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January 2023 Newsletter

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

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*Happy
new
Year*

INVITING PEOPLE TO
MAKE CONNECTIONS
TO CHRIST AND
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Concord Trinity UMC

JANUARY 2023

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

Hello Concord Trinity Friends and Happy New Year!

Any New Year's resolutions getting started yet? Any already broken?!

That's ok, give yourself some grace and try again. This is the perfect time of year to try something new for your health, for your family, for your peace of mind.

We are creatures of habit but there are some habits we need some help to break out of. Like eating a box of thin mints, or cussing like a sailor, or not exercising!

One thing I'm doing new this year is changing my last name. You may have seen or heard in different places "**Mary Rodgers-Weaver.**" My maiden name is Rodgers, my married name is Weaver.

As most of you know I am divorced and have been now for 12 years. When I got divorced, I received full legal and physical custody of my two girls, so I didn't want a different last name than theirs, knowing it would be a whole lot easier with school and legal documents.

However, now that they are older and both in college, and less dependent on their mother, I would like to reclaim my maiden name. I'm a Rodgers through and through and proud of it, and my girls are Weavers and I'm proud of them too. They support me 100% and understand why I want to make the change. *(Continued)*

So for a while I will unofficially be Mary Rodgers-Weaver so that Rodgers gets more familiar to everyone, and then I will eventually change my name legally to Mary Rodgers.

It will take a while as I have a LOT of documents in my married name, but that’s why I’m starting at the beginning of the year. It might take me all year for this resolution to manifest itself, but I’m going to start now!

Blessings to you and good luck with your resolutions!
 Pastor Mary



Financial Snapshot *from the Church Leadership Council*

Operating Budget	November 2022	Year-to-Date	2022 Annual Budget
Revenue	48,853	581,649	679,000
Expenses	60,703	645,910	678,142
Net Income (Loss)	(11,850)	(64,261)	858
Mortgage Balance	103,125		

Worship Updates

[Lori Scott](#), Director of Worship

New Sermon Series for January-*Who is Jesus?*

Explore with us the many Biblical descriptions of Jesus: refugee, theologian, activist, and our Savior.

A Great Time to Sing or Ring!

Join us when **Chancel Choir** resumes weekly practice on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm. All singers from 9th grade and up are welcome to "Make A Joyful Noise to the Lord."

New Spirit Bells bell choir returns to weekly rehearsals on Sunday, January 8 at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. Want to ring? Contact Emily Mehigh at emehigh@concordtrinity.org

Thanks, Volunteers!

A thank you to the **Connections Team, Media, Musicians, Advent Wreath participants, Communion, Scripture Readers and all volunteers** who assisted with worship during the busy holiday season and throughout the year. You are a blessing!

Christmas Decorations Take-Down

Come lend a hand to put away decorations for the year on Sunday, January 8 between 2:30 pm and 4 pm in the sanctuary.

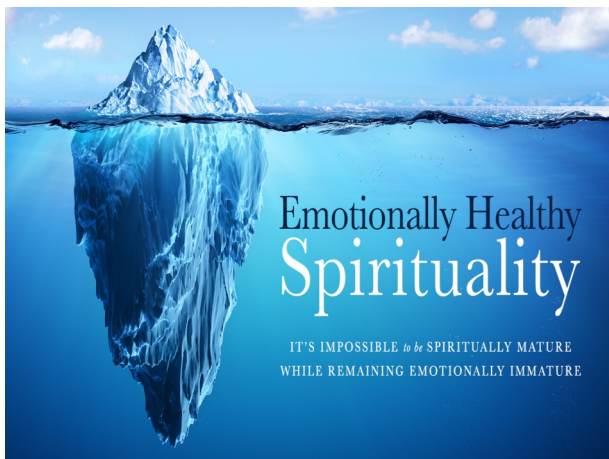
Schedule of Free Concerts for You to Enjoy at CTUMC (Bring a Friend!)

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)



This Book Study is A Great Way to Start the New Year!

New short-term book study group

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Mondays from 6:30 pm-8 pm

January 16-March 6

at Concord Trinity UMC rm 222

Group Leaders:

Laura & Kurt Oakes

Janine & Rick Youngstrom

Please Register or Let Us Know You can Come:

1. On [Realm](#)
2. [At Concordtrinity.org > "Grow" > "Adult Discipleship"](#)
3. or call the church office: (314) 842-2060

Questions?

Call the Church Office or Ask / Reach out to [J.T. Young](#)

JANUARY 2023



A network of small, cooperative gatherings revolving around spiritual reflection and community engagement.



concordtrinity.org/concordco-ops

launching January 2023

You are welcome to sit in with a group any time . . . these small groups will not have a book study but will have lots of fellowship, food and discussion. Bring a friend! For more info, please call the church office or visit

concordtrinity.org/concordco-ops



Thanks to All for a Great Toy Breakfast!

After three years of being unable to plan a large gathering, the Toy Breakfast on Sunday, December 4th was a resounding success thanks to the generosity of the Concord Trinity UMC family! Because of all the donations, CTUMC provided 95 toys to Chapel for the Exceptional and they were thrilled! Kudos to Diana and Kim Rudloff for making this happen.

In addition, we added over \$460 to CTUMC's People in Crisis Fund to be used for families in need! Thanks for everyone's generosity and the help provided by volunteers who prepared and served the meal, then cleaned up. We had 18+ volunteers, and they were:

Greg Mueller, Nolan Black, Matt Broom, Kurt Oakes, Jim Johnson, Lynne & Mike Weinzettel, Cindy Smuda, Dave Genthon, Tom Henneberry, Tom Bellavia, Dan Alfeldt, Bob Nichols, Bobby Parish, Dick Rosenberger, John Warhoover, Bob Koch. (If I missed anyone, I apologize for the oversight!)

Special thanks to Joel Stassel for getting the kitchen set up so we could start cooking at 7:30 am; to Greg Mueller for assisting with the food purchases and picking up things we missed; to the CLC for approving the event; and to Pastor Mary for sponsoring us.

Given the turnout and the response, along with so many favorable comments from members, we should look to reinstating the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast as well. Stay tuned to find out more information as we get closer to the date!

**All glory to God, who blessed us this day,
Bob Koch**

UNITED GLOBAL



New Clothing Donation Bin at CTUMC

When you are ready to donate old clothes this winter at CTUMC you will notice a new donation bin provided by a local group that helps survivors of human trafficking, unitedglobalthreads.com.

Questions? Contact Diana Rudloff.

Classes for Adults

- MONDAYS** (delayed til late January) 10 am Sisters Bible Study (room 223)
- MONDAYS** (6 week study) *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*
room 222 6:30 pm 1.16.23-3.6.23 (see page 5)
- TUESDAYS** 1 pm Bible with Bob Class (room 223)
- THURSDAYS** 8 am Men's Bible Study (room 222)
9:30 am Thursday Sisters Bible Study (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 @ 10:00 am in room 223

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

Classes for Kids

Restarting January 8th!

Kids 3-1/2 to 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 3-1/2 to 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 pages 12-13 for more Concord Kids' and CTYouth information)



EVENTS YOU CAN JOIN

Join us Every Sunday for **Worship 9 am and 10:30 am**

Please Join Us for These Events! (Classes are listed pages 8&9

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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!) |
| Every Wednesday | Starting up Jan 11: Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm/
Sanctuary All invited to help us "Make a Joyful
Noise!" Lscott@concordtrinity.org |
| 2nd Thursdays | UMW Sarah Circle 10am, Rm. 223
Join them every Second Thursday of the Month! |
| 2nd Saturdays | Jan. 14th 10 am join Cutting Edge Card Makers
room 223. |
| 2nd, 3rd, 4th
Sundays | starting up again Jan. 8th
Children's Sunday Morning Gatherings
Weeks 2, 3, 4 of month - Check in at welcome
desk 9 am
(No Sunday Morning Gathering on First Sunday,
Communion Sunday so families can partake of
Holy Communion together) |
| Every Sunday | Youth Sunday Morning Gatherings 9 am, Room 226
Combined Bell Choir 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Youth Group Evenings 6 pm (South Entrance) |
| Sun., Jan. 8th | 2:30 pm lend a hand to "undecorate" the
sanctuary and put away Christmas decor |
| Mon., Jan. 9th | All Welcome to Church Leadership Council
Meeting (6:30 pm, room 223) - Join them the
second Monday of each month! |
| Mon., Jan. 9th | UMW Circle TWO invites you to the Monthly
Meeting 6 pm (Second Monday of the Month,
Trinity Hall) |

- Weds., Jan. 11th Cans, Cards & Soup Adult Fellowship
Time, 12:30 pm - 4 pm with light food,
card games and nice conversation (Every
Month, Second Weds.) Please call the church
office to register or click [HERE](#).
- Mon., Jan 16th Short book study *Emotionally Healthy
Spirituality*, a great way to start the new year!
Jan. 16th to March 6 (see page 5)
- Sunday, Jan. 22nd CTUMC Social Justice Ministry Event: Gun
Violence & Justice in America, Lunch & Learn
11.30 am in the Gym (Please call the office to
register)
- Feb. 11, 2023 **Confirmation** Classes Begin, grade 8 and up!
Questions? Just call the church office (314)842-2060
More Events Coming - Check your weekly Email Update
or visit concordtrinity.org



Click [HERE](#) for the
CTUMC FB page

In Memoriam

Please join us in sending up prayers
of comfort for these families:

For the family of Trevelyn Zander, who died Nov. 15.
We are keeping in prayer his wife Dorothy, children,
stepchildren, grandchildren & friends.

For the family of Maurine Seibert, who died December 11. We
are keeping in prayer her daughter Julie Berman, brother
Jerry Matthews and all family & friends.

For Jean Thompson whose son-in-law passed away
recently in Springfield, Mo.

Happy New Year, CT Family!

by [Samantha Fomera](#), *Directory of Family Ministries*

December was such a full, beautiful month in Family Ministry!
What a way to end 2022!

Here are some of my favorite highlights:

- The kids rehearsed together with Terry Henneberry (Children's Choir Director) to sing ***Away in a Manger*** with the adult choir at the Dec. 4th Christmas Cantata, directed by Lori Scott.
- Many families accepted the invitation help light the Advent Wreath.
- Youth chose to use some of their fundraising monies to Adopt a Family and they shopped to provide Christmas to a family with teens and a single mom, going above and beyond what was expected!
- We had tables full of food and conversation with 50 attendees at the City of Angels Intergenerational Family Christmas Event Dec. 11th.
- Our Family Ministry collected 100+ kitchen items for **Home Sweet Home STL** throughout Advent! Thank you for your generosity!

As we head into 2023, here's what is on the horizon:

- The 2023 Confirmation Cohort will start in February, with special guests and interviews from our congregants – and the opportunity to see other places of worship, like the Cathedral Basilica and the Jewish Synagogue.
- We've planned another Kids Payne Stewart Golf Camp for April, with Heartland Day Camp coming to us July 31 through August 4! (Plan to volunteer now!) Registrations open soon!
- Youth are registering for Summer Trips already! Youth 2023 is a global conference every four years for youth, and our Mission Trip will serve a rural community in Pennsylvania. Each trip costs \$300-\$400 per person, so we'll be needing sponsors to ensure cost is not a concern.
NOTE: registration deadlines are soon, call the office or Samantha for more info.
- We've been able to form a **Kids Ministry TEAM** who are supporting our

kids weekly and our **Youth Leadership Team** continues to show up in big ways for our youth as we shift into a mission-driven culture in 2023!

There are so many ways CTUMC is connecting with each other and forming those relationships with Jesus. It may look different across generations. But none of this is possible without our incredible volunteers who serve with huge hearts for our young disciples. Thank you for being part of something big!

with gratitude +
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Bring a Friend! CTUMC Kids and Youth 2023
(check for updates concordtrinity.org)

**Jan. 8th Kids' and Youth Sunday Gatherings
Return (Also Youth Sunday Evenings)**

Join a CTUMC Co-op with Your Family (pg. 6)

**February 7th - Confirmation Classes Start
(Grades 8+)**

Golf Camp Coming in April

Youth Mission Trip July 8-15 (register by March 1)

**United Methodist Youth 2023 July 24-29
(register by January 15th!)**

CTUMC Summer Day Camp July 31 - Aug. 4th



2023 MISSION TRIP

JULY 8-15, 2023

**SERVE
GROW
LEAD
CELEBRATE**

TRUCKSVILLE, PA

\$400/YOUTH (\$75 DUE BY MAR.1)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE.

QUESTIONS? CALL/TEXT 636.336.6638



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WORSHIP | SERVE | LEARN
with UM Youth from **AROUND THE WORLD!!!**

YOUTH 2023

DAYTONA BEACH FL | JULY 25-28

With all expenses taken into consideration, it will cost between \$800-1,000 per person. Yet - it is WORTH IT! For some, it might be LIFE-CHANGING! Youth (6-12th) & Adults must register with Samantha by Jan 15 for early-bird pricing.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 15*

*\$100 of cost due at time of registration.

Final cost will depend on fundraising & sponsorship efforts.

CONCORD KIDS' CAMP



July 31-Aug 4

\$115/Camper

Scholarships Available



2023 Confirmation

TUESDAYS 7-8:30p | Feb 7-May 16

Open invitation to Grades 8+ for 2023 Confirmation Cohort

Sign up now for this time of exploration of what it means to follow Jesus!



We'll look at why Jesus had to die and rise from the dead, what the Bible has to do with 2023, and so much more. The exploration will involve a hopeful field-trip to some different places of worship and discussion of various world religions.

no pressure. no fast decisions. YOUR decision.



Student must register by Jan 31 to join this year's cohort!
Register on Realm, call 314.842.2060, or email sfomera@concordtrinity.org

Church Leadership Council Invites You!

All welcome to our monthly meeting every 2nd Monday evening, 6:30 pm room 223: 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)

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)



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