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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## *April 2024 Newsletter*

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*The earth is the LORD's,  
& everything in it.*

PSALM 24:1 NLT

**HAPPY EARTH DAY!**

**Look inside for ways to  
support and celebrate  
God's Creation!**

INVITING PEOPLE TO  
MAKE CONNECTIONS  
TO CHRIST AND  
EACH OTHER

Concord Trinity UMC

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## News You can Use to Transform Lives, Connecting People to Christ & Each Other!

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- Join us Sundays at 9 am and 10:30 am for weekly worship (online worship visit [ConcordTrinity.Org](http://ConcordTrinity.Org))
- See You April 8 at our next CLC Meeting (Room 223 6:30pm)
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# MORE

**There's a lot more to the story! Join us in April when our Sunday messages will tell how the Easter story didn't end on Easter. . . When we each meet the risen Jesus, we become the "More" of the Easter story, transforming lives, becoming the hands and feet of Christ. Come, meet the Risen Jesus!**



## *From David's Desk*

**Dear Friends and Members of Concord Trinity,**

Hope you enjoyed your Easter holiday! Have you ever heard someone say, **“Oh, there’s much more to the story!”?**

What is your favorite part of the Easter Story? We may recall disciples racing to the tomb. Mary in the garden looking for Jesus. Thomas who just misses Jesus the first time. How about the road to Emmaus or the massive fish fry?

These are all great parts of the Easter story, of when people met the risen Jesus and begin to experience the miracle that Jesus’ story didn’t end at the cross. **Easter is just the beginning, there is much more to our story!** We are going to share several of these stories Sunday mornings in April as we keep living as Easter People - join us!

***I love it when people today really meet the risen Jesus, and they change their own lives to follow him.***

For me the best Easter stories are when I see people like you and me who are just going along, living as though Jesus’ story is done, we have it all figured out, we are content doing **(Continued)**

our church thing ... **until we suddenly actually meet the risen Jesus and find out that there is so much more! Easter is just the beginning!**

Jesus is **more** than the flannel board figure of our childhood Sunday school lessons. Jesus is **more** than the God we pray to when we have tried everything else, or the slogan we put on the wall or refrigerator!

The Jesus story knocked Paul off his horse and blinded him. It got Peter back out of his boat and onto the balcony sharing the story with others.

I have experienced people I know who gave up jobs, *(continued)* habits, toxic relationships, and even certainty in long-held political or religious beliefs when they actually met the risen Jesus.

**The risen Jesus invites us on a journey of following him!** And when we commit...really say **“Yes!”** and begin to follow him ... everything changes.

We begin to find **more** than anyone could ever try to explain. The early disciples were willing to put it all on the line for the Kingdom and following Jesus. The **Jesus in them** was more than anything they faced.

It also caused the disciples to risk it all and get moving. They could not just stay where they were and keep doing the same old thing. Everything changed!

What would it be like for us this Easter Season to experience the risen Jesus? To begin to follow with a passion and a relationship that changes everything? **What if we are Easter people every day?**

Easter, the resurrection, was Jesus showing us that there is so **much more**. It was only the beginning! This Easter Season can be the same as Easters before, or we **can keep looking for the risen**

**Jesus, we can begin to follow the risen Jesus, and we can begin to experience the resurrection, we can experience more!**

**I long for us to become a church that sees Jesus, follows Jesus, and transforms every day into Easter.**

Jesus is saying to us what he said to Mary in the garden, **“What are you looking for?”** Just another Sunday at Church or experiencing the risen Jesus?

I’m praying that we begin to follow the risen Jesus starting today, and for all of our lives!

**Your Pastor,**

**David ([dstewart@concordtrinity.org](mailto:dstewart@concordtrinity.org))**



*Financial Snapshot from the Church Leadership Council*

2024 Financial Data	What We Anticipated for the year 2024	What We Received and Spent in <u>February 2024</u>	What We Received and Spent in All of 2024
<b>INCOME</b>			
Budget Income	\$600,000	\$ 42,726	\$119,759
Rent, Interest, T-fers	\$ 32,500	\$ 4,259	\$ 8,036
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$632,500</b>	<b>\$ 46,985</b>	<b>\$127,795</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Conference Expenses	\$ 77,476	\$ 6,456	\$ 12,913
Ministries / Programs with Related Staff Salaries	\$267,427	\$ 19,037	\$ 39,902
Admin / Office/ Commun. with Related Staff Salaries	\$130,517	\$ 8,573	\$ 21,499
Building / Utilities with Related Staff Salaries	\$165,269	\$ 16,186	\$ 27,140
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$640,689</b>	<b>\$ 50,251</b>	<b>\$101,453</b>
Increase (Decrease) In Budget Funds	\$ ( 8,639)	\$ (3,266)	\$ 26,342
Mortgage Balance	\$ 53,213		

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## *In Memoriam*

Prayers and love we send to Linda Heidbreder  
who recently lost her sister, Elizabeth J. Schuler.

### **Grief Share Support Group Welcomes You Sundays 1:30 - 3:30 pm April 7 - June 30, 2024**

At Concord Trinity, we are happy to offer our 5th season of GriefShare, a wonderful support program for those grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no cost except for your \$20 workbook.

Bring a friend and join us Sundays at 1:30 pm starting April 7 or any Sunday during the program's 13 weeks (through June 30). All meetings will be in room 223 and begin at 1:30 pm and end no later than 3:30 pm. You may register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) and purchase your book online, or you can register at your first meeting, just please let us know in advance so we will have your book ready (books are \$20 and we accept cash or check only).

If you have any questions or comments, please email [mjllloyd333@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjllloyd333@sbcglobal.net) or call/text at 314.420.3102. You may also contact Concord Trinity at [info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:info@concordtrinity.org) or call 314.842.2060.

For more general information about the program visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**GriefShare®**

Blessings to you,  
Melanie, Diana, Marilyn, Jami, Phil and Mary  
Your Facilitators at GriefShare

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## Community Plant Share Event - Share Your Bounty!

9 am - 11:30 am Sunday, April 21st

Contact the church office for more info.

Bring plants /seedlings to share, or take home a plant.

## Celebrate and Learn - Earth Day 2024

9 am - 11:30 am Sunday, April 28th stop by our tables!

## Plant Based Tapas Night

Let's Share a Meal! 5:30 pm in the Gym

Sunday, April 28th

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up or use this QR >



CONCORD TRINITY PRESENTS

THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**CONCERT**  
2023 -  
2024 **SERIES**

EQUINOX  
CHAMBER PLAYERS

APR. 28 | 4:00PM

A photograph of five women, the Equinox Chamber Players, standing outdoors in black attire. They are holding various instruments: a saxophone, a clarinet, a trumpet, and a trombone.

The Equinox Chamber Players will delight audiences with a mix of classical favorites.



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## Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for their support of Palm Sunday's Pancake Breakfast. We appreciate all the donations! About \$400 after expenses will go toward the new Sensory Room project, a future area for kids and

adults who need a little quiet in room 217. Our breakfasts couldn't happen without the wonderful group who plan, do the buying, and then work all morning setting up, cooking and washing pans. God continues to serve us in this church!

Thanks to all. - Bob Koch

**STARTING** >>>  
**POINT**  
YOUR NEXT STEP STARTS HERE

Curious about taking that next step of becoming a full church member?

Join us for a light lunch and find out how you can grow in Christ at Concord Trinity UMC.

Contact the church office to let us know you can come!

**Join Us Sunday, April 28th**  
**@ 11:30am in room 223**

**(314)842-2060 or [info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:info@concordtrinity.org)**

**Please let us know you can come!**  
**Register [HERE](#) or use the QR code >**  
**(314)842-2060**





**UMW's Sarah Circle recently decided to help our community by collecting children's emergency clothing, band-aids, Kleenex, and snacks for Dressel Elementary's nurse's office. Sarah Circle meets every month on the 2nd Thursday at 10:30 am. Come join in the fun and service!**

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# home sweet home

*DONATE - A - DRESSER!*

Donate **\$60** to sponsor a  
dresser to send to  
Home Sweet Home!

We'll gather together on  
**Saturday, May 11 from 9a-12p**  
to assemble them and get them  
ready for their new homes!

**Please let us know you can come!**  
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**Any questions?  
Just email [jtyoung@concordtrinity.org](mailto:jtyoung@concordtrinity.org)**



## **Feed My People's Suggested Donations for APRIL**

- Canned ham, turkey or chicken
- Rice (white, brown, instant, regular, or rice side dishes)
- Boxed potatoes (mashed, au gratin, scalloped, etc.)
- Canned low-sodium or no-salt vegetables (NO green beans or corn)
- Any Canned Fruit/Applesauce (low sugar/syrup or natural juices)
- Cold cereal or oatmeal
- Powdered Milk or Soy Milk (shelf stable)
- Canned beans, Canned tomatoes
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Crackers / Snack Crackers

### **Optional Items Suggested for APRIL**

- Baby foods, baby cereals (rice, barley, mixed)
- Boost or Ensure (or similar product)



**Reserve  
Your  
Spot for  
Friday,  
April  
19th**

**United Methodist Women  
invite you to a Bunco Party Friday, April 19th  
in Fellowship Hall...All Welcome!**

Enjoy a fun evening of three games of Bunco, food (bring snacks to share), prizes and fellowship.

Reservations are a **MUST**. Entrance fee is \$10, and you can make your reservation by contacting Diana R., the church office, or email [meana1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meana1@sbcglobal.net).

See you April 19th! Doors open at 6:30 pm, Bunco play begins at 7 pm. No bunco knowledge is needed! We will teach you all you need to know in about 45 seconds. All proceeds will be donated to a predetermined charity. Everyone is welcome!

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# NEW CO-OP



The Mitchell Co-op  
Head Leader: Darren Mitchell  
Thursdays  
Biweekly  
Kirkwood | MO

[concordtrinity.org/concordco-ops](https://concordtrinity.org/concordco-ops)

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# LIVINGROOM CONVERSATIONS: GENERAL CONFERENCE AND LGBTQ $\neq$ INCLUSION

Join us for a four-part series of intentional, non-confrontational dialogue designed to help us build trust and understanding amidst our differences.

APRIL 7 & 21, MAY 5 & 19 | 11:30A-12:30P | TRINITY HALL

Please let us know you **can** come!  
[info@concordtrinity.org](mailto:info@concordtrinity.org)  
(314)842-2060







## Save the Date! 3rd Annual Fierce Friends Retreat

The Fierce Friends Book Club is hosting its 3rd annual retreat on April 12-14th. This year's theme will focus on the sacrament of Communion and the ways that it offers us a means of grace and closeness to God. We will touch on the biblical institution of the sacrament, **John Wesley's teachings** and practices regarding communion and consider the various experiences that people have with the **Lord's Supper**. This retreat includes several fellowship meals, experiential prayer time, a fun outing together and a lot of time for connection and reflection. Give yourself a treat and join us. Times and additional details will be shared soon. **Guests welcome! For more information contact Susan Moellering.**

**Please let us know you can come!**

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

**(314)842-2060**



# APRIL Events

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

**YOU** are invited to these events!

Visit [CONCORDTRINITY.ORG](http://CONCORDTRINITY.ORG) for more!

Mon/Weds/Fri	All Year 'Round, Walking Group, 8 am
Mondays, Thurs. and Fridays	All Year 'Round, Pickleball, 9 am (6 pm Fridays)
Tuesdays/Fridays	All Year 'Round, 10:30 am Chair Exercise, 11:30 am Zumba (with SAJE senior group)
Thurs. / Sundays	All Year 'Round, 7 pm Fenton Big Book AA (Trinity Hall) All Invited!
Wednesdays	All Year 'Round join the Yarn Angels Knitting Ministry, 9 am
Wednesdays	Chancel Choir practice every Weds. at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come make a joyful noise!
<u>Weekly on Sundays</u>	
CTKids	9 am Sunday Morning Gatherings Start Grades K-5 (we pause CT Kids Gathering 1st Sunday of Every Month for Family Communion) 9 am Christian Living Adults Sunday School (Rm 120) 10:15 am Travelers Adult Sunday School (room 222)
CTYouth	6 pm Sunday Evening Worship/Fun - Bring friends, all invited grades 6 - 12!
Mondays	Monday Sisters Bible Class, join us at 10 am All welcome, room 223.
Tuesdays	Join Bible with Bob for amazing Biblical insight (1 pm, room 223)
Tuesdays	Join long-time group Overeaters Anonymous Tuesdays at 1 pm in the Library!
Thursdays	Men's Bible Study continues, please join us (8 am, room 222). Thursday Sisters Bible Study wants you to join! (9:30 am Thurs. in room 222) <i>(Continued)</i>

## Monthly

- Monday** Cutting Edge Card Makers, all invited 1pm  
**April 1** room 223 (first Monday of the month).
- Monday** Project Time 1-3 pm, rm. 223, bring your own  
**April 1** craft, puzzle, etc. and chat a while!
- Monday**  
**April 8** You are invited to United Methodist Women's  
2nd Monday of the month 6 pm room 222
- Church Leadership Council meeting 2nd  
Monday of the month, 6:30pm -- you are invited
- 2nd Wednesdays** Cans, Cards & Soup Adult Fellowship  
**April 10** Time, 12:30 pm - 4 pm with light food,  
card games and nice conversation. Please  
call the church office to register. In the  
Church Fellowship Parlor.
- April 11** You are invited to UMW Sarah Circle  
2nd Thursday of the month 10:30a in room 223.
- April 3rd** Join the Social Justice Ministry  
(Late April will return to the last  
Weds. of the month routine.)
- April 19th** UMW Bunco Night! Come have  
a great time and meet new friends (page 13)
- April 21st** Community Plant Share Event, Sunday  
April 21, 9a -11:30a outside of Fellowship  
hall doors (please take home a plant!)
- April 28th** Join the Congregational Care Team, they will  
be handing out ideas and info about  
Earth Day and being good stewards.
- April 28th** 4pm Final Concert Series Event of Spring  
Equinox Chamber Players
- April 28th** Let's share a meal! Sign up on the web  
site to share a Plant-Based Tapas meal  
as we discuss great ways to eat and grow food.

**Sunday Worship**  
**9 am and 10:30 am**

[or online at concordtrinity.org/worship-videos](http://concordtrinity.org/worship-videos)

All Kids & Teens



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.

Sunday Morning Gathering  
Kids grades K-5th

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' classroom.

Kids 6th - 12th grade

We hope you'll worship and hang out at the 10:30 am Casual Service!  
And worship / learn with us each Sunday Evening at 6 pm in the CT Youth Rooms.

[\(See next page for more Concord Kids' and CTYouth information\)](#)



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| <b>MONDAYS</b>   | <b>10 am Sisters Bible Study (room 223)</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAYS</b>  | <b>1 pm Bible with Bob Class (room 223)</b><br>Join any time.  |
| <b>THURSDAYS</b> | <b>8 am Men's Bible Study (room 222)</b><br><b>9:30 am Thursday Sisters Bible Study (room 222)</b>                     |
| <b>SUNDAYS</b>   | <b>9 am Christian Living Adults Sunday School (Rm 120)</b><br><b>10:15 am Travelers Adult Sunday School (room 222)</b> |

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## Confirmation 2024

If your student is 8th grade and older, check with Kyle Baldwin for more information

[kbaldwin@concordtrinity.org](mailto:kbaldwin@concordtrinity.org) (314) 842-2060 ext. 109

Classes start April 3

Confirmation Sunday is June 2.



Thank you to all who helped at the Easter Egg Hunt March 23rd!

We welcomed around 80 families, most of whom were new friends.







## **Volunteers Needed! Eagle Lake Camp July 1-5**

Hey church! We are in the middle of spring, but we are already preparing for summer here! Eagle Lake is returning this summer for Kids Camp, and we need YOUR help to make this week possible. Between providing meals, check in, counselors, and first-aid, July 1-5 will be an all hands on deck week. For more info on signing up, **see next page** or please contact [Kyle](#) or the [church office](#) to get plugged in.

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**REGISTER TODAY!**

[eaglelakecamps.com/ctumc](http://eaglelakecamps.com/ctumc)

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July 1 - 5, 2024

# **SAVE on Summer Camp! Great Birthday Gift!**

**Half- and Full-Scholarships available!**

**\$20 savings for referring a friend!**

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

## **Volunteers Needed! Eagle Lake Camp July 1-5**

*(Volunteers register at*

*[eaglelakecamps.com/volunteer](http://eaglelakecamps.com/volunteer))*

*Food volunteers - sign up with church office.*



## You Are Invited to Attend Church Leadership Council

All welcome to our monthly meeting every 2nd Monday evening, 6:30 pm room 223 on April 8, May 13th, June 10, July 8.... all year 'round.

The latest approved meeting minutes are available to read at [concordtrinity.org](http://concordtrinity.org) (hover your mouse over "About" tab).

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

**Di Nichols - CLC Chair (class of 2024)**

**Dave Genthon (class of 2024)**

**Gale Preston - Lay Leader (class of 2024)**

**Glenn Kvidahl (class of 2024)**

**Kurt Oakes (class of 2025)**

**Sarah Lord (class of 2025)**

**Jami Jackson (class of 2025)**

**Parker Givens (class of 2025)**

**Leslie Weiss (class of 2026)**

**Scott Lloyd (class of 2026)**

**Thank You**  
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**Regular Church Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4 pm**

**Fridays**

**Office Closed**

**Connect with CTUMC!**

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**(314) 842-2060**

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