
REVELATIONS AT CONCORD

Enter to Worship: Depart to Serve

January 2018

Mission Statement:

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

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Pastor's Corner
- 2 Prayer Requests; Weekly Attendance; Memorial & Honor Gifts
- 3 Birthdays; Fellowship & Service Opportunities
- 4 Fellowship & Service Opportunities continued
- 5 Calendar

Pastor's Corner

I found this article by Andrea Romano about one hotel's interesting add on that they offer. She writes, "Traveling by yourself isn't always the most fun: You might start to miss home, your family, your friends. A hotel in Belgium has come up with an idea to comfort lonely travelers. For just a few dollars a night, guests can rent a fish that can stay with them in their room. David Dillen, the hotel's manager, explained that the scheme started "a few years ago. The idea was to surprise our guests, as we always try to do... We rent a few fish per week." But what about animal cruelty? Are these fish treated well—and do they *want* to be

rented out? "We take very good care of our fish; they have been with us for over four years now, so if they were not taken care of, they would have died a long time ago," Dillen said. "They also have a big fish-tank in the housekeeping department, with a shelter, oxygen, and plants."

As Romano sums it up: "Perhaps fish aren't the best cuddlers, but it's nice to have a friend nearby when you're in a new place."

What the hotel was able to realize (and monetize), was the power of loneliness in our lives. As I've said countless times, human beings are created to be in relationships, with God and each other. We have to have others in our life, whether that's a spouse, or family, or friends, neighbors, co-workers. We are beings that thrive in community. What's more, loneliness is actually, physically harmful. At a workshop I attended back in November, the speaker talked about the physical impact of loneliness on someone's physical health, and it is quite harmful. As we begin a new year, I would love for our church to dedicate itself to making 2018 a year in which we combat loneliness. Let's figure out ways to reach out into our community and connect with those suffering from being lonely, who feel they have no true human connection. We can be the community that fills that basic human need. If you've got an idea, I'm here for it! Happy New Year from the Flack Family!

Michael

Prayer Requests

EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES:

Marie Horton (Salemtowne)

MILITARY:

Carl Craft
 Christopher Ford
 Scott Kyser
 Jonathon Prisk

CHURCH FAMILY:

Lib & Shelton Barefoot
 Elaine Binkley
 Kit & Martin Binkley
 Margaret Boggs
 Glenn Boone
 Nancy Cook
 Family of Larry Cook
 Jim Friend
 Donna Garner
 Family of Doris Hauser
 Phil, Vicki, and Robert Ingram
 Stefanie & Bryan Jones
 Jean Messick
 Kathy & Darrell Surface
 Jean Suddarth
 Steve Teague
 Frank Transou

CHURCH FRIENDS:

Elmira Barker
 Kenneth Barr Family
 Beverly Binkley Family
 Brenda Crews
 Stacy Feldcamp
 Snyder Garrison
 Gina Hayes
 Ray & Kathy Poarch
 Frances Presson
 Ted Seats Family
 Donald Surface
 Helen Westerman
 Charlene's Father

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 - December

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

12/3/17	Attendance:	42
	General Budget	2,450.00
	FLC Principle	0.00
12/10/17	Attendance:	38
	General Budget	2,335.00
	FLC Principle	0.00
12/17/17	Attendance:	47
	General Budget	1,918.00
	FLC Principle	950.00
12/24/17	Attendance:	
	General Budget	
	FLC Principle	
12/31/17	Attendance:	
	General Budget:	
	FLC Principle:	

Memorials & Honor Gifts

A gift has been given to the glory of God and Concord Family Life Center Principle in memory of Louise Miller's Birthday by Janet & Craig Ford.

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

A gift has been given to the glory of God and Concord Family Life Center Principle in memory of Doris Hauser by George & Helen Barrow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Lib Barefoot
T.J. Styers
- 3 Matt Reece
- 5 Lara Teague Easley
- 10 Robin Miller
- 11 Tanner Bennett
- 14 Renate Horton
- 17 Nancy Cook
- 22 Larry Melaga
- 24 Ron Simpson



©wondercliparts.com



United Methodist Women

UMW meets on first Monday of each month at 10:00 am. This month, they will meet **January 8th**.

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.

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>

Transportation Help

If there is anyone in the community who needs help with transportation to church or doctor appointments, please contact Charlene Teague at 336-413-0913. If you are able to assist in providing transportation for those in need, please contact Charlene

Monthly Prayer Meeting

The Monthly Prayer Meeting will be on Saturday, January 20th at 8:00 am. Join us in praying for our church and our community!

Visitation Team

The Visitation Team is a new project for our congregation. The 1st Wednesday of each month we will visit one of our members who is shut in. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 pm. Please join us! Next month we'll meet on **Wednesday, February 7th.**

Women's Handicrafts

We will meet on Wednesday, January 10th, 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.



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 January 10th, and January 24th.**



Housekeeping

Please submit announcements for the Bulletin by Wednesday evening to: cumcsecretary@windstream.net

JANUARY

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30pm Visitation Team	4 7pm Choir	5	6
7 10am SS 11am Worship	8 10am UMW	9	10 10am Women's Handicraft Group	11 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir	12	13
14 10am SS 11am Worship Lewisville Parade	15	16	17 7pm Admin Council	18 7pm Choir	19	20 8:00 Prayer Meeting
21 10am SS 11am Worship	22	23	24	25 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir	26	27
28 10am SS 11am Worship	29	30	31			



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY!**

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship: 11:00 am

*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*

Concord United Methodist Church
PO Box 1095
Lewisville, NC 27023

