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THIS WEEK AT CONCORD CHURCH

Sunday, February 22
10:45 AM – Gathering Time
11:00 AM — Worship & Roots and Wings

Wednesday, February 25
7:00 PM — Bible Study Week 1

Thursday, February 26
6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall

Sunday, March 1
10:45 AM – Gathering Time
11:00 AM — Worship

Wednesday, March 4
7:00 PM — Bible Study Week 2

Thursday, March 5
6:00 PM — Yoga, Anderson Hall

Saturday, March 7
8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast

Announcements

Princeton Parish Project — February — We are collecting canned soup and saltine crackers.

Lenten Bible Study — Our Lenten study this year will be *The Final Days*. This five-week series begins Wednesday, February 25, and will meet via Zoom at 7 PM. Study books are available for \$12. Please let Elizabeth know if you would like to participate. We have books in the office.

Men's Breakfast — The next men's breakfast is coming up on March 7th at 8:00 AM.

Member Update and Directory – Please feel free to drop your updated information sheets in the offering plate or you can email me your response at secretary@concordathens.org.

CrossTalk — If you have ideas for an article or feature in the *CrossTalk*, please share them with Jayne or Richard. We are also considering shifting the publication schedule from every other month to a quarterly (every three months) format. **Your feedback is important to us**, so please let us know your thoughts on this possible change.



CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seek God's Will ~ Teach God's Love ~ Serve God's World

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

>We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

>We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

>We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

>We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Morning Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (UMH 400)*

Roots & Wings Dismissal

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*Please stand as you are able.

Pastoral Prayer

Now, with the confidence of God's people, may we pray together the Lord's Prayer.

>The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Psalter Reading: Psalm 32 (UMH 766)

Offering and Offertory Music

*Doxology, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH 94)

*Offertory Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Romans 5:12-19 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 156)

Message: "*When I Am Tempted*"

Text: Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 3)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy* (UMH 395)

*Benediction



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Prayers
of the
Concord Church

Pray for: Sick and shut-in members; The United Methodist Church; Bishops; District Superintendents; Pastors; the President; the Governor; the military and their families; world leaders and elected officials; and pray for peace.

Military Personnel: Tom Bone IV and Andy Walker

January 18: Laura B., joy that her friend Michelle is visiting from Washington, DC and San Francisco; Chris B., joy that Tommy will be back in the States on Tuesday; Matt T., prayers for a PikeView student recovering from a series of surgeries; Joe M., continued prayers for our country and its leaders; Richard M., prayers for Joyce's sister Colleen; Sheila M., prayers for the people in Minnesota; Michele W., prayers for her Aunt Sheila; Richard M., prayers for my grandson, Harbor, who is recovering from having a tonsillectomy and adenoid removal; Jerry B., prayers for the family of Prof. Willis H., who passed away this past week.

February 1: Kathy S., prayers for Susan P; Paulette B., prayers for Nancy B. and her family. Nancy passed away last Thursday; Richard M., prayers for Joyce's sister, Colleen; prayers for all travelers this weekend; prayers for our country and its leaders.

February 8: Richard M., prayers for Joyce, who is in the hospital; Kathy F., prayers for Jack's safe return home and prayers of thanksgiving for Jack who restored the heat (!) spending many cold nights working under the building to fix furnace; Matt T., prayers for two PikeView students recovering from surgery; Kathy F., prayers for the family of Lorin A., who lost her battle with cancer, and pray especially for her two daughters, Abigail and Stella; Richard M., pray for our country and our leaders; Elizabeth M., prayer of Thanksgiving for David and Sheila M. celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; prayers for Paulette B. for her upcoming dental surgery; Justin H., celebrate Richard M's birthday and his leadership.

February 15: Sheila M., prayers for Betty Sue H. who passed away yesterday; Kathy S., prayers for the Purser family. Jo Ellen passed away this week from pneumonia; Jayne J., prayers for Susan P. and Gina L.; Greg B., it was a rough week for my office. Prayers for our receptionist's husband, Jimmy S.; another employee's son was shoveling snow and developed an infected blister, and the third employee became very sick, and we made her go to the hospital. Prayers for my office; Richard M., continued prayers for Joyce M.; Jack F., continued prayers for Barry K. He had an infected shunt removed and is in the hospital; Joe M., continued prayers for our country, its leaders and our countrymen; Scott M., Pastor Don S. in Beckley Community UMC is having some undiagnosed health issues. Prayers for him and his family.

(Prayer requests will be listed here for four weeks.
First names and last initials are used with details omitted to protect privacy).

* Please stand as you are able.

** The Year C Lectionary: Daily Readings may be found on our website at concordathens.org