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# Concord Trinity UMC

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### From the Desk of ... [Pastor Mary Weaver](#)

Hello Concord Trinity Friends!

#### **Why do we only have 9 people on our Church Leadership Council (CLC)?**

I have heard this question a handful of times now since my time here in the last two years. It's a great question. Actually, we have 10 people on our CLC including myself, but as clergy I don't have a vote for any decisions.

Those who ask this question might be used to a time when the church had an Admin Council where representatives of every single committee and ministry were in attendance. Back in the day, the Admin Council consisted of up to 40 people and because decisions for the church had to go through several separate committees (Finance, Trustees, and Staff-Parish) before they came to the Admin Council, and it would take months, sometimes, for anything to be decided on for the church.

More than 10 years ago, Concord Trinity decided to change from the Admin Council and *Multiple Board* model to the *Single Board* model, initially called the Governance Operations and Oversight Board (GOOB). We now call it the **Church Leadership Council** and more accurately call it the ***Simplified Structure*** model to avoid confusion that there are no other committees or teams involved in the church (that would just be silly!).

The CLC acts altogether as the Finance Team, the Trustees, Staff-Parish Team, and Admin Council all in one. This streamlines the decision-making process, releases the other 30 people from

having to attend 1-3 meetings each month, and enables those 30 people to join the other congregants in participating and leading in ministry. If you are having a hard time connecting to the church because you miss all those meetings, please let me know as I'm pretty sure we can find a volunteer spot or a committee for you!

The CLC helps keep me as your pastor accountable to my job and helps me keep the staff accountable to theirs. The CLC works on strategy of how to accomplish our mission and vision, coming up with goals and objectives. The CLC guides the church's focus and decisions toward achieving that mission and vision.

It may seem like a disadvantage to have only 10 people on our CLC but **remember that EVERYONE can attend the CLC meetings.**

You can attend our monthly meetings, and always have a voice at the table. And you're always welcome to come talk to me or the members of CLC. You can find them and their contact info in Realm. Also, those 9 people are on CLC because 10 other people nominated them to be on CLC. **Our Nominations and Leadership Development Team work hard** on deciding who would be good leaders for our CLC. Each year they nominate three people to replace the three that are rolling off of CLC.

The CLC meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the church. Please know that the CLC and I do not take this responsibility lightly and we appreciate the trust that you put in us! Join us! **See you Monday, August 8th for the next CLC meeting.**

Blessings,  
[Pastor Mary](#)

## In Memoriam

Our sympathies and tears are with the family of Phil Young, who died Sunday, July 31 (services are pending). Phil is survived by his wife, Aileen and their children.

We also remember with sadness Barbara Marks, who died July 28 (services are pending). She is survived by her daughter Jessica (Marvin) Malone and their children.

We pray for the family of Alice Bourzikas, who died suddenly July 17, 2022. A memorial service will be at Concord Trinity UMC Saturday, August 13 at 11:30 am, with visitation starting at 10 am.

We are keeping in prayers the family of Kay Walt, who died July 11, 2022. She is survived by her sisters, Jeanne (Wayne) Clark of Freeburg, IL, and Mary Theisen of Alton.



Help and encouragement after the death of  
a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

**Session 2 of Grief Share**  
**Thursdays 4 pm**  
**at Concord Trinity**  
**Begins Sept. 15 thru Dec. 15**  
**Join Us! [info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:info@concordtrinity.org)**

## Worship Updates

[Lori Scott](#), Director of Worship

### August Sermon Series “Why Do We Do the Things We Do?”

Have you asked this question pertaining to worship, communion, baptism, and other traditions of the United Methodist Church? Our sermon series during August will touch on many interesting questions. Don't miss it!

### Singers' Fall Kick Off!

**Chancel Choir** will begin the fall season with practice on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Give it a try! No experience necessary. Come enjoy fellowship, sing, and find new friends. Current singers are encouraged to invite new singers to attend.

### Huge Gift

Sadly, Bellefontaine United Methodist Church in North County recently closed after 217 years of ministry, but the congregation donated its Bibles and hymnals which are now in our pews. When you open and enjoy our gifted hymnals, say a little prayer in thanks!

***“No matter who you are, whether you’re... a Christian or an atheist, LGBTQ+ or straight, progressive or conservative, black or white, we’re so unbelievably glad you’ve chosen to spend some time with us this morning.”***

You’ve probably noticed that we’ve started incorporating the above greeting consistently into our Sunday morning worship services. And you might be wondering why. Well, it’s a fair question!

For a long time, the local church has tried to treat everyone the same. We’ve chosen to overlook our differences in an attempt to appeal to everyone. And this isn’t unique to the church. It’s the same sentiment that gave us the idea of being “color-blind” in order to overcome racism and “don’t-ask-don’t-tell” to overcome homophobia.

Instead of choosing to celebrate our diversity, we’ve completely ignored it and, in so doing, we’ve completely lost the opportunity to learn from one another and our respective identities.

Especially in such politically and socially charged times like these, Concord Trinity’s ministerial leadership believes it to be imperative that we no longer sweep these details under the rug. Though we “insiders” might think it obvious, a church welcoming people of other gender identities and sexual orientations or people across the

political spectrum can’t be taken for granted anymore.

A lot of churches are openly hostile to people they perceive as different than them in these realms. And explicitly claiming from the pulpit every Sunday that our community is NOT hostile toward people who are different than us is a revolutionary act.

Our congregation is, indeed, diverse. We have progressive and conservative folks; we have straight people and LGBTQ+ people; we have Republicans and Democrats, and we have people who exist everywhere on the spectrum within these various identities. What we need to do is gently cultivate our relationships with one another and seek to acknowledge that we were all made in the image of the living God and, thus, are all worthy of love and dignity.

This congregation has a bright future and I look forward to all the good work we’re going to do together!

Grace + Peace,

[J.T. Young](#)

Ministerial Director of Discipleship and Missions

# Thank yous

Thank you, Friends!

I can't thank the staff and church family enough for your love and support over the last 11 years and for the generous way that we celebrated that shared ministry together with the ice cream social/picnic farewell party on June 18th. I'm not going to say "good-bye" but rather "see you later," because I trust that our paths will cross again either in mission and ministry in Missouri or at the eternal party with Jesus. I appreciate every card, hug, word of thanks and gift so much. Love you all and wish you the best in carrying out the mission of Christ in South County. Keep planting gardens!!

**Blessings, Pastor Laura Taylor**

Dearest Friends,

Our family wants to thank the many people who prayed for our family during Melanie's Dad's illness and at his passing. The cards, texts, messages, and kind words were very much appreciated.

**Melanie & Scott Lloyd and family**

To all our friends,

A special thank you to all those concerned with Trevelyn's month long hospitalization in Michigan after a heart attack. The thoughtfulness and prayers helped tremendously. A special thank you to Tom and Mary Jane Correnti who came and drove our car back to St. Louis.

**Dorothy Zander & Family**



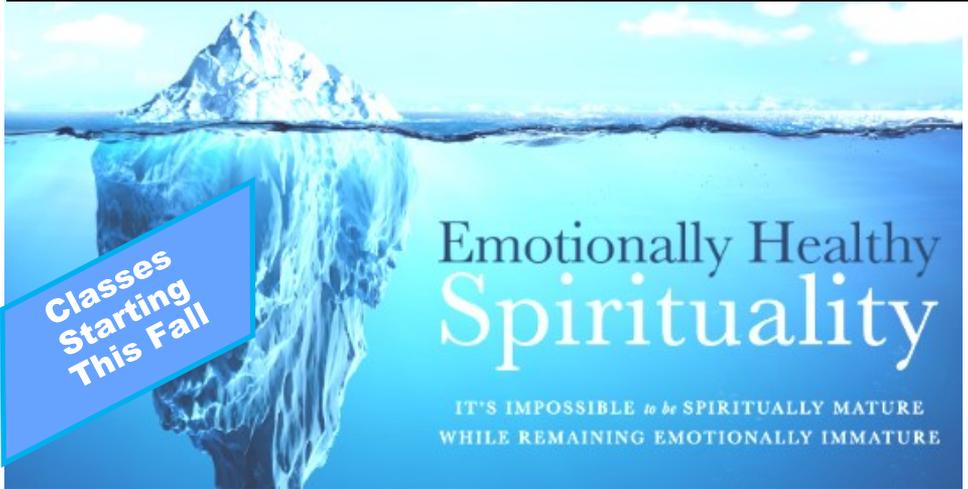


**Weds. August 10th 12:30 pm - 4 pm**  
**You are Invited for Fun & Fellowship!**

**"Cans, Cards & Soup" is a new idea for an informal gathering that invites adult church & community friends & neighbors for casual fellowship, a card game, a bowl of yummy soup, and conversation. We will meet in the parlor area near the church gym. A can of food for the neighborhood food pantry is a suggested donation for admission.**

**Anyone can drop in, but reservations are appreciated!**

**Call the church office or  
make a reservation by clicking [HERE](#).**



**Coming this Fall - A Way to Deepen Faith and Improve Relationships at Home, Work, Church, School and more!**

***Emotionally Healthy Discipleship*** (“EHD”) will be available this Fall at Concord Trinity thanks to a team of volunteers who went through the two-part program in 2021-2022.

EHD combines an eight-week course on ***Emotionally Healthy Spirituality***, which helps adults evaluate their current level of spiritual maturity and learn ways to help grow based on their own self-evaluation.

This study is a great way to discover more about yourself and grow closer to Christ. The next course in EHD is ***Emotionally Healthy Relationships***, which spends 8 weeks offering teachings and tools on how to make any relationship better by handling conflicts more effectively, and developing better awareness and communication skills all with a Christ-centered focus.

Days and times for fall courses are still in development, but if you are interested, please let [J.T. Young](#) know so he can keep you in the loop. If you'd like to talk to someone who participated in the pilot program last year, you can contact one of the following: Cindy Smuda, Janine Youngstrom, Rick Youngstrom, Lynette Jones, Waymon Jones, Linda Henry, Roger Richie, Laura Oakes or Kurt Oakes.



### Can You Make The Connection?

#### Help is needed in several volunteer areas!

1. Once a month (or more) helping at the worship welcome desk, very informal and fun. Need helpers at both 9 am and 10:30 am on Sundays.
2. Helpers needed once a month on Sunday mornings 15 minutes before 9 am and 10:30 am worship times, to sit or stand and say **"Good Morning!"** in the parlor area near the gym, letting visiting guests know where to go for the restroom, the sanctuary, etc.
3. Lots of helpers will be needed with CTYouth and Concord Kids as fall activities get underway! Just once a month (or more) will be of great help to gather materials, assist group leaders - very easy & fun!
4. Singers and musicians needed throughout the church year. Chancel Choir begins Sept. 7th at 6:30 pm - no experience necessary! Singing together is so fun, you will definitely make new friends.

If these or any other church volunteer jobs sound like something you'd like to try, just call Nancy in the office (314)842-2060 or [Info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:Info@concordtrinity.org).

## Can You Make The Connection?

**Summer Needs:** Several of our senior adult friends need a “handy man” person for simple projects, light lawn care help, and in the fall leaf removal help. If your small group is interested, or you know of anyone interested, please contact Nancy Merrell in the church office.



## Join Us! The CTUMC Missions Team 2022 Events AUGUST - Magic House / School Supplies Collection

Community kids and families invited! As a part of Concord Kids’ back-to-school celebration at The Magic House on August 21 from 6-8 pm, CTUMC will be collecting school supplies at the door for Dressel Elementary. The supplies needed are as follows:

- **Over-ear headphones that can be connected to a computer**
- **Soft-sided pencil cases**
- **Expo Markers (thin and fat)**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Boxes of Kleenex**

All are welcome to join us at The Magic House and send our kiddos back to school on a high note!

## SEPTEMBER - Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

From September 21-25, Gateway Christian Church at 1951 Des Peres Road is hosting a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event. They want to pack one million meals in five days and need 3,000 volunteers to do that. This is very similar to the rice packing events we hold at CTUMC. No

money is needed — just families, small groups and individuals to sign up to serve in a great St. Louis-wide effort! Signups will begin in the middle of August. Watch for the upcoming details and how to sign up if interested.

### OCTOBER - Assembling Chests of Drawers

**Saturday, October 15** 9 am - 11 am in the church gym, give us a hand to help Home Sweet Home! We need around 40 helpers to assemble 20 “Rast” 3-drawer chests from Ikea that CTUMC Missions Team purchased for \$49.99 each, for donation to Home Sweet Home. If interested, call the church office or Mike McCarthy at (618)973-1487. As you probably know, our mission partner Home Sweet Home has posted on Facebook that summer needs include dressers, new shower curtains, coffee tables, pots & pans, utensils, and livingroom chairs. The mission of Home Sweet Home is to give under-served families moving into their first home a sense of pride in their living space and to improve the quality of their lives by providing basic household furnishings. Look for their link on the Concord Trinity FB page and how you can get your donations to them.

### NOVEMBER - Rice Meal Packing Event

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, November 12 in the church gym, from 9 - 11 am, help pack nutritious meals at our **Midwest Mission** Rice Packing Event. We need about 80 volunteers to pack 1,575 bags which will feed 9,450 people. Look for signups in October!

### *Did You Know?*

Midwest Mission in Pawnee, Il., is one of eight cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. Midwest Mission distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the United States.



## UMW Bunco Night is Back!

The United Methodist Women will host the first Bunco Night in more than two years, one of our most popular fundraising events.

Bunco is a fun, group dice game – easy to learn, easy to play.

Please join us on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the church gym. Admission is \$10 and **advance tickets are a must!**

Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall parlor. **No tickets will be sold at the door!**

Doors open at 6:30 pm with bunco games beginning at 7 pm. Bring a snack to share and join us for food, fun and Fellowship --- and prizes! All friends, neighbors and family welcome.

For more info or to purchase tickets, call or text Diana at (314) 780-5922



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## **New Mission Project with UMW through Sept. 15th**

United Methodist Women need your help! Diana Rudloff will be creating shower/bath kits for a women's homeless shelter, sponsored by Child & Family Empowerment Center in North St Louis.

Women come to the shelter with nothing but the clothes on their backs. A personal shower kit provides much needed hygiene and care items to help provide well-being and dignity.

UMW's past kit projects allowed UMW to donate 35 shower kits, but the need never ends, so our mission project this fall is to create additional kits which cost around \$25.00 each (including the container -you may donate items or \$\$) Just bring items to church office or on Sunday to worship.

### **Shower Kit Contents**

- **1 gently used or new regular size towel & washcloth**
- **Shampoo / conditioner**
- **New hairbrush or comb**
- **Toothbrush, brush holder, toothpaste & Floss**
- **Body Wash & bath sponge / loofah**
- **Hand Lotion / Body Lotion**
- **Deodorant**
- **Bar Soap and soap holder**
- **4-pack disposable razors**
- **Chapstick**
- **Pocket-size tissue**
- **Q-tips**
- **Nail file / emery board**

**For more info call or text Diana  
at (314) 780-5922**

**Mid-Year Financial Update**

*by Bobby Parish*

We are officially past the halfway point of 2022, so we wanted to provide everyone with a brief financial update. Thank you all for your continued generosity in supporting the ministries of our church! There have been a lot of great outreach and ministry events so far this year, such as packing meals for Midwest Missions, the Payne Stewart kids golf camp, basketball and cheer camps, and Eagle Lake Camp. Your gifts make all these things possible!

Financial results through the first six months of 2022 have resulted in a year-to-date loss of approximately \$13,000. Total expenses are within budget. The result of the loss is due to our operating budget revenue, or giving, being less than what we had projected. Our budget was based on

last year's giving total, and right now our year-to-date giving is approximately \$34,000 less than at this point in 2021.

As we proceed through the second half of the year, prayerfully consider your giving so that we can cover our projected expenses and remain in a solid financial position. An additional source of income for our church are gift card sales, and those have begun again in-person in the parlor on the first Sunday of each month. If you haven't already done so, consider automated giving either through your financial institution or through our Easy Tithe website or app. Thank you again for your continued monetary support! If you have any questions, contact Finance Chair Bobby Parish at (314)550-1772 or [tiger\\_bob88@yahoo.com](mailto:tiger_bob88@yahoo.com).

**Financial Snapshot** *from the Church Leadership Council*

<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>JUNE 2022</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>2022 Annual Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>50,970</b>	<b>329,733</b>	<b>679,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>49,602</b>	<b>342,699</b>	<b>678,142</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>(12,966)</b>	<b>858</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>124,995</b>		

## Introducing our new Director of Family Ministry, Samantha Fomera!

It is my joy and absolute pleasure to let you know that we have hired a new **Director of Family Ministry**. We interviewed several wonderful candidates, and we believe we found the person best suited for Concord Trinity's kiddos and youth and young families. Samantha will start on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> so her first Sunday on staff will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Samantha couldn't be more excited about beginning this journey alongside the families at CTUMC and we're excited too!

Over the next several months, we hope that you will be able to meet Samantha and welcome her to the CTUMC community. We are so very excited to have her on board!

Sincerely,  
Pastor Mary



### Meet Samantha Fomera!

**"Hello! I'm Samantha (she/her) and I'm thrilled to join this community in ministry as your Director of Family Ministry. I'm considered young, but I've been told I**

have an old spirit. I'm an avid reader, lover of music, coffee-dependent, and lifelong learner. Recently, I have a fascination with "gym-life" as a former high-school cross-country athlete. I grew up in the UMC - singing in the church choir with Grandma, lounging on hand-me-down couches talking about Jesus, preaching in area churches as a teen, serving on mission trips, and leading worship with the college ministry. It's been SUCH a blessing recognizing the unique combination of gifts and strengths each of us have to love God and love others, regardless of age or any other label. Professionally, I earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Central Methodist University and have several

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masters courses in Special Education, Biblical Studies, and Pastoral Care. IF all goes well, I'll graduate with a Masters in Human Development and Family Sciences with an emphasis in Youth Development from MIZZOU in December 2022!

I look forward to getting to know as many of you as I can this Fall. **Let's grab coffee, queso, or even a milkshake - whatever your style is - and tell me your story!**" Until Samantha joins our staff on August 8th, you can forward questions for her to

[info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:info@concordtrinity.org).



**The Magic House**  
St. Louis Children's Museum

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION + SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Join us on **August 21 from 6pm-8pm** for a **Concord Trinity UMC**-sponsored night at **The Magic House!**

In lieu of an admission fee, we encourage you to bring some **new school supplies** to donate to our friends at [Dressel Elementary!](#)

- Over-ear headphones
- Expo markers (thin and fat)
- Soft-sided pencil cases
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Paper Towels

## Missions Team and Concord Kids Invite You!

Bring your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or grandparents to Concord Kids' back-to-school celebration at The Magic House on Sunday, August 21 from 6 pm - 8 pm. In lieu of admission cost, CTUMC will



be collecting school supplies at the door for Dressel Elementary. This list of supplies is suggested by Dressel's principal:

- 1) Over-ear headphones that can be connected to a computer
- 2) Soft-sided pencil cases
- 3) Expo Markers (thin and fat)
- 4) Paper Towels
- 5) Boxes of Kleenex

All are welcome to join us at The Magic House and send our kiddos back to school on a high note!

These school supplies can also be dropped off at the church office or at Sunday worship up until August 21.

### Community Needs

Nearby Dressel Elementary School is looking to hire building assistants for the upcoming school year, part time at 25 hrs/week (5 hrs/day) working during lunch, recess and small group time. Like everywhere else, they are struggling to find people to hire. If you are interested or know anyone who might be good for this position, please contact their principal, **Dr. Patrick Schoenekase, at (314)729-2400, Ext. 6603.**

CTUMC has a growing relationship with Dressel Elementary School, providing them with school supplies last year and for this upcoming school year as well (see above and join us at the Magic House!). Being a part of this community and so close to Dressel, we'd like to expand that relationship and help them out whenever we can.



2022 Master Event Calendar
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**August**

Sunday, August 21, 6pm-8pm

*Back-to-School Celebration @  
The Magic House*

**September**

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10am-12pm

*LifeWise STL Volunteer Work Day*

**October**

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1pm-3pm

*Trunk or Treat*

**December**

Sunday, Dec. 4, 11:30am-12:30pm

*Concord Kids' Christmas Kick-Off!*



## **Summer CTYOUTH Events**

*(visit [Facebook.com/CTUMCYouth](https://www.facebook.com/CTUMCYouth) for more info)*

### **Dive Into The Bible at the Stringfields' House**

Sundays, June 5, 12, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7  
5 - 7 pm for Dinner, Bible Study & Swimming  
Led by Rev. Mickey Stringfield

### **Connect at Weekly Wednesday Hangouts**

June 8, 15, 22, 29 July 13, 20, 27 August 3, 10, 17  
3 pm-6 pm Locations change weekly TBD  
Led by Susan Moellering and additional adults as available

**Day at the Lake** at the Mitchells' parents' home Sunday, August 14 (more details to come). Will gather and leave from CTUMC in morning, travel to the lake, have fun in the sun and food, and then drive home for drop offs - any adults welcome to be chaperones and drivers!

**Magic House Family Day** Sunday, August 21 6-8 pm  
Sponsored by Concord Kids, but all ages, friends, and neighbors/  
community members are welcome.

**CTYOUTH Fall Kick Off** Sunday, August 28 - Watch for more info!  
*Parents are welcome! Come if you can!*

## UNITED METHODIST FAMILY DAY @ BALLPARK

PUJOLS! MOLINA! WAINWRIGHT! This is the year future hall of famers from St. Louis strive to set records as they end their regular season careers. This year's day at the ballpark comes just 2 weeks before the season ends so we have a prospective pennant race and quest of record attainment to look forward to.

The game date is Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 6:15 PM. Against the Cincinnati Reds. Seats are in the left field loge 270 series section with good shade and comfortable breezes. Available seating is limited to only 300 tickets this year so reserve your tickets early – pay later. Contact Rog Wooden at (314) 576-1124 or e-mail at [tierdrop39@aol.com](mailto:tierdrop39@aol.com).

Tickets are available now. Reservations are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>, but accepted as long as tickets can be found. Payments are due by September 1.

Make checks payable to United Methodist Day and send to:

Rog Wooden  
13358 Windbrooke Lane  
St. Louis, MO 63146  
(314) 576-1124



**Please review our NEW Fundraising Policy! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mary or Bobby Parish our Finance Chair.**

**Concord Trinity United Methodist Church  
Fundraising Policy 2022**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to assure that all fundraisers conducted on Concord Trinity United Methodist Church (CTUMC) property or for the benefit of CTUMC follow uniform, established procedures. No one is authorized to conduct a fundraiser except in accordance with this policy.

**II. SCOPE**

It is the policy of CTUMC to approve and fund its ministries through its regular budget process. The Church Leadership Council (CLC) approve the ministries and budget. Fundraisers will not be allowed except for authorized church ministries.

All fundraisers must relate to the mission, vision and values of CTUMC and are expected to contribute to the goals and objectives of CTUMC. The ability to raise funds, and/or the desire for the benefits of those funds would obtain, is not necessarily a compelling reason for raising those funds. Fundraisers should never overshadow the practice of generosity and stewardship.

Any stewardship campaign, capital campaign, special UMC affiliated offerings, and worship offerings are outside the scope of this policy. Events for which an entry fee is charged solely to recover the cost of presenter's fees, consumable supplies, food, books, and training materials are not considered fundraising. All other fundraising activities connected to CTUMC for any purpose, by any means, and at any location, shall be applied for with attached application, be reviewed and approved under this policy. All requests will be reviewed against a master calendar of currently approved events.

The CLC, with conferral of Lead Pastor, is responsible for overseeing and approving all fundraising efforts of authorized CTUMC ministries. The CLC may delegate specific aspects of fundraising and scheduling oversight to staff or committees as deemed appropriate. *(continued)*

### **III. PRINCIPLES**

In order to help CTUMC practice good stewardship, to act respectfully toward members of the congregation and others who are asked to support the church and its fundraisers, these principles are offered as a foundation for church fundraising:

- The group raising funds must be aware of and respectful of the needs, customs, and integrity of church ministries and organizations, and should seek to build partnership in cooperation with other groups to avoid competition and duplication.
- CTUMC, in its administration of other funds raised, has a responsibility to be a good steward of these funds.
- The CLC and CTUMC should be informed, in a timely manner, before and after any fundraiser as to the goals and accomplishments of those fundraisers, including prompt reporting of final totals and acknowledgment of volunteers of the fundraiser. This report is due no later than two weeks after the end of the event.
- Fundraisers must serve the mission and vision of CTUMC. Fundraising will not be done to benefit non-sponsored organizations or for-profit entities.
- Individuals who own and/or operate a home-based business, e.g., Mary Kay, Avon, Pampered Chef, etc., may not use the church facilities for fundraisers, even if any percentage of the profits are designated for CTUMC.
- Individuals who work in sales businesses, e.g., real estate, auto sales, financial services, insurance, etc., may not use the church directory to make “cold calls” on church members. This policy does not prevent individual members from “networking” with each other on an informal basis or inviting individuals to participate in organizations, activities, and businesses not associated with the church, but it does prohibit people from using the church directory for the purpose of “prospecting” for business.
- Church members may not use the church’s name, in any fashion, in advertising or to allude church support of public or private businesses, corporations, products, political organizations, etc.
- Every request for a fundraiser must be made in writing using the

CTUMC Fundraising Application (available in church office or on website).

- Solicitation for fundraisers shall not normally last more than two consecutive Sundays. The CLC and/or Lead Pastor can approve exceptions to the two-Sunday period.
- Fundraising requests do not carry over from one year to the next.
- No request for fundraising through gambling activities will be accepted, including raffles and bingo.

#### **IV. PROCEDURES**

##### **Approval Process:**

The CTUMC Fundraising Application may be obtained from the church office or from the church website. It is to be submitted to the church office at least one month prior to the event.

- Fundraising activities are not entered onto the church calendar until approved by the CLC and Lead Pastor.
- Applications will be reviewed by the CLC at the next regularly scheduled meeting or through email
- After the CLC has voted on a proposal, a response will be provided to the contact person listed on the application.
- When evaluating a fundraising proposal, the following criteria will be considered:
  - ◇ Compliance with fundraising policy
  - ◇ Time elapsed since the last fundraiser by the same proponents or for the same purpose
  - ◇ Time elapsed since the last fundraiser at or for CTUMC
  - ◇ The impact of the fundraiser on the church's facilities, staff and volunteer resources.
  - ◇ Potential interference with already scheduled church activities.

##### **Handling of Funds:**

- All checks collected must be written to Concord Trinity United Methodist Church or the appropriate church organization. (No checks should be written to individuals.)
- All money (cash and checks) is to be submitted to the church office to be put into the safe within 3 days of the fundraiser. *(continued)*

- No expenses shall be paid out of “cash received” (no petty cash expenses).
- Receipts of all fundraisers will be placed in the appropriate restricted fund set up for that project or ministry.
- Request for reimbursements is to be completed and submitted the Business Manager by the project leader on a timely basis.
- In the event that a fundraiser for goods is held and someone submits money for the event, the policies above must still be followed. In such instances the money will usually be deposited into a missions fund or the fund for the ministry that oversaw the fundraiser.
- Any group or organization that maintains their own accounting system and separate bank account are exempt from these Handling of Funds requirements (e.g., UMW, UMM, etc.).

**Exceptions:**

Exceptions to this policy or to any part of it should never be assumed by the fundraising group and will only be granted by way of the application and approval process.

For more info, contact Pastor Mary or Finance Chair Bobby Parish.

## **Doing Some Shopping?**

**Gift Cards will be available for sale** in the Church Parlor on Aug. 7th between services and **every other first Sunday of the month**. This long-time fundraiser is a great way to raise money for church missions while you do your regular shopping!

Call the church office for more info or visit our webpage:  
**[concordtrinity.org/gift-cards](http://concordtrinity.org/gift-cards)**.

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