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SEPTEMBER 2022 Newsletter

News You can Use to Connect People to Christ & Each Other!

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TO CHRIST AND
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Concord Trinity UMC

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

Hello Concord Trinity Friends!

I don't know about you, but I'm having a hard time believing it's September. Where did the summer go? I write this after I have already moved my oldest daughter back to college (go Tigers!) and I am about to move my youngest daughter to college for her first year (go Bulldogs!). And my guess is that all of your children or grandchildren have either started school or will be soon.

Schools starting up also means our children and youth programs here at the church are beginning. I don't think there's any doubt in anyone's mind how important our kids are and how important their faith development is. And we are so blessed now to have Samantha Fomera on board as our new Director of Family Ministry.

But I think you'd agree that it's not a one-person job; not even a handful-of-people job. We need volunteers to help facilitate, coach, teach, and walk alongside our children and youth as they grow in their faith.

If you believe that youth group is vital for our youth's faith journey, then volunteer! If you believe Sunday Morning Gatherings for our children is instrumental in their spiritual growth, then volunteer! We have so few volunteers that some of these activities won't be able to happen if there isn't more assistance.

We don't want to have to cancel things like Sunday Morning Gathering or our Fall Retreat, but if we don't have enough adult volunteers, we will have no choice.

I have heard some people complain that we focus too much on our

kids and youth and not enough on our adults, and I hate to hear that because those adults are so vital to the kids and youth. But to be honest, the focus on kids and youth is because they are either our newest disciples, or they often bring in friends who aren't disciples at all.

If our **mission is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**, the focus will remain on our newest disciples instead of the "already" disciples.

My prayer and hope is that if you are an "already" disciple, you can help serve and volunteer for our newest disciples!

And so, there is a great opportunity for you! We invite you to be present at **Equip Night on Wednesday, September 7th** from 6 pm -7:30 pm. You'll be able to hear more about the vision for family ministry and learn all the ways to serve directly with young people **AND** behind the scenes that are needed to make this ministry happen.

We ask you to RSVP (**especially for the dinner**) to Samantha at 636.336.6638 or sfomera@concordtrinity.org. **Turn to page 19 for more information.**

We think you **WANT** to serve, so we want to make it simple, all in **ONE NIGHT**. Plus, you'll get to be the first to know what is coming for our kids and youth!

Blessings,
Pastor Mary

Financial Snapshot *from the Church Leadership Council*

Operating Budget	JULY 2022	Year-to-Date	2022 Annual Budget
Revenue	54,461	386,035	679,000
Expenses	51,215	394,145	678,142
Net Income (Loss)	3,246	(8,110)	858
Mortgage Balance	120,601		

In Memoriam

We are sending all our sympathies to Ian (Sheri) Brockie, whose sister, Mary White, died in August..



Grieving the loss of someone close to you?

Find comfort and support at Grief Share

www.GriefShare.org

Join our new fall session Thursdays 4 pm - 6 pm

September 15 - December 15

\$20 required for workbook, no other fees (if you're repeating the session, you may already have the book). You can join any time!

**Register at Griefshare.org,
or call CTUMC (314)842-2060**

Worship Updates

[Lori Scott](#), Director of Worship

Dive into Psalms This September

During September, our 4-Sunday series will be **“Our Songbook,”** diving into the Biblical book of Psalms, which were written as songs of joy and lamentation - thanksgiving, praise, suffering and loss. Worship with us in September to feel the power of Psalms!

Chancel Choir Kick Off

All are invited to give choir a try, and “make a joyful noise” with us! No experience necessary. First practice is Weds., September 7th at 6:30 pm (practices are every Weds. at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary - drop in any time). The Chancel Choir sings every Sunday during the 9 am Classic Worship time, leading hymns and providing special anthems.

Ding-A-Lings Needed

If you have a basic ability to read music, the bell choirs need you! **Jubilee Ringers Bell Choir** begins weekly practices on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm (they perform at 9 am worship the 3rd Sunday of the month). **Undampened Spirits Bell Choir** starts weekly practice on Sunday, September 11th at 3 pm (they perform during 9 am worship every fourth Sunday of the month). If you're interested contact Bell Choirs director Emily Mehig emehigh@concordtrinity.org or (314)732-5568.



Concert Series Returns

The **11th season** of community concerts kicks off Sunday, October 16th at 4 pm. Join us and bring your family & friends to hear the wonderful Gateway Ringers, a professional handbell ringing choir known throughout the St. Louis area.

Schedule of Concerts for You to Enjoy at CTUMC - Bring Your Friends!

- Oct. 16th Gateway Ringers
- Nov. 13th Barbershop Quartet
- Dec. 4th Christmas at Concord
- February 26th Equinox Chamber Players
- March 26th Matthew & Jennifer Mazonni Flute/Piano
- April 30th Mark Akin, Guitarist

(All concerts are at 4 pm with a Free Will Offering Admission)

Classes for Adults

These events are “no sign-up,” just come when you can.
We will be updating classes on our website weekly!

MONDAYS	pending 10 am Sisters Bible Study (call for information)
TUESDAYS	1 pm Bible with Bob Class (room 223) (Starts Sept. 6)
THURSDAYS	8 am Men’s Bible Study (room 222) 9:30 am Thursday Sisters Bible Study @ 1 pm (starts Sep. 8) (room 222)
SUNDAYS	9 am Christian Living Adults Sunday School (Rm 120) 10:15 am Travelers Adult Sunday School (room 222)



United Methodist Women - Join Us!

Sarah Circle - second Thursday of each month @ 10:30 am in room 223

Circle Two - second Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm in Trinity Hall

Classes for Kids

These events begin **Sept 11** and are “no sign-up,” just come when you can. Bring a friend or two any time!

Kids birth - age 3

Nursery Time continues both worship times

Kids age 3 - grade 5

Family Worship Time on first Sunday of each month, we will worship all together with families and kids for Communion Sunday. Kids grade 3 & younger are welcome to enjoy our Pray Ground in the Sanctuary.

Kids age 3 - Grade 5

Sunday Morning Children's Gathering Time on week 2, 3, 4 of the month 9 am - come to Sanctuary with family at 9 am worship, and after around 15 minutes, all kids will follow teachers to kids' classrooms.

Kids 6th - 12th grade

Every week, 9 am Sunday Morning Youth Gatherings in room 224

(See page 20 for more Concord Kids' and CTYouth information)



A Few Fall Events

Join us Every Sunday for Worship 9 am and 10:30 am
Please Join Us for These Events! (Classes are listed page 6-7)

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| Mon/Weds/Fri | All Year 'Round, Walking Group, 8 am |
| Mondays | All Year 'Round, Pickleball, 9 am |
| Tuesdays/Fridays | All Year 'Round, 10:30 am Chair Exercise,
11:30 am Zumba (SAJE Community Group runs
these classes, all invited!) |
| Tues., September 6 | Kickoff for Jubilee Ringers Bell Choir, 6:30 pm
(Join them every Tuesday in Sanctuary) |
| Weds. September 7 | Equip Night 6 pm - Get free dinner and find
out how you can help CTUMC Family Ministry in
shepherding our youngest disciples, kids & teens!
Please register HERE . |
| Weds. September 7 | Chancel Choir Kicks Off - 6:30 pm/Sanctuary
All invited to help us "Make a Joyful Noise!"
Lscott@ concordtrinity.org (Weekly practices
every Wednesday.) |
| Thurs., September 8 | UMW Sarah Circle Kicks Off (10:30 am, Rm. 223)
Join them every Second Thursday of the Month! |
| Friday, September 9 | UMW Bunco Night (Advance Tix a Must) |
| Sat., September 10 | CTUMC Outdoor Work Day 9 am |
| Sun., September 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's and Youth Sunday Morning Gatherings
Kick off! 9 am (Weeks #2, #3 and #4 of the month)• Pastor's Gathering Event - Casual meeting in
Pastor Mary's office 11:30 am - drop by with your
questions and get more information about UMC.• Kickoff for Undampened Spirits Bell Choir 3 pm
(Join them every |

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A Few Fall Events (continued)

- (Sept. 11th, Cont.) Sunday in the Sanctuary)
- Youth Group Launches 6 pm (South Entrance)
- Mon., September 12 • All Welcome to [Church Leadership Council Meeting](#) (6:30 pm, room 223) - Join them the second Monday of each month!
- UMW Circle TWO Launches their Monthly Meetings 6 pm (Second Monday of the Month, Trinity Hall)
- Weds., September 14 [Cans, Cards & Soup Adult Fellowship](#) Time 12:30 pm - 4 pm with light food, card games and nice conversation (Every Month, Second Weds.) Please register [HERE](#).
- Thurs., September 15 Grief Share Fall Session Begins. Loving small group share for anyone in community or church who has lost a person in their life. Register at [GRIEFSHARE.ORG](#) (see page 4)
- Sat., September 24 LifeWise STL work day - meet at CTUMC parking lot around 9:15 am if you'd like to carpool (work time is 10 am - Noon). Please register [HERE](#).
- Weds. September 28 Micah Ministry social justice group invites you to our monthly meetings, the last Weds. of every month at 6:30 pm, Room 223 (more info, contact the church office).

A Few Fall Events (continued)



- Sun., October 2 Pumpkin Patch pumpkins arrive, all hands needed! Register to lend a hand [HERE](#).
- Sat., October 15 Missions Team invites all to help with first project of fall at CTUMC - assembling Ikea dressers. Please register [HERE](#).
- Sun., October 16 4 pm Concert Series Concert Kicks Off!

More Events Coming - Check your weekly Email Update, Call the Church Office, visit [Facebook.com / ConcordTrinity](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordTrinity), or ConcordTrinity.org

Thank you



Thank you!! To all of our Concord Trinity family. We feel all of your love and prayers through this period of trial. Waymon's operation was a complete success and he's on schedule for remaining radiation and immunotherapy. He is feeling great and a little normalcy is coming back. We love you all.

Waymon and Lynette Jones

To our generous congregation: A huge "Thank You" to all of Concord Trinity for donating over 600 pounds of food to Feed My People in July! Our thanks also to Diana Rudloff for delivering all the food donations to Feed My People. They were thrilled to receive the donation!

Cathy Black and the CTUMC Missions Team

Thanks from Pastor Mary

I just wanted to remind you that I will be on retreat Thursday, September 22, to Wednesday, October 5. I will be on the ***Lands of the Bible*** cruise with Bishop Farr and several other Missouri Conference laity and clergy. This will be a time of great learning for me, but of course I hope to return refreshed and rejuvenated from a great trip!

We will be going to sites such as Athens, Ephesus, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, and I am more than excited to see these places and be able to walk where Jesus and Paul and other disciples walked.

I am only able to take this trip because of my compensation from the church that has designated money for my professional expenses, so

thank you for giving me that benefit as your pastor.

I also want to thank the staff for being so excellent and competent, allowing me to take 2 weeks off without worry. While I am gone, if there are pastoral needs, you can reach out to any of the staff, but we also have some wonderful, retired pastors in our congregation who have agreed to help as well if needed. In case of a need for pastoral care, you may contact Rev. Mickey Stringfield, Libby Reimers, Bob Carpenter, or Rev. Janine Youngstrom, who are all in Realm.

I will miss you but hope to stay in touch while I'm gone too, so keep an eye out on Facebook!

Blessings,
Pastor Mary



Wednesday, September 14th
12:30 pm - 4 pm
Join Us for Cans, Cards and Soup



“Cans, Cards and Soup” is a new idea for an informal gathering at CTUMC, inviting adult church and community friends / neighbors for casual fellowship, a card game or just chatting, and yummy soup (a donated can of food for the local pantry is suggested). Our first event on Aug. 10th was a great success and lots of fun, join us!

Anyone can drop in, but registration is appreciated! Call the church office or register [HERE](#).

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Join Us! Mission Team 2022 Events

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! Sign up info can be found at www.concordtrinity.org/missionandservice

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.

To Register click [HERE](#), call the church office or call Mike McCarthy at (618)973-1487. As you probably know, our mission partner Home Sweet Home has posted on Facebook that urgent 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!



home sweet home

furnishing hope

Did You Know?

One of our mission partners, Home Sweet Home in Brentwood, gives underserved families a sense of pride and to improve the quality of their lives by providing basic household furnishings. Everyone is respected and treated with dignity. Home Sweet Home is a leader among other furniture banks nationwide.

Visit them at Homesweethomestl.org



Outdoor Church Work Day Sept. 10th

Join us on Saturday, September 10 from 9 am - Noon for a church outdoor workday! We will be outside working on some landscaping, trimming some bushes, cutting up some dead trees and limbs, and planting where needed.

Come in work clothes with gloves, a bottle of

water (or two), trimmers and hedge clippers, and help make our grounds as beautiful and welcoming as possible. We want to connect people in the community to Christ and to each other and welcome people to use our building! If you have any questions, please contact our Property Manager, Joel Stassel. **[REGISTER TO HELP HERE!](#)**



Introducing our new Office Manager, Stacy Loenneke!

It is my joy and absolute pleasure to let you know that we have hired a new Office Manager for our main office. If you remember, Nancy Merrell's job title changed in June to Coordinator of Care and Connections, but she has still been working as Office Manager while we looked to hire.

We interviewed several wonderful candidates for Office Manager, and we believe we found the person best suited for Concord Trinity. Stacy will start on Monday, September 19th. Stacy is super excited about being a part of the team here at CTUMC!

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

Sincerely,
Pastor Mary

Meet Stacy Loenneke!

Stacy and her husband, David, grew up in Southeast Missouri before traveling the Midwest for David's work in the restaurant industry. They finally set down roots in St. Louis in 2018. After college, Stacy began working in the veterinary industry in 2012 and has served as office manager at a local animal hospital for the last few years. She has been with her husband for 20 years and loves him more each day. They have 3 spoiled, lazy,

beautiful cats. Stacy has a passion for God and serving others. She and her husband have a meal ministry through their church where they prepare meals each week for those in need or just in need of encouragement. It has become such a blessing for them to do over the last few years. Stacy has a giving heart and wants to touch the lives of everyone she encounters. She is so excited to be a part of the CTUMC team and would love for everyone to stop by so she can meet you!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Can You Make The Connection?

Volunteers are needed all the time in almost every ministry! Especially needed are volunteers with kids / youth ministry, multi-media desk at worship, safety response team members, singers/ bell ringers, greeters, and more! Each job can be as temporary as you wish, give our teams a try! Call the church office to find out where YOUR talents are needed.



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 9th in the church gym. Admission is \$10 and **advance tickets are a must!**

Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 28th and Sunday, September 4th 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**



All Welcome to Our Work Day!
Saturday, Sept. 24th 10 am - Noon

All ages and abilities welcome. Just register with this QR Code or [HERE](#).



FAMILY MINISTRY'S

EQUIP NIGHT

Equipped to Serve
Serving to Love

EQUIPPING MENTORS FOR:

- BABIES
- TODDLERS
- ELEMENTARY
- CONFIRMATION
- MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL
- COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS

Top Topics?

- Opportunities to Serve (with students & behind scenes)
- See lessons & games
- Time-Commitment required (these vary, dependent on opp)

NO pressure to serve. Promise.
Though, we think you'll WANT to serve!

WEDNESDAY
SEPT 7 | 6-7:30P
DINNER SERVED

RSVP OR QUESTIONS?
TEXT 636.336.6638 (SAMANTHA)

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Family Ministry Kicks Off in September!

Hi Church Family,

I am so excited to be here, in the midst of ALL the ministry happening at Concord Trinity UMC. Y'all have welcomed me warmly and with great hospitality; I am grateful. We have welcomed new Sixth Graders with Sundaes and held the Back-to-School Celebration with over 200 people?! JT and I will be dropping off 335 school supplies collected to Dressel Elementary in the coming week. Our community is so generous!



We Need You at EQUIP NIGHT

Sept 7, 6 - 7:30 pm in the Gym

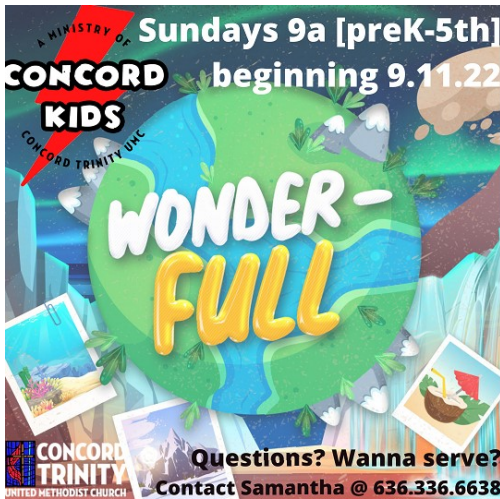


Please RSVP to enjoy a nacho bar while exploring all the opportunities to serve in Family Ministry from rocking babies to sending care packs to our college students – or anywhere in between! We need Confirmation Mentors and Sunday morning kids mentors. **We need YOU** to say yes to being part of the **Generation HERE** at Concord Trinity. Can't make it? Just

contact me at sfomera@concordtrinity.org.

I want to meet everyone and hear your story! Please reach out so we can schedule a time to chat over coffee or lunch – or even a late-night ice cream! And don't forget to get those annual permission forms completed (concordtrinity.org/youth-ministry).

Peace + Love,
samantha fomera (636)336-6638



Sunday Morning Gatherings for Kids age 3 – Grade 5!

Join Us Starting Sep. 11
(Check in at Sanctuary Welcome Desk)

Questions? Wanna serve?
Contact Samantha @ 636.336.6638

Sunday Morning
Youth Gatherings
Grades 6 – 12

Join Us Starting Sep. 11
(Just come straight to
Room 224, the Youth Center)



SEPTEMBER 2022

CT YOUTH 6-12TH FALL LAUNCH

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09.11.2022 | 6-8P
LIFE-SIZED GAME NIGHT

SNACKS | FUN | FRIENDS | OUTDOORS

Questions? Text Samantha @ 636.336.6638

New Series
**YOUTH [6-12GR.]
SUNDAYS 6-8P**
Starting 09.18.2022

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Friendship is
AWESOME and
HARD! Let's
chat about it!



Questions? Text
Samantha @ 636.336.6638

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Use South Entrance. Doors open 5:45p

**Sunday
Evenings
Just Got
More Fun!**

**Bring All
Your
Friends!**

Church Leadership Council Invites You!

All welcome to our monthly meeting every 2nd Monday evening,
6:30 pm room 223: Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9,
Feb. 13, March 13, April 10all year 'round.

Have a Question? Just ask one of our council members before/
after worship or get their contact info in Realm:

Kurt Oakes (class of 2022)

Sarah Lord (class of 2022)

Bobby Parish – Finance Chair (class of 2022)

Bob Pennycuick (class of 2023)

Darren Mitchell (class of 2023)

Di Nichols – CLC Chair (class of 2023)

Dave Genthon (class of 2024)

Gale Preston – Lay Leader (class of 2024)

Glenn Kvidahl (class of 2024)

Thank You

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