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# Concord Trinity UMC

## MAY 2022

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### *From the Desk of ...* **Pastor Mary Weaver**

Hello Friends,

We have a lot of changes coming up with our staffing, and it might seem too disruptive at a time when we're just getting back in our groove after COVID.

However, let's see this as an opportunity to structure our staff to align even better with our **mission and vision**.

**CTUMC's mission is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision is to connect people in the community to Christ and to each other.** We have a fantastic team of staff, and we will miss both Pastor Laura and Melanie, but because of the wonderful work they have done over the years, they have set us up and enabled us to achieve that mission and vision.

We are taking this opportunity to assess the staff roles we need and align them with the mission and vision of CTUMC. Once we are able to do that, we will decide on what positions to hire and whether our current staff roles might be adapted.

The Church Leadership Council (CLC) and a few of the staff will be meeting for a Visioning Session on May 7 to discuss all our staffing options based on our mission and vision. If we truly are about making new disciples and connecting people to Christ and each other, then our staff roles need to reflect that as well. It is scary to think about the potential changes but exciting as well! After May 7, we hope to have a plan of action in place for our staffing structure, so stay tuned!

Blessings,  
Pastor Mary

## Trusting in the Lord Through Life

by [Rev. Laura Taylor](#)

My favorite bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6: **“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understandings. In all your ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.”**

I’ve considered it my life verse, and God has certainly led the way many times in my past when I didn’t understand what was going on.

Through our infertility struggles, which ended up with the adoption of two amazing daughters, and then a biological surprise son who are now all in their twenties. Through a move from Kansas City back to St. Louis to serve at a church in Wildwood that was growing so fast the staff could hardly keep up.

Through a health crisis that seemed to stop me at the peak of my ministry career and had me relearn much about ministry with a humbler heart.

Through mental health struggles of family members. And through connecting me to Concord Trinity UMC to test the waters of pastoral leadership again, beginning with part time and becoming full-time while focusing on discipleship and missions in a very different world context than in decades past.

I’ve had the joy of walking alongside so many individuals and families

who’ve taught me so much about God and community. I’ve prayed at hospital bedsides and cried at funerals. I’ve led Bible study



and small group classes in the hopes of launching more learning leaders in the church who can help others grow in their relationship with Christ. I’ve worked to help us take additional steps in mission from just collecting items for donation to also developing relationships and serving alongside those in need.

And worked to learn what the Church can do to help address the root causes of poverty, division, and human struggles in our communities.

Through it all, I’ve trusted God to direct my path and I was surprised by a strong feeling I had in 2021 when I heard Missouri’s Bishop Robert Farr saying that we had a full-time pastor shortage and he had 18 churches in Missouri they were trying to fill.

Something stirred inside of me that I can’t explain other than it was a God nudge

As a Deacon, I’m fully ordained with an area of specialization in Christian

Education. I would often find my own places to serve while the Bishop finalized appointments. In the last couple of years, several of my Deacon friends have become lead pastors at churches in order to help the growing needs for ministry across the state.

I felt led to offer my services if needed for 2022. I am so blessed to serve with Pastor Mary and our current Church Leadership Council. They have been so vision- and mission-focused as we try to regroup from the pandemic impact and focus on worship, missions and ministries that connect with the community for the present and future of CTUMC.

Basically, most churches in the US find themselves needing to “relaunch” or start over with new direction, strategy and volunteer development. We’ve been through extremely trying times unlike anything many of us have experienced before, but we are choosing to learn and grow through them instead of becoming paralyzed by them.

As was announced April 10 from the pulpit and in an all-church email, I have accepted an appointment to serve as full time lead pastor at Elsberry UMC beginning July 1. My last Sunday in the pulpit will

be June 19 where we will celebrate God’s actions in our lives and then I’ll begin packing up to move to a parsonage in Elsberry, Mo.

Although the process has been filled with restless nights, many tears and stomach aches, I believe that God is truly directing my path in all of this. My years of learning and leading here will impact my ability to learn and lead in a church with a heart for missions in a smaller town experiencing a 48.5% poverty rate for kids. I’m hopeful that with your heart for missions here, **perhaps we can build a bridge between two compassionate communities with resources to help kids and families be able to thrive instead of just survive.**

I truly love all of you, this church, this staff and the church council. This will be hard for all of us, but I’m acknowledging God, trusting with my heart and excited to see how God continues to direct our paths into the future for connecting others with Christ and community for the transformation of the world.

Thank you for your love, support and prayers.

Love,

[Pastor Laura Taylor](#)

# Worship Updates For May

[Lori Scott](#), Director of Worship

## No Minor Roles

“Minors Playing in the Majors” is our sermon series through May, highlighting several minor characters in the Bible that had major impact in the story of God’s Love for us. This series will focus not on baseball, but on these individuals: Jael, Ananias, Abigail, Cyrus the Great, and Hagar. While baseball season has begun, this sermon series will support our walk with the Lord illustrating that our lives, just like these minor Bible characters’, are vital to God’s work through us!

## Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 22 we will honor our College and High School graduates during the 9 am service. To have your grad included, contact the [srosendahl@concordtrinity.org](mailto:srosendahl@concordtrinity.org) before May 10th!

## Confirmation Sunday

**Pentecost is on Sunday**, June 5, when we will celebrate Confirmation, the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the church. Anyone is welcome to become a church member on **Pentecost Sunday**, contact Pastor Laura for details! Worshipers traditionally **wear Red on Pentecost Sunday**.

## 2022 Concert Series Scholarship Winner

The CTUMC Concert Series Board is proud to announce our 2022 scholarship recipient is **Natalie Van Winkle**, cellist. Natalie has played cello in church ensembles since the age of 7. She was selected as an All-State Missouri Orchestra member for the past four years. She was also selected for the National Orchestra as well. **At the May 22nd Concert Series event, Natalie will be our special guest performer!** You won’t want to miss it!

## Final Concert Series Event of Spring

Join us at **4 pm Sunday, May 22**, for our final Concert Series Event of the season with the return of [The Premier Duo](#) featuring Jennifer Gartley, flutist, and Megan Stout, harpist. From medieval music to hymns to pop tunes, they bring a uniquely beautiful program to life! Thank you to all our patrons and friends who made this a magical season! See all our info and the latest concert recordings: [ConcordTrinity.org/Concert-Series](https://ConcordTrinity.org/Concert-Series).

Mark Your Calendars  
Confirmation Sunday, June 5, 2022  
(Pentecost Sunday)  
 Confirmation  
*Sunday*



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## Retirement Announcement

by [Melanie Lloyd](#)

Concord Trinity Friends, this is to formally tell you, I am retiring in June from my position of Coordinator of Congregational Care. My last workday will be Sunday, June 19, 2022. Even though I am leaving the church staff, I am not leaving Concord Trinity. This church has been my home since 1981 and I know Concord Trinity has a bright future.

I have enjoyed my time on staff, first as an Office Assistant and later my current position. I have learned so much from my colleagues and the congregation. My understanding of the needs of our congregation has grown. I have the best coworkers which anyone could ask. I am happy with my accomplishments while at Concord Trinity: starting Congregational Care Connections during Covid, expanding the Care Team and Prayer team memberships, caring and connecting with those in need, and starting a Grief Support group (GriefShare).

In retirement, I plan to spend more time with my grandchildren, children, my dad & Scott's mom. Scott and I have travel plans as well.

Blessings,  
[Melanie Lloyd](#)



### GriefShare Grief Support Group has Begun

Thanks to everyone's prayers and generosity, our first 13-week session of GriefShare Support Group has started and is a big success. There were just the right number of participants to completely fill this session, and hopefully we will have the volunteers to start a new session later in the fall. GriefShare is an international group and a great outreach tool -- more than half of our first session's participants are from outside of CTUMC. To find out more about this wonderful support group, visit [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org), or Melanie at [mlloyd@concordtrinity.org](mailto:mlloyd@concordtrinity.org).



## UMW Garage Sale 2022

It is unbelievable but the UMW Garage Sale on Saturday, June 4th, is just around the corner! We will need help accepting donations and setting up starting Sunday, May 29th between noon and 3 pm, Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 7 pm, and Friday, June 3, from 8 am – noon. We

are desperate for any helpers, so if you can please lend a hand for an hour or even longer.

### **DONATIONS NOT ACCEPTED FOR GARAGE SALE:**

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Encyclopedias              | 6) Baby Cribs                    |
| 2) Artificial Christmas trees | 7) Child/Baby Car Seats          |
| 3) Tires                      | 8) TVs of Any Kind               |
| 4) Water Beds                 | 9) Computer Monitors of Any Kind |
| 5) Fish Aquariums             |                                  |

**Information: Call Diana Rudloff at (314)780-5922 or (314)842-1719**

### *Mark Your Calendars*

Community and church friends are invited to a Salad/Dessert Silent Auction Luncheon UMW fundraiser on Saturday, June 11th. Tickets will be sold for **\$15.00** on Sunday, May 22nd, Sunday, May 29th, and Sunday, June 5th between church services in the parlor. Silent Auction donations will be gratefully accepted!

## Financial Snapshot

Operating Budget	March 2022	Year-to-Date	2022 Annual Budget
Revenue	42,307	175,606	679,000
Expenses	55,482	159,933	678,142
Net Income (Loss)	(13,175)	15,673	858
Mortgage Balance	137,356		

## In Memoriam

We keep in our prayers Marilee and Joel Stassel on the death of Marilee's mother, Dorris McCord, on April 15th.

Please also keep in prayer the family of Charlie Tucker, who died April 23rd. Please remember Charlie's wife, Alice, son John, and many friends and extended family.

We prayerfully remember Scott Provance, who died April 26. Condolences go out to his wife, Karen, sister Judy Heil, brother-in-Law John Heil, children, grandchildren and many friends. A celebration of life is planned at Royale Orleans on Sunday, June 12, 1 pm...please RSVP by emailing

Kim at [Kimberli0409@yahoo.com](mailto:Kimberli0409@yahoo.com).

## COVID Comeback Plan Update

If you missed our plans in the April newsletter, here is a recap:

- **CTUMC will continue** to welcome new guests and friends with coffee and donut holes in the parlor in Fellowship Hall between services. The serving of full meals in the building for groups and events is also re-started.
- **Beginning Sunday, May 1,** we will open up Sunday mornings for parlor table setups for group sales. All requests for table setups have to go through the main office for approval before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month that you want the table setup. Only fundraisers for CTUMC ministries are allowed
- **Beginning on Sunday May 8th,** we will partake in Communion within the worship service (communion was temporarily moved from May 1st to May 8th due to staff illness). Communion will be served two ways, by intinction or if you prefer by prepackaged elements. More volunteers to assist Worship Director Lori Scott are needed! [Lscott@concordtrinity.org](mailto:Lscott@concordtrinity.org).

**Celebrate Mother's Day May 8th!** Bring your mom to CTUMC's photo booth and don't miss our "Thanks Mom" giveaways.

We will continue to ask for reservations for worship and events as well as signing in for worship and events for contact tracing, but mainly to record our attendance which helps us with our Hospitality and Connections processes. Masking will continue to be optional. Thank you!

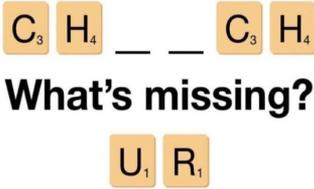


## Be Prepared for Emergencies

by Libby Reimers

When paramedics come to someone’s house, there may be no one to provide information on the patient if he/she cannot speak. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the paramedic could grab your information from a magnet on the fridge?

That’s the idea behind **Vial of Life**, a national program that helps you get your information onto the fridge just in case the paramedics have to come. A free document for you to fill in with your emergency contact’s name and phone number, plus other important medical information, is available in the church office or online at [VialofLife.com](http://VialofLife.com). A free colorful sticker for your front door is also available to let the paramedics know to look for the info sheet on your refrigerator door. Your information is filled in only by you, and no one else shares it. For more info, contact the church office.



## What’s missing?

## Your Church Needs U!

by [Rev. Laura Taylor](#)

Have you heard the song with the line “**I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church together?**” We are the Church together as a community of imperfect folks learning to love and serve from a perfect Savior.

To enable excellent outreach and worship, making new disciples for Jesus Christ, CTUMC needs **YOU** to be the church by serving others through our many volunteer

openings. Thank you if you already serve!

As we try to find our new normal, we need willing and able volunteers to serve in many ways. We won’t sign you up for a lifelong job, but we are asking **YOU** for a commitment to help on a rotating basis for 2022.

You can also switch serving teams if you discover another job fits your schedule, skills and interests better than what you first selected.

### Connections Team

You would volunteer to help now and then (or weekly) with Sunday morning roles such as welcoming, ushering, guest relations, safety/response team and hospitality-

coffee service.

### **Discipleship Small Groups**

Different aged small groups need your time & talents: we need volunteers with younger disciples in Concord Kids Ministry and CTYouth Ministry or with adult small groups, or you can help start and take attendance for groups out in the community or in the church.

**MultiMedia** Could you volunteer to help in worship running the sound board, the Livestream feed and/or the presentation slide software for our Sunday morning worship services? Extensive training is offered.

**Music Ministry** Here you would volunteer to help by singing in the choir next fall, providing special music over the summer, being part of the orchestra for special services or playing with the bells or string groups.

**Worship** You would be perfect volunteering to help with serving communion and to help with decorating church for the different seasons.

**Landscaping** If you're an outdoor type volunteer, sign up to help maintain our plantings. **Special event: Saturday, May 21 from 9 am - Noon** will be CTUMC's outside

work day, and volunteer leader Terry Henneberry will need lots of help with our new landscaping plan (and keeping it looking great year-round).

**Church Office** Here you would volunteer with answering phones, preparing this newsletter, entering attendance data, etc. Fun!

**Building/Maintenance** Volunteers who might have special skills in areas such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC, drywall repair, concrete refinishing, asphalt repair, construction and more to be part of a team that will be called into action as needed.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Click [HERE](#) to register for Volunteer Brunch May 15!

**MAY 15TH**

## Join Us! May 22 11:30 am Pastoral Gathering Event

### Check the statement that applies to you:

\_\_\_ I started attending Concord Trinity recently and want more information about CTUMC mission and ministries.

\_\_\_ CTUMC might be a good place for me to grow in faith and serve in community with others but I have a few questions.

\_\_\_ I have been a regular attendee for some time, but haven't yet made the commitment to join as an active and professing member (*professing* meaning that you profess Jesus as the Lord of your life and take the vows of membership including prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness).

If you checked one of these, please consider coming to our **May 22 Pastoral Gathering in Trinity Hall at 11:30 am**. Our Pastors will present information about the United Methodist Church and answer your questions.

To register for this event, click [HERE](#) or call the church office.

After you attend our Pastoral Gathering Event, consider becoming a full member on June 5th, Pentecost Sunday, our next New Member Day at either 9 am or 10:30 am services (Confirmation Day is also June 5th, where youth will be celebrated at the 10:30 am service).

## Wear Red for Pentecost Day, June 5!



# JOIN US FOR COFFEE

*Join us for coffee  
and donut holes  
every Sunday in  
the parlor  
between services.*



## **Pastor Laura's Updates about Fellowship Time in the Parlor**

Simple coffee and donut holes will be available in the Parlor as we re-start Fellowship time Sundays between 9:45 and 10:45 am in May. We may be able to extend that time as **more volunteers join the hospitality team! To join this team, please email [info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:info@concordtrinity.org).**

## **How CTUMC's Fellowship Time has Changed Due to the Pandemic:**

Our previous coffee company, Ronnoco, took much of its equipment back during the shutdown because we weren't purchasing enough coffee products from them, and it was only on loan anyway. We do own a 1.5-gallon decaf and 1.5-gallon regular coffee pot to use along with the installed brewing system that CTUMC is purchasing the rights to for less than purchasing another industrial coffee maker.

We do not have a volunteer crew to set up and take down tables up in the gym, and tables can't be left up due to gym use. We have added high-top tables in the parlor along with chairs around other tables where you can chat with new church guests or friends....plus we have tables and chairs in room 223 that can be rearranged for use on Sunday mornings. **If you would like to coordinate a set up/tear down team, please let the church office know.**

The former program with St. Louis Bread Co. came to a stop, and to reapply, our use of the leftover pastries doesn't fit with their charitable application which states that the items be distributed only to "the ill, needy or under-privileged infants/children," plus we are lacking a team of volunteers to regularly pick up the items to package for Sunday, even if we did qualify.

**Thank you for your understanding!** We acknowledge that there are lots of changes happening in life and in the church and we wish it wasn't so, but we must adapt and continue to follow Jesus in welcoming guests, showing care and love, and fellowship!

**The Micah Ministry Team is a lay-led social justice, diversity and inclusion ministry focused on internal congregation education, conversation and relationship building as well as on external opportunities for service and mission in the community. Join us!**

**The Social Creed of the  
United Methodist Church**

*by Susan Moellering*

I had the privilege of sitting in with the Confirmation class this month. Our new confirmands are learning about Christianity and United Methodism and beginning to understand what we believe and how we live out those beliefs in this community. All of this is to help them decide whether to make a commitment for themselves.

Both JT Young and Bob Carpenter introduced to the confirmands the Social Creed from the Book of Discipline, walking them step by step through the basics.

It reminded me of the rich history behind why Social Justice is a part of the DNA of the United Methodist Church and many of the reasons I chose to be a part of Concord Trinity UMC 30 years ago.

Pastor Laura also decided to use the Social Creed as a basis for one of our prayer stations on Good Friday. So I thought it might be helpful to all of us, as adults, to revisit this beautiful

statement of faith and ask ourselves what commitments to these principles we want to make and how they should become a part of our CTUMC life.

The current **Social Principles and the Social Creed** come from the **2016 Book of Resolutions** from General Conference, but they are rooted in the history of the UMC from the early 1900s and have been refined and reconfirmed at each moment of our development and at each General Conference.

An excerpt from the Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church 2016 states it this way: "Taking an active stance in society is nothing new for followers of John Wesley. He set the example for us to combine personal and social piety. Ever since predecessor churches to United Methodism flourished in the United States, we have been known as a denomination involved with people's lives, with political and social struggles, having local- to international-mission implications. Such involvement is an expression of

the personal change we experience in our baptism and conversion.”

I have a challenge for you this month - read through The Social Creed (below), think about all the areas of our life that it touches, pray about it, consider one way you can be active in the life of CTUMC, or the life of our surrounding community, that honors the Social Creed.

The CTUMC Micah Ministry Team’s mission to focus on issues of social justice including but not limited to the full inclusion of individuals of all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic status and physical and mental abilities and care and concern for the environment comes directly from our understanding of the Social Creed.

Our Team will begin having a table in the parlor in May and we would love for you to stop by and ask questions, volunteer, and maybe get resources to help you understand your own call to live out this important part of United Methodism., and perhaps purchase a yard sign.

Let’s all model this for our young confirmation students who are preparing to make their commitments on Pentecost Sunday!

Here is **The Social Creed from The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church - 2016**

“We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the

Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

**Amen.”**

MAY 2022



**SATURDAY  
MAY 14, 2022  
1PM - 3PM**

1321 S. 11th St. | St. Louis, MO | 63104

All are welcome to join Concord Kids for our work day with LifeWise as we seek to follow in the footsteps of Christ and serve the "least of these" among us.

Questions? Email [jtyoung@concordtrinity.org](mailto:jtyoung@concordtrinity.org)



Anyone of any age or abilities can come along to help at Life Wise! Please register to attend

May 14th by clicking [HERE](#) or take a cell photo of the QR code below





**When: June 13-16, 2022  
6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Where: Concord Trinity UMC**

**Who: All genders and abilities  
between  
1st-8th grade**

**Cost: \$10/kiddo**

**Click [HERE](#) To Register!  
Invite a Friend!**

**When: June 20-23, 2022  
6pm-9pm**

**Where: Concord Trinity UMC**

**Who: All genders and abilities  
between  
1st-12th grade**

**Cost: \$10/kiddo**



**Click [HERE](#) To Register!  
Invite a Friend!**

# DAY CAMP ON LOCATION

at:

Concord  
Trinity UMC

JULY 4-8

Give your kids the BEST week of their summer!



SIGN UP! [eaglelakecamps.com/concordtrinity](http://eaglelakecamps.com/concordtrinity)

A CONCORD KIDS + CTYOUTH EVENT

# Eagle Lake Camp 2022

*A 5-day summer camp for kids ages 6 to 12  
Students age 13-17 can register to be crew members for free!*

JULY 4 - 8, 2022

CONCORD TRINITY UMC

Camp Fee: \$105 per camper.

# vol•un•teer

Pronunciation

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Definition

*agent of change*



Scan the QR Code below to be an agent of change at [Eagle Lake Camp 2022](#)



## **COUNTDOWN - SIX WEEKS UNTIL EAGLE LAKE CAMP WEEK!**

### **Can You Spare 45 Minutes in July?**

Want to make a positive difference in the life of a child? Then sign up for one of the many volunteer spots for the week of **July 4 – 8 at Eagle Lake Camp here at CTUMC!** Some of our many openings for volunteers need as little as 45 minutes -- whatever you can help with:



- Spend 45 minutes on a weekday morning checking campers in. Help one day or every day.
- Spend 45 minutes on a weekday late afternoon checking campers out. Help one day or every day.
- Starting June 21st bring to the church office during business hours snack donations needed for team break room the week of camp. Bring in non-peanut healthy and not-so-healthy snacks & drinks (please bring fresh fruit the week of camp only).
- Make or order lunch for Counselors and Crew during the week. Help one day or several days.
- If you have medical training (nurse, EMT, paramedic, etc.), volunteer one day or several days to be the onsite first aid person. We need a medical person every day.
- Help prep crafts for use as an option during daily free time.
- Prepare or provide lunch for about 24 counselors on Sunday July 3rd.



2022 Master Event Calendar

**January**

Saturday, Jan. 22, 10am-12pm  
*LifeWise STL Volunteer Work Day*

**April**

Saturdays in April, 10am-12pm  
*Payne Stewart Kids Golf Camp*

**May**

Saturday, May 14, 1pm-3pm  
*LifeWise STL Volunteer Work Day*

**June**

Sunday, June 5, 12pm-2pm  
*Faith + Family + Fun Day*

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Mon-Thu, June 13-16, 6:30pm-8:30pm  
*CTUMC Basketball Skills and Drills Camp*

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Mon-Thu, June 20-23, 6pm-9pm  
*CTUMC Cheerleading Skills and Drills Camp*

**July**

Monday, July 4-Friday, July 8  
*Eagle Lake Camp*

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Sunday, July 10, 12pm-2pm  
*Faith + Family + Fun Day*

**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!*



Families and Friends of Concord Kids,

I can't believe we're already into May! It feels like we just had Christmas Eve service a couple of weeks ago, but I guess time flies when you're having fun!

The month of April was an exciting one at Concord Kids. First, we completed our first-ever Payne Stewart Golf Camp, and it was a HUGE success! We had 29 kiddos attend our camp and the majority of our attendees were from families who were not previously connected to our church.

Folks heard of our camp mostly through social media, but also via word-of-mouth from our members who have been sharing with friends and acquaintances about the awesome things we have going on!

It really goes to show the methods of communication that people are responding to: social media and personal testimony. Keep that in mind the next time you're excited about something going on at CTUMC; sharing it with someone in your life might just entice them to come along for the ride!

A HUGE thank you to the team that made the Payne Stewart camp possible: **Di Nichols, Tom Henneberry, Scott Lloyd, Linda Henry, Bob Koch, Kurt & Laura Oakes, Jim Johnson, Darren Mitchell, and Pete Smith.**

These folks were really the ones who made camp possible week in and week out and did an absolutely phenomenal job connecting with all the kids in attendance. I'm excited about the possibility of continuing this camp for many years to come!

Speaking of the future, we have a lot of awesome things planned in the upcoming months! **May 14th join our second LifeWise workday. In June, we have our CTUMC Basketball and Cheer camps. And in July, we'll be hosting Eagle Lake!**

We already have 70 campers and crew signed up for Eagle Lake, which is super exciting! All the details for these, and other events can be found on the Master 2022 Concord Kids event calendar (Previous Page).

Again, many thanks to you all and your continued support of our youngest disciples! If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Grace + Peace,

**J.T. Young**, MDiv (he/him/his)

**Director of Children's Ministry**

## Hello, CTYouth Friends!

We had a great April together, from Sunday night fellowship and worship together.... Senior High Fridays.... and Easter Sunrise Service.

May is going to be a fun month together, and I hope you'll mark your calendars for our awesome events!



- **Last Blast Celebration** will take place Sunday, May 22 from 6-8 pm at church. Come ready to have fun, get wet, and celebrate summer!
- **Senior Recognition Sunday** Parents of seniors, if you would like your senior to be included in our video on May 22 in both worship services in the morning, please **email BY MAY 8th to [Sarah Rosendahl](mailto:Sarah.Rosendahl@concordtrinity.org)** with a senior picture, high school or college name, and a summary of future plans!
- **Confirmation Sunday, June 5** Confirmation Classes are finishing soon, so mark your calendars to celebrate Confirmation at the 10:30 am service on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5! Wear red for Pentecost!**

**CTYOUTH has started a love garden** in the currently unused vegetable garden beds at church to provide quality, organic produce to families that need it most, our way to attack food insecurity in the neighborhood and reach out with the Love of Jesus.



Our youth will work with food ministries in the area to help feed our community! People of all generations are welcome to come help, and we will be meeting regularly throughout spring and summer to tend to the garden. Depending on long-range weather forecasts, we will set a date soon to plant in the garden, so stay tuned for that! Over the summer, we typically take a break from our weekly Sunday Night Gatherings, but we will start up some small groups for separate middle school and senior high groups to spend some time together in fellowship: bonding, growing, and having fun this summer! Look for updates!

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## A Great Ministry Partner, Feed My People

*By Marilyn Bohnsack*

Concord Trinity has supported the programs of Feed My People through the years, a wonderful South County agency providing assistance to people in need. This legacy started with John and Carol DeGuire 40 years ago in a house on Lemay Ferry Road.

Today, a Jefferson County location is in High Ridge, and another is at 171 Kingston Drive, 63125. An anniversary gala celebration, “**40 Years of Compassion**”, will celebrate the legacy of the DeGuire Family on November 6, 2022, at Orlando’s on Hoffmeister.

Feed My People is run by an elected Board of Directors. There are 15 paid employees and over 400 volunteers. Feed My People’s 2022 Revenue Budget is \$1.3 million cash and \$3.3 million in-kind. The buildings are free from debt with \$500,000 endowment monies used for the Kingston property and the High Ridge property purchased by an auction bid.

Service to clients is currently done by zip code in both High Ridge and South

County but serve anyone from anywhere on an emergency basis. Kingston averages 1,000 clients weekly, and the High Ridge location serves 550. The intake process is done by volunteers, and the client leaves the first visit with 3 days' worth of food for each person in the household, vouchers for clothing, personal care items, and a schedule for the next visit which will occur every 2 weeks. More support and counseling may be offered as needed.

Basically, Feed My People is supported by the following:

**DONATIONS:** clothing, household items, food and paper products, etc.

**GRANTS:** a grant writer is a paid position there.

**FUNDRAISERS:** Twilight walk/run in Tower Grove Park will happen July 9th from 5-8 pm, and Manna March and Fall Festival is planned for Sept. 18th, 12 pm – 4 pm at St. Paul UCC in Oakville.

**VOLUNTEERS:** so many in our community are called to help at Feed My People, including our own member **Diana Rudloff**, who volunteers four days per week!

For more info, visit  
[feed-my-people.org](https://www.feed-my-people.org)

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