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# REVELATIONS AT CONCORD

Enter to Worship: Depart to Serve

February 2017

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## 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

As I have stated many times over the past year, it seems our country is more divided than ever, and feelings of anger, tension, distrust, and even hatred are everywhere. This is not a healthy environment, and yet it is the one in which we find ourselves. To my dismay, many who claim to be Christians are among the loudest voices of discord, even hatred. That runs counter to the commands of Jesus Christ found in the Gospel. The problem with anger is that it is a powerful emotion, and can inspire drastic action.

In his best-selling book *The Telling Room*, Michael Paterniti shares a true story he heard when visiting his father's ancestral village in Sicily. Every day while he was in the village he saw a very old woman walking with her cane, struggling up a steep road to get to the local cemetery. It was said that at her tortoise pace, the walk from her home to the cemetery and back took about six hours out of her day. What grief inspired her difficult daily walk? Was she driven by sorrow over a departed child or a deceased husband, the love of her life? No, the locals told Paterniti that she was driven by Astio, or bitter hatred. Her archenemy was buried in that cemetery. So, rain or shine, the old woman walked up the hill every day to her enemy's gravesite, just to spit on it one more time. This woman allowed hatred to consume her life, to the point that a big portion of her time was spent acting out of anger each day. She was unable to move forward with her life even after the death of this person who had wronged her.

As the church, we are called to a higher standard. We are called to love our enemies, to pray for those that persecute us, and to forgive as we have been forgiven by God. So, in the midst of a hostile society, we must be a voice of compassion and reconciliation if we are to truly live out the teachings of Jesus Christ.

*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  
Phyllis, Stefanie & Bryan Jones  
Jean Messick  
Sylvia Russell  
Jean Suddarth  
Kathy & Darrell Surface  
Frank Transou

### CHURCH FRIENDS:

Carolyn Benge  
Family of Albert Doub  
Family of Pat Barker  
Charles Holder  
Tom Jones  
Kathleen Larson  
Ronnie Lee  
Chris Mealer  
Andrea and Rowan Ford O'Cain  
Carolyn Smitherman  
Amanda Tetzlaff  
Max Toney  
Mickey Watson  
Union Hill Baptist Church

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

1/1/17	Attendance:	24
	General Budget	3,951.00
	FLC Principle	1250.00
1/15/17	Attendance:	34
	General Budget	2,190.00
	FLC Principle	0
1/22/17	Attendance:	37
	General Budget	2,629.00
	FLC Principle	450.00
1/29/17	Attendance:	37
	General Budget	1,838.00
	FLC Principle	105.00

## *Memorial and Honor Gifts*

A gift has been given in the glory of God and in memory of Albert Doub to the Concord UMC General Fund by Rev. Edwin and Wanda Needham.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Dollie Hunt
- 6 Dean Huffman  
Marie Lyon
- 7 Martin Binkley  
Zachary Prisk
- 8 Bobby Engle  
Kathy Surface
- 9 Michael Flack
- 10 Todd Elliot  
Siera Reich
- 12 Margaret Boggs  
Craig Ford
- 13 Patty Dull  
Patricia Herman
- 15 Terry Doub
- 25 Isaac Hickman
- 26 Janet Ford
- 27 Dennis Easley
- 28 Logan Engle

## *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 February 9th and February 23rd .*

## *Anniversary Cookbook*

The Concord Anniversary Cookbook, celebrating the 235<sup>th</sup> year of our church, is available.

The Cookbook contains a varied selection of recipes submitted by the members, friends, and past members of Concord.

The cost for the book is \$15 each.

To place your order, call Lib Barefoot (766-7900) or Helen Gainsford (923-7449).

## *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.

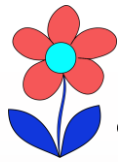
If you able to help in the Nursery, please contact Helen at 923-7449.

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



The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



## Flowers

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.

### Special Church Meeting

Saturday, February 4th, at 11am, there will be a special church wide meeting. We will be meeting with Plow Point Ministries and addressing some of the challenges facing the congregation. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This is an important meeting about the future of the church, and we hope all of you will attend. Again, 11am in the Family Life Center this Saturday, February 4th. Thanks!

### Pancake Supper

On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, we will have our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Please contact Nancy Cook if you are able to help.

## Family Nite Out

There will be no Family Nite Out in February.

## Women's Handicrafts

We will meet on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 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  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

## United Methodist Women

UMW meets on first Monday of each month at 10:00 am. February 6th

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.*

February 2017						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11am Plowpoint
<b>5</b> 11am Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 11am Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10am Women's Handicraft Group 7pm Admin Council	<b>16</b> 7pm Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 11am Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 11am Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6pm Pancake Supper	<b>Notes:</b>			



## **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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