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JUNE 2022 Newsletter

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From the Desk of ...

[Pastor Mary Weaver](#)

Hello Concord Trinity Family,

It seems we have been announcing one change after another these past couple of months and here are some more! After the Church Leadership Council (CLC) met in May over the course of 6 hours to talk about our vision, and how the staff can be shaped to achieve that vision, we have come up with a staff structure that is very exciting! We will miss Pastor Laura Taylor, Sarah Rosendahl, and Melanie Lloyd, but we have a new opportunity with their departures to restructure a thriving team who will work together toward our mission and vision.

Mission – To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision – To connect people in the community to Christ and to each other.
Staff and Position Changes:

Ministerial Director of Discipleship and Missions – J.T. Young has accepted the move into Pastor Laura's current role. Most of the job duties will be the same as he will oversee and direct missions, adult discipleship (including connections) and participate in worship services. Although J.T. did serve as a UMC Licensed Local Pastor (LLP) for 2 years in Pennsylvania, and has a Masters in Divinity, he is not ordained or certified as an LLP in the Missouri conference. Even though his title will be the Ministerial Director of Discipleship and Missions, J.T. has the skills, gifts and experience of being in a pastoral role. J.T. will start in this role on June 20 and will report to Pastor Mary.

Coordinator of Care and Connections – Nancy Merrell has accepted the move into this new role which is a combination of Melanie Lloyd's Coordinator of Congregational Care role, and the connections and communication aspect of her current role as Office Manager. She will

oversee the care connections that are needed with members of our congregation who have special needs, prayer requests and need visiting, and she will also oversee the connections with guests, new members, current members, and members we haven't seen in a while. Nancy will begin this role after Melanie's retirement on June 19 and continue to report to Pastor Mary.

Director of Family Ministries – This is a new position based on the importance of having our children and youth ministries under the same umbrella. These two areas are vital to making new disciples of Jesus Christ but there is always a tendency to have them siloed off from each other which can inadvertently lead to miscommunication and competition. The Director of Family Ministries will cast a vision for family ministry and oversee both Youth Ministry and Kids Ministry through the ministry work of volunteers. This is a full-time position that is currently open to applicants. This role will report to J.T. as the Ministerial Director.

Office Manager – With Nancy Merrell moving into her new role (see above), we are hiring a 32-hour position for the main office. Mainly office administrative duties for the church (including answering phones, managing calendar and building requests, using Realm, filing, etc.), this role will also aid the Director of Family Ministries with administrative duties for the youth and children's ministries. This role is currently open to applicants and will report to Pastor Mary.

Change can be scary, but it can also be exactly what we need to get to where we are going, and Concord Trinity is on the map to do some great stuff for God's kingdom. Now is the time to re-engage with your faith community and be a part of something new. As an Easter people, we live in a perpetual state of hope, not because everything is easy all the time, but because when things aren't easy, we can see what our work goes to. In a life of hope and trials, we can know that doing ministry leads somewhere: thy kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

If you have any questions or concerns or comments, please contact me or any member of the CLC.

Blessings,
[Pastor Mary](#)



“Happy Hour” with Pastor Mary - Just Drop In! Kids, Youth, Adults!

This summer, I am inviting anyone who wants to join me for some casual happy hours! No, not the alcohol kind, but the fun kind! There is no agenda, it is really informal come-as-you-are, and **“BYO”** (buy your own). It is just a great opportunity to have some fun and fellowship. Kids, youth and adults!

- ♦ **Weds. June 8 at 4 pm, meet at Cold Stone Creamery across from the church and enjoy some ice cream and conversation.**
- ♦ **Thurs., July 7 at 5-6 pm meet at El Maguey Restaurant in the Concord Plaza Shopping Center for Mexican deliciousness.**
- ♦ **Thurs., August 11, 5-6 pm, bring your supper and your lawn chair to church to sit on the front lawn and enjoy the shade.**

Hope to connect with you this summer!

[Pastor Mary](#)

Worship Updates

[Lori Scott](#), Director of Worship

Pastor Laura's Farewell

Saturday, June 18th everyone is invited to celebrate Pastor Laura at the **"Ice Cream Social / Bring Your Own Picnic"** party from 11 am - 2 pm (outdoors and in gym). **Pastor Laura will bring her final sermon on Sunday, June 19th** with her own choices of music and the Word. We wish her blessings and much love in her new position as lead pastor at Elsberry UMC. **Don't miss this exciting Saturday and Sunday!**

Pentecost/Confirmation/New Member Sunday /Communion

Sunday, June 5 we will celebrate Communion and the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Adults who have already attended a Pastoral Gathering Event will be invited to become professing members of the church at either service, while confirmation will occur for our youth at the 10:30 am service. Don't miss this eventful day!

Musical Sermon Series in June

Throughout the month of June, you won't want to miss our sermon series, **"Music of Our Faith,"** featuring stories about such hymns as, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, and *Be Thou My Vision*, along with *Hymn of Promise* and *Amazing Grace*. Attend worship to hear this exciting series and learn about your favorite hymns! You will find deeper meaning in every song.

Choirs are On Break But Music is Not!

You will notice a few changes in music ministry during the summer as our bell choir and chancel choir volunteers take time to refresh and renew themselves. If you would be interested in providing special music for either service during the summer, please contact Lori Scott at lscott@concordtrinity.org.



In Memoriam

We keep in our prayers the family of Sylvia Twigger, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who died May 6.

Also prayers for Waymon (Lynette) Jones on the recent death of his mother.

Thank you from The Provance Family

My family and I thank our church family for your cards, prayers, and visits to Scott over the last several months. It was full of many ups and downs, but in the end, God needed him more than we did.

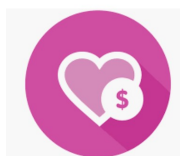
Blessings to All,
Karen Provance & Family

Hope your Sunday offering is not on holiday! Please consider automating regular giving through your bank, financial institution or the [Easy Tithe](#) link on the [church webpage](#) (It's an easy way to ensure continued support during the summer vacation season!)

Financial Snapshot

from the Church Leadership Council

Operating Budget	April 2022	Year-to-Date	2022 Annual Budget
Revenue	52,976	228,582	679,000
Expenses	71,488	231,420	678,142
Net Income (Loss)	(18,512)	(2,838)	858
Mortgage Balance	133,117		

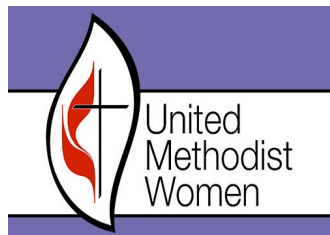


Doing Some Shopping?

Gift Card Sales will restart in Church Parlor on June 5 between services and be there to assist you in buying gift cards **every 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!

Can't make it on the first Sunday? You may also purchase gift cards from the church office and place special orders by email. Please consider purchasing Concord Trinity Gift Cards for your your normal shopping/dining/entertainment purchases as well as gifts for others. You pay normal face value for the gift card, and a rebate is paid to the church. Proceeds from the Gift Card sales will help support CTUMC expenses & mission efforts. Call the church office for more info or visit our webpage: concordtrinity.org/gift-cards.

The Final UMW Garage Sale
Don't Miss it! The very last UMW Garage Sale is on Saturday, June 4th...See you there between 7:30 am & 2 pm!



All Invited! Bring a Friend!

Community and church members are invited to the annual Silent Auction Salad Luncheon UMW fundraiser on Saturday, June 11th. Tickets NOT AVAILABLE at the door! Buy your tickets for \$15.00 Sunday, June 5th between church services in the parlor, or call Diana for tickets.

(Silent Auction donations will be gratefully accepted!)

Information: Call or text Diana Rudloff at (314)780-5922.

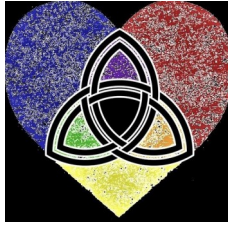
For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. PS 63:7 ESV.

Midwest Mission disbursed 48,000 bags of rice meals, which will feed 576,000 people. This shipment totaled around 43,200 pounds and was valued at \$96,000. We partnered with the Northstar Foundation. These meals are designed to maximize nutrition for people with limited resources.

Thank you for answering God's call to host a food pack event in your community. These rice meals show God's love in a practical way to the people of Ukraine. We hope you enjoyed the experience and you will continue to seek projects that bring people of all ages and abilities together to serve.

Rice Meal Kits were packed by the following churches and groups:

- Northville United Methodist Church, Northville, MI
- Medina United Methodist Church, Medina, OH
- Troy United Methodist Church, Troy, IL
- Tampico United Methodist Church, Tampico, IL
- Concord Trinity United Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO
- Mt. Carroll United Methodist Church, Mt. Carroll, IL



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

Welcoming Doors

*by John Price, Co-Leader
of Micah Ministries*

"Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors." This long standing, familiar motto and tag line within the United Methodist Church is one that we sometimes struggle to fully embody.

In 2019, following the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church on the issue of human sexuality, many long-time members of the UMC were hurt and confused at the disconnect between the negative and punitive stance that was adopted and the Open Hearts brand.

One church channeled their concern over the outcome and their hopes for the future into the display (pictured here) for their church lawn to declare their intent to honor the spirit of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors by being a welcoming and affirming church to all, and specifically to LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Many other churches followed their lead.

Neither a slogan nor a display can truly show the South County community who we are or what we believe; we can only do that through our actions and the ways we love our neighbors by serving them daily. However, it is important as we begin to fully re-open post Covid and reimagine our mission that we find ways for people to know that they are welcome in our church and that we are working and moving in the community.

The UMC still embraces, according to the Book of Discipline (BOD), that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian



teaching." However, the BOD also states, "We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God."

The Micah Ministry Team, as a reconciling community within

CTUMC, opposes the anti-LGBTQIA+ language in the BOD and is working to increase dialogue and education around the issue within our church.

Drawing from our baptismal vows to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, it is our moral imperative that we listen, learn, and act to help bend the arc of justice toward God's vision of love, wholeness, peace, and justice for **ALL** of God's children.

The members of Micah Ministries are constructing a similar Door Display to be placed on our church lawn for the last two weeks of June. We believe that this installation will serve as a welcome sign to the surrounding community, and secondly, it can be a catalyst for the emotional and spiritual work of readying ourselves to live out our mission to connect others with Christ for the transformation of the world.

We welcome conversation and better understanding within CTUMC and are available and open to sharing more detailed

information about our perspective with the congregation. To be more connected to the Micah Ministry Team or to get more information, contact Co-chairs Susan Moellering or John Price.

Note: The Church Leadership Council (CLC) voted in May to support the display of the doors during the last two weeks of June. We believe the display supports the mission, vision and values of Concord Trinity UMC. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to love one another and to connect people to Jesus. The display is a reminder of this commission from Jesus to us and a way to communicate to the community that we welcome all. As United Methodists, we believe God's table is open to all and therefore believe our doors should be open to all as well. If you have questions or concerns, we welcome conversation. Please reach out to any CLC member or the pastors. CLC members: Di Nichols (chair); Kurt Oakes; Dave Genthon; Gale Preston (lay leader), Glenn Kvidahl; Bob Pennycuick; Bobby Parish (Finance chair); Sarah Lord; and Darren Mitchell.

Join Twilight Singers This Summer

Singers from the community age 55 and up are invited to learn show tunes and have a lot of fun with the Twilight Singers, 11:30 am – 1 pm every Monday (excluding holidays) in Trinity Hall.

Let's Get Some Exercise!

Continuing during the summer months,
SAJE senior adult exercise classes will be available for anyone on
Tuesdays and Fridays in the church gym
(no classes June 3rd, June 10th or July 5th, 8th due to church activities)

10:30 am Chair Exercise Group (Free on Tues, \$3 on Fri)

11:30 am Zumba Gold (\$3 both days)

For more information contact Jessica at SAJE

jessica.gerth@sajeseniorministry.org

- Countdown - EAGLE LAKE CAMP starts July 4th!

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—Contact [JT Young](#) if you can help!



- 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.

DAY CAMP ON LOCATION

at:

Concord
Trinity UMC

JULY 4-8

Give your kids the BEST week of their summer!



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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.



Families, friends & Supporters of Concord Kids,

I hope you all are doing well!

Now, there's a lot going on in the life of Concord Trinity UMC at the moment, but before we start talking about all these changes and our exciting summer schedule, I want to touch briefly on another topic, and that's our **2021-22 Sunday Morning Gathering program**.

From the beginning of September 2021 through the end of May 2022, our littlest disciples have gathered on (most) Sunday mornings to learn, play, and build relationships in a way that will help nurture their spiritual growth. And I truly believe we've met that goal.

But it wouldn't have been possible without my amazing team: **Jenny Elphingstone, Jei Evans (and company), Layla Weaver, and Wendy Wertel**.

Each week, this group would read through curriculum materials, plan lessons, devise crafts and activities, and tirelessly work toward helping our kiddos experience the all-

embracing, all-inclusive love of Christ, and did so largely unseen.

Many, many thanks to these individuals for all the hard work they put into Concord Kids for the past year, and I encourage you to express as much to them next time your paths cross!

In addition, **please note that our regular Sunday morning programs will be taking a brief hiatus for the summer months**. This is a time not only for our volunteers to take a much-deserved rest, for also for myself and the rest of the leadership to reflect on the previous years' work and cast a vision for the **2022-2023 Gathering Year**.

But don't worry! There's still much happening this summer. Check out our master calendar and **Concord Kids Summer 2022 schedule (page 17)**.

Speaking of leadership, though, I want to briefly touch on the personnel changes that are taking place amongst the CTUMC staff.

In Worship on May 22, Pastor Mary shared with the congregation the vision of the staff team going forward, which includes both a reworking of current team mem-

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bers, as well as the hiring of new ones.

First, I will be transitioning out of my current role of Director of Children's Ministry and into the role of Ministerial Director of Discipleship and Missions, where I will oversee the vision and leadership of all age-level discipleship programs, as well as the church's missionary life.

Second, Nancy Merrell will be transitioning out of her current Office Manager role and into a new Care and Connections Coordinator position where she will be coordinating congregational care efforts, as well as managing the administrative aspects of connections and hospitality.

In light of these changes, however, there are still gaps that need to be filled.

First, as there will be vacancies in the direct leadership of children and youth ministry, the CLC has elected to open an employment search for a Director of Family Ministry position that will be responsible for the direct leadership of both these ministry areas.

Also, since Nancy is also moving into a new position, we will also be

searching for a new office manager to be responsible for the day-to-day administrative duties associated with ministry at CTUMC.

I know these changes are many, but I encourage you to think about this season a bit like a forest fire: yes, it is difficult and overwhelming in many different ways, but when it's all said-and-done, it will allow things to grow that haven't grown before.

Sometimes an obstacle is just an obstacle, but sometimes what ***appears*** to be an obstacle is actually an opportunity. I'm not so sure that this situation is much different.

Grace + Peace,



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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**





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

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

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

July

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

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!



Who: K -12th Grade | All Genders and Abilities Welcome

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

Where: Concord Trinity UMC Gymnasium

Cost: \$10

Register at concordtrinity.com/kids-ministry





Who: 1st-8th Grade | All Genders and Abilities Welcome

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

Where: Concord Trinity UMC Gymnasium

Cost: \$10

Register at concordtrinity.com/kids-ministry



Happy Summer, CTYouth, I will Miss You!

by Sarah Rosendahl

Dear Friends, as I write this, it's still May, and I am reflecting on how much you all have meant to me over the last couple years. My last day was May 22nd, and I am leaving you in the wonderful hands of the staff, pastors, and Youth Ministry Team as I move onto the next chapter for my family and myself.

This summer is still full of fun for you all with **CTYouth!** Check out our initial summer calendar to see some of the fun waiting to be had this summer (See Below). Any parents willing to help step up to organize, drive, and help with our youth, we would love to have your help! If you have questions about helping or youth events, contact [J.T. Young](#) at extension 103.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and I love you all dearly!

"And now, may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forevermore."
Numbers 6:24-26

[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

Help! We need adults to sign up to be additional Safe Gathering Adults each week!

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 (continued)

(CT Youth Summer Activities, cont)

adults as available.

Parent Listening Sessions

Sunday June 5 and Sunday June 12 (while kids are at Stringfields' Bible Study), parents are invited to a listening Session at Oakville Sports Pub, 6348 Telegraph Rd., 5-7 pm.

Parents are welcome! Come if you can!

Incredible Pizza Night – Sunday, June 24 6-9 pm

Summer Party Palooza - Sunday, July 10th Noon-2 pm at CTUMC: dunking booth, ice cream truck with free ice cream for the first hour! Invite your friends & family to party with Concord Kids friends of all ages!

July 22 Zoo & Art Hill Movie Night 3-11 pm

Leave together from CTUMC, if adults are available chaperones and/or driver that will be appreciated! Spend afternoon at zoo, move over to claim spots on Art Hill, dinner at food trucks and then after meet drivers and return back to church.

CT YOUTH Lock-In and Senior Send-Off

Friday, July 29 7 pm – 8 am Saturday

Fun, games and food at CTUMC - more info to come about senior slide show.

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.

CT YOUTH Fall Kick Off Sunday, August 21 - Watch for more info! *Parents are welcome! Come if you can!*

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