Total Income is \$2,500 below budget for first four months of 2009, mainly due to pledges running behind, AND loss of rental income of \$3,600 for the YEAR from one organization.



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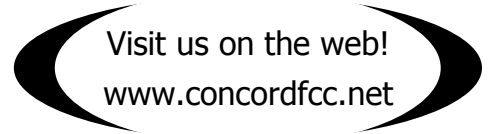
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**Submission deadline for next issue: Monday, June 15, 2009  
12 noon.**



*Weekly Calendar*

**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

10am — CWF Quarterly Brunch/Library

**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

9am — Worship/Sanctuary  
 10am — Sunday School for all ages  
 11am — Worship/Sanctuary  
 12:30pm — JYF Picnic and Swim/Judi Carlisle's house  
 No Youth Group

**Monday, June 8, 2009**

10am — Staff meeting/Russ' office  
 7pm — Rachel Ruth Circle/Library

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

9:30am — Mary Martha Circle/Library

**Sunday, June 14, 2009**

9am — Worship/Sanctuary  
 10am — Sunday School for all ages  
 11am — Worship/Sanctuary  
 6pm — Super Summer Sunday Series/Fellowship Hall  
 End of the Year Youth Group Party/Time and Place TBD

**Monday, June 15, 2009**

10am — Staff meeting/Russ' office

**Saturday, June 20, 2009**

8:30am House and Grounds