
REVELATIONS AT CONCORD

Enter to Worship: Depart to Serve

April 2017

Mission Statement:

To share the Word of God
and draw people unto Christ
through a ministry of service,
love, compassion and outreach.

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Pastor's Corner

NT Wright is a well known Christian Scholar and retired Anglican Bishop. He shares the following story on his website devotional. "There is a famous story (I wish I knew which archbishop it was that it concerned) that concerns a Roman Catholic archbishop who told the story of three naughty young lads who one day for a laugh went into a Catholic Church and went into the confessional one by one and confessed to all sorts of outrageous sins that they claimed they had committed. The priest being an experienced guide saw through them quite quickly. And the first two lads ran out of the church laughing

but the priest hung on to the third one and said, 'Okay, you have confessed these sins. I want you to do a penance. I want you to walk up to the far end of the church and I want you to look at the picture of Jesus hanging on the cross, and I want you to look at his face and say, "You did all that for me and I don't care that much.'" And I want you to do that three times'.

And so the boy went up to the front, looked at the picture of Jesus and said, 'You did all that for me and I don't care that much'. And then he said it again, but then he couldn't say it the third time because he broke down in tears. And the archbishop telling the story said, the reason I know that story is that I was that young man. There is something about the cross. Something about Jesus dying there for us which leaps over all the theoretical discussions, all the possibilities of how we explain it this way or that way and it grasps us. And when we are grasped by it, somehow we have a sense that what is grasping us is the love of God."

As we rapidly approach Holy Week, we are coming face to face with the Cross. And, as Wright says, when that happens, all of the other stuff (or mess, to put it in terms of our sermon series) fades away, and we are confronted with the bold truth of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The truth that God is reaching out and grasping for us, no matter what we've done, to draw us back to Him. That the love of God is more powerful than the forces of this world. What an image, and what an idea. As you approach the Cross this Holy Season, prepare to be overwhelmed by the grasp of God's love and grace.

Michael

Prayer Requests

EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES:

Doris Hauser (Clemmons Village 11)

Marie Horton (Salemtowne)

MILITARY:

Carl Craft

Christopher Ford

Jonathan Hinshaw

Scott Kyser

Jonathon Prisk

CHURCH FAMILY:

Lib Barefoot

Danny Binkley

Kit & Martin Binkley

Margaret Boggs

Glenn Boone

Nancy & Larry Cook

Jim Friend

Donna Garner

Phil, Vicki, and Robert Ingram

Family of Phyllis Jones

Stefanie & Bryan Jones

Jean Messick

Sylvia Russell

Jean Suddarth

Kathy & Darrell Surface

Jean Suddarth

Frank Transou

CHURCH FRIENDS:

Carolyn Bengé

Family of Pat Barker

Wesley Freshwater

Charles Holder

Tom Jones

Kathleen Larson

Ronnie Lee

Chris Mealer

Wanda Needham

Andrea and Rowan Ford O'Cain

Peter Robie

Carolyn Smitherman

Aline Sparks

Tracey Surface

Amanda Tetzlaff

Mickey Watson

Allen West

Prayer list additions may be emailed to the pastor or the name may be written down and placed in the offering plate. In order to keep our prayer list up to date, church family names will be listed for up to six months and church friend names may listed for up to three months. After that time, they will be removed unless requested to be continued.

Weekly Attendance and Gifts - August

Amount Needed per Week for General Budget:
\$2,467.00

3/5/17	Attendance:	26
	General Budget	3,986.00
	FLC Principle	150.00
3/12/17	Attendance:	31
	General Budget	1,751.00
	FLC Principle	225.00
3/19/17	Attendance:	32
	General Budget	2,306.31
	FLC Principle	20.00
3/26/17	Attendance:	45
	General Budget	2,181.00
	FLC Principle	0

Memorial and Honor Gifts

A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Norma Willad to the Concord UMC Family Life Center by Lester and Sylvia Russell.

A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Albert Miller to the Concord UMC Family Life Center by Sandra and Bruce Nash.

A gift has been given to the glory of God and in honor of Janet Ford's birthday to the General Fund by Shelton and Lib Barefoot

A gift has been given to the glory of God and in honor of the UMW to the Concord UMC Family Life Center by Jean Messick.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Donna Garner
- 3 Rick Saseen
- 4 Tammy Saseen
- 5 Christopher Ford
- 9 Frank Transou
- 11 Fred Herman
- 17 Kit Binkley
Michael Williams
- 18 Larry Cook
Jimmy Dull
- 19 Mandie Rose
- 24 Darrell Surface
- 29 Skylar Cook



Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group meets every other Thursday at 10:00 am to work on shawls to donate to those in need of a special blessing in their lives. All are welcome to join this ministry. If you are unable to knit or crochet, we are willing to help you learn. Call Helen Gainsford at 923-7449.

This month we will meet on April 6th and April 20th .

Church Nursery

According to our Church's Safe Sanctuary Policy, we always need at least two people in attendance whenever we are caring for our children.

If you are able to help in the Nursery, please contact Helen at 923-7449.

The Safe Sanctuary Policy can be viewed on our Church Website: <http://www.concordumclewisville.org/Links>

Memorials Continued

The following gifts were given in Glory to God and in memory of Phyllis Jones.

To the Concord UMC Family Life Center: Jean Messick, Nancy and Larry Cook.

To the General Fund: Harmony Grove UMC, Marilyn Reavis, Linda Smith, Randy, Kathy, and Christopher Taylor, Joseph Kwolkoski, Linda Jones Swaim, Wesleyan Sunday School Class, Wilma Jones, Bill and Dorothy Songer, Rev. Edwin and Wanda Needham, David Binkley, Deborah Jones, Shelton and Lib Barefoot, Jeanie Rothrock, Adrian and Virginia Krites, Judy Dull, Concord UMC, Gail Faircloth, Lynne Scott, Mike and Toni Jones, Jean Suddarth, Calvin and Camilla Doub.



Contact Margaret Boggs (945-2941) if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday services.

If anyone has flowers in their yard that they would like to donate to the church, call Margaret and she will be happy to arrange your flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday services.

Chicken Pie Dinner

There will be a Chicken Pie Dinner on Saturday, April 1st, 5-7pm. Ticket prices will be 9 dollars for adults, 5 dollars for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. We need volunteers to help prepare the food, serve during the meal, and clean up afterwards.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 13th: Seder Meal at Union UMC, 6pm. Maundy Thursday Service at Union UMC, 7pm.

Friday, April 14th: Combined Choir Cantata at Harmony Grove UMC, 7pm.

Sunday, April 16th: Sunrise Service, 7:30am
Breakfast Following the service. Easter Egg Hunt after breakfast.

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Please join us for a time of prayer for our church and community each month on the first Wednesday at 7pm, and the third Saturday at 8am. This month, they fall on Wednesday, April 5th and Saturday, April 22nd.

Family Nite Out

There will be no Family Nite Out in March.

Women's Handicrafts

We will meet on Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship in the Family Life Center. All are invited to come join in the fun. Bring any handwork with you, or just come and enjoy the fellowship.



United Methodist Women

UMW meets on first Monday of each month at 10:00 am. April 3rd

Also, remember to continue collecting Campbell soup labels for education, including the bar code, and other education points on various other products.

The little blue education coupons do not have a bar code attached. They are found on such products as Zip-Lock bags, Cheerios, and various other products.

These coupons are helpful for purchasing educational materials.

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5-7pm: Chicken Pie Supper
2 10am: Sunday School 11am: Worship	3 10am: UMW	4	5 7pm: Prayer Meeting	6 10am: Prayer Shawl 7pm: Choir	7	8
9 10am: Sunday School 11am: Worship	10	11	12	13 6pm: Seder Meal at Union UMC 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service at Union UMC	14 7pm: Combined Choir Cantata at Harmony Grove UMC	15
16 7:30am: Sunrise Service 8:30am: Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt	17	18	19 10am: Women's Handicraft 7pm: Admin Council	20 10am: Prayer Shawl 7pm: Choir	21	22 8am: Prayer Meeting
23 10am: Sunday School 11am: Worship	24	25	26	27 7pm: Choir	28	29
30 10am: Sunday School 11am: Worship	Notes:					



SUNDAY BULLETINS

Our Sunday Bulletins are now available on the church website:
<http://www.concordumclewisville.org/Bulletins>

The new Sunday bulletin will be posted by Monday afternoon.

*For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

*“For the Father seeks such as these to worship him.”
John 4:23*

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