

CROSSROADS

Pentecost Offering 2010

The Pentecost offering — one of our six over and above annual offering — will be focused on creating new church starts. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) continue to expand our reach - planting churches and extending the witness to new mission fields. As of January 2010, there were 640 new churches "Expanding the Table"! Of those 640 new churches, 79% remain viable. Join the efforts of New Church Ministry in *Expanding the Table* in the United States, Canada and right here in your region by supporting the Pentecost Special Offering. This offering, divided evenly between your region and New Church Ministry, helps to fund recruitment, coaching and training of new church ministers, like Chimiste Doriscar. By *Expanding the Table*, you and New Church Ministry are reaching out to serve multitudes and to share God's message in new ways.



Pentecost Offering will be received in most churches on May 16 and May 23 but donations can be made throughout the year.

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning June 13th

One Service Only @ 10 a.m.

Recently the Worship Ministry Team made the decision to return to **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** each Sunday for the summer months! Starting on **June 13**, there will be one combined service each week at **10 a.m.**!

The service will be a bit of a blend between our two service styles and will include some of the best elements of both. There will also be, of course, **Children's Worship & Wonder**, our exciting worship ministry for children!

After combining worship services last summer there was a great deal of energy and excitement about the idea of going to a single service year-round. This is still being considered. Many are very excited about this shift and what it might mean for our folks and our congregation as a whole. However, a change of this scope cannot be taken without the input and feedback of our entire congregation. Soon you will be receiving a survey asking for you to share your thoughts and ideas about this possible change. Please be sure to let us know what you think about this by completing and turning in this survey!

We look forward to seeing you the next few Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00, and then all together at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 13.**



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Straightening Our Shoulders

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

When Scott Peck wrote, "Life is difficult," at the beginning of *The Road Less Traveled* he gave a voice to millions who knew exactly what he meant. Life is a challenge. No matter what age you are (child, young adult, middle-aged, elderly) there are always new challenges rising up to meet you. There are always new trails to be blazed and new opportunities to be explored. Life also comes with unexpected disappointments and unavoidable failures. Joy, sadness, grief, delight, happiness, defeat, and satisfaction are all part of the human experience.

Perhaps the most difficult areas for us to face are those that are completely out of our control. Recently we reeled in shock over further terrorist attempts, floods, oil spills, continued violence in our streets and homes, just to name a few. We continue to wince at the reports of mass layoffs of longtime employees. We spend a lifetime trying to understand our families and the dynamics that helped shape us.

Do you ever feel like it's all just so much to bear? Do you sometimes feel the weight of the world pressing down upon you? You aren't alone.

A few years ago a guard retired after 40 years of service at the Louvre in Paris. "What did you learn after all those years?" a reporter asked. The guard thought for a moment and then replied: "I remember standing by the statue of Apollo, how the visitors, after beholding him awhile, straightened their shoulders." What a wonderful image for our time. In these days we need someone to look up to, someone who reminds us of our dignity and recalls us to our obligations as people of God. I do not mean false, paper maché heroes. I mean real people. Friends, mentors, and others who have struggled and failed, lived and learned. People who have squared their shoulders toward the challenge and moved forward.

Look around on Sunday morning. Our congregation is filled with people just like that. We are blessed beyond measure to be a part of a community of saints such as ours – genuine, real people who have lived and learned, loved and lost. There is much we can learn from one another.

As we gather together may we remember that God calls us to live life forward, learning from the past and looking toward the future. We may not always know what tomorrow will bring, but we are confident that today we are called to act and live in peace, grace and generosity.

Peace to your path,

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

Summer Fun



For the past several years, we have enjoyed the Super Summer Sunday Series. This year, we are going to continue the fun, but some of the events will be on other days of the week. Some of the activities we have planned are: a game night, a movie night, a picnic, a ball game, a potluck and an ice cream social. Let us know if you have other ideas and how you would like to help. Call the church office with your ideas or email Ellie at elliemcd@att.net. Our first event is a game night on Sunday, June 27th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU



The Outreach Ministry Team would like to thank you all for your contributions to the "Pennies for Peace" fund. A second check, this time for \$50.00, will be sent this week.

We would also like to thank you for the way you have supported the Homeless Shelter meals. Your change and dollars have added \$70.00 toward this worthwhile effort.

Continue to look for both containers in the Narthex. Who wants to carry around all that extra change?? Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks again.

Carolyn Partney

May Greeters



- May 16 Michelle & Mary Watts
- May 23 Toni Barmore & Kathleen DeGiobbi
- May 30 Bill Bush & Scott Bisbee

Serving In Worship...

May 16, 2010

"Praying like Jesus"
John 17: 20-26

9:00 AM

Elder: Diane Maltester
Scripture Reader: Cho Nai Cheung
Deacons: Lois Mackey, Mary Watts & Michelle Watts

11:00 AM

Greeters: Michelle & Mary Watts
Scripture Reader: Katie Thompson
Elders: Meg Sumner-Moore & Kelsey Gross
Diaconate: Andie Raymond [captain], Bill Plambeck, Dean Henry, Thomas Henry, Jake Henry, Al Lockwood & Dick McClaskey
Ushers: Patti Halter [captain], Pat Watson & Kay Waggoner

May 23, 2010

Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman preaching

9:00 AM

Elder: Kathleen DeGiobbi
Scripture Reader: Cindi Brazee
Deacons: Ken Rishell, Pat Rishell, Wendy Collins & Brooklynn Jeffries-Steel

11:00 AM

Greeters: Toni Barmore & Kathleen DeGiobbi
Scripture Reader: Bill Bush
Elders: Rick Marr & Lynne Hile
Diaconate: Gloria Mattson [captain], Bill Bush, Judi Carlisle, Hugh McNamar, Scott Bisbee & Cecelia Ambach
Ushers: Elaine Ortiz [captain], Bill Bush

**Interfaith Council of
Contra Costa County
Benefit Choir Concert
Sunday, May 16 at 3pm**

**St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
2900 Bonifacio Street, Concord**

Come enjoy a delightful afternoon of music from some of our most spirited groups in Contra Costa, including Sufism Reoriented and the Saint Bonaventure Children's Choir!

(Other groups may join the presentation by calling 925-933-6030.)

A free will offering will benefit the ongoing ministries of the Interfaith Council.

Congrats Graduates!

Please join us **June 13th** as we honor our two new high school graduates: **Jacob Monterrosa** and **Meg Sumner-Moore** 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.



Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday June 7th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation will vote on a new slate of officers, elders and deacons for the coming year. We hope to see you there!

**Bowling League
Update**



The bowling league finished their season on May 2 and will be donating \$902.20 to the Helping Hands fund.

It's time again!



Christian Women's Fellowship will have their Quarterly Brunch on Saturday, June 5th 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 lassmith2@att.net.

Save the Date

There will be having a reception on Sunday, May 30th between services to celebrate Brenda Loreman's ministry with us. May 30th will be Brenda's last day with us. Plan to be there to celebrate with Brenda and to give her our best wishes as we say goodbye to her.

Raffle Fundraiser

We will be raffling off a beautiful piece of blown glass art handmade by Marty Appel. The proceeds will go to the Mexico Mission fund. We will start selling raffle tickets on June 6th. Look for a picture and more information in the next Crossroads.

Upcoming Mexico Fundraisers

Mexico fundraiser
at Bambino's
Restaurant



If you enjoyed the pasta and tri-tip and the crab feed, come eat lunch or an early dinner on Sunday, June 6th from 12:30-5pm. Bambino's donated all of the pasta and tri-tip for the crab feed as they have for the past several years. Plus 10% of all money spent will go to the Mexico trip for our youth!!

Run 4

the Border!

Come enjoy a wonderful taco bar prepared by Denise Schneider and her crew and then stay and hear the band, Highway 4 plays music of the 70's and 80's. Our own Scott Carlisle is a member of the band! **The date is Saturday, May 15th from 5pm-8pm.** Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. This is the band's first gig, so come and support them and help raise \$ for the Mexico trip as well! If you haven't purchased tickets, there will be some available at the door.



Upcoming Youth Events

- May 15 — Mexico Orientation (see below)
- May 16 — No Youth Group
- May 23 — Youth Group at Concord (6:30 -8)
- May 30 — Youth Group at LCC (1-3 Hike)
- June 6 — Senior dinner (5pm) followed by Youth Group at Concord (6-7:30)
- June 13 — Youth Party (5pm) Location tba

Additional Dates to keep in mind

May 15 Mexico Orientation at FCC Concord 10am-3pm + Run 4 the Border fundraiser from 5pm-8pm.

June 19-26 Mexico mission trip
Balance of trip fee plus all outstanding forms are due on May 15th.

June 27-July 3 Junior and Chi-Rho summer camp

July 4-11 CYF summer camp

Early bird registration deadline for camp is May 28th (must include a \$50 deposit) and balance must be paid by June 14th.



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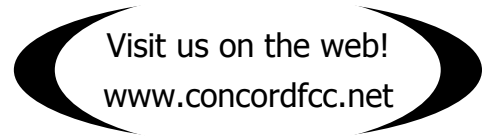
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**Submission deadline for next issue: Tuesday, May 25, 2010
12 noon.**



Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:30 — House and Grounds
 10am — Mexico Orientation/Various locations
 5pm — Run 4 the Border/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 16, 2010

9am — Worship/Sanctuary
 10am — Sunday School for all ages
 11am — Worship/Sanctuary
 12:30pm — Teaching Parish-Eric/Discovery Room
 No Youth Group

Monday, May 17, 2010

7pm — Ministry Team meeting/Library

Thursday, May 20, 2010

7pm — Finance Team meeting/Library

Saturday, May 22, 2010

3pm — Homeless Meal Preparation/Kitchen

Sunday, May 23, 2010 Pentecost

9am — Worship/Sanctuary
 10am — Sunday School for all ages
 11am — Worship/Sanctuary
 6:30pm — Youth Group/Youth Building