A Message From...



There are certain seasons in life when we can't help but reflect about what the future might hold. When a couple gets married, they probably start thinking about the future in a new way. If we experience a job change, a baby is born, or we move into a new house, it is likely to cause us to focus on the future. Last week, I turned in my final paper for my last seminary class to finish up my Master of Divinity degree! Bethany UMC has formed a "Future Task Force" that is looking at new ways to be intentional in future planning, including exploring increased partnership and collaboration with St Joe. The Keystone group has started some new events and new ways to connect with people. All of these bring lots of excitement and anticipation for what the future might hold.

Over the last several months, we have been praying about the future and what it could look like. We have talked about building renovations and improvements, and this is an important discussion. But there are so many other future focused activities that we should be excited about!

- Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 23rd We can get excited about pancakes... but we should be really excited about sending kids to camp, what they will learn and experience, and just how formational camp can be for our youth.
- Keystone Education Event: Thursday, March 27th Chris Moore from Moore Wealth Advisors will be with us to discuss how to make a future impact with your estate and have conversations with your loved ones about your future plans.
- Conversations continue with Jackson R Lehman YMCA and Northeast Little League Softball about the use of Praise Park. This could not only increase activity, but

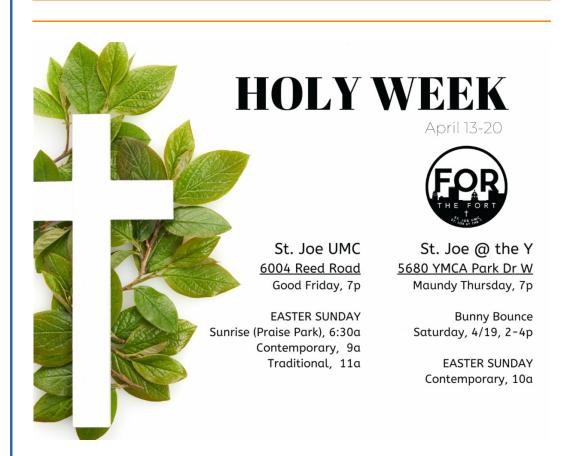
provide future opportunities to build community and share the love of Christ with our friends and neighbors.

• There will be updates on the "For the Future" campaign coming next week, so stay tuned for new information coming soon!

These and so much more make me smile when I think about who St Joe is and what it means to be "For the Fort" as we look into the future. During this season of Lent, as we center ourselves on Christ, may we remember that he came that we may have life to fullest (John 10:10).

May our lives and our future be focused on him, as we continue to live and plan for what he may be doing in this place for years to come. I'm excited for our journey into this future together.

Church Wide Announcements





Join Us for a Meaningful Lenten Season!

There are so many wonderful opportunities to gather and reflect this Lenten season! We invite you to join us for these upcoming events and services:

- ☐ Bunny Bounce April 19, 2-4 PM (Candy donations needed!)
- † Maundy Thursday Service
- ☐ Good Friday Service
- ☐ Sunrise Service

Whether you join us for one, some, or all of these events, we can't wait to see you there! Thank you for your generosity in supporting Bunny Bounce—candy donations are greatly appreciated to make this event extra special for the kids.

Watch Past Key 3 Announcements

St. Joe @ the Y



Join Us for Our First "Not Brunch, Brunch Church" This Sunday!

This Sunday, we're doing something a little different! Join us for our very first Not Brunch, Brunch Church, where Pastor Glenn will still lead the sermon from Luke 13:1-9, but we encourage you to head over to St. Joe for brunch afterward.

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast while supporting our youth as they raise funds for camp scholarships. All proceeds will help kids experience a week of fun, faith, and fellowship at camp!

Come for the message, stay for the pancakes, and support a great cause. We can't wait to see you there!

Watch Past Key 3 Announcements

For Families



It's Almost Pancake Breakfast Time! □□

The day is almost here—PANCAKE BREAKFAST at St. Joe is just around the corner, this Sunday! Join us in the gym for a delicious meal of pancakes and sausage, served by our amazing youth as they work to earn funds for summer camp.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back and support kids who want to make new friends, grow in faith, and create lasting memories at camp.

□ All proceeds go toward scholarships for those who need assistance.

Come hungry and ready to support a great cause—we can't wait to see you there!♥

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KeystoneSeniors For the Fort



KEYS TO WISDOM

Christopher Moore from Moore Wealth Management will be discussing ways to help individuals make key financial decisions to leave the legacy they want. March's Topic: Strategies to Make an Impact with Your Estate

This is not restricted to just the Keystone Group. All Ages are welcome!

MARCH 27 | 6P

Register at stjoemin.com/events



Keystone Education Night - March 27

Join us for our next Keystone Education Night on March 27! This event isn't just for those 55+—we invite everyone to come and learn how to save for the future.

It's never too late to start planning, but the earlier you begin, the better off you and your loved ones will be. Bring your adult kids or grandkids and take part in Keys to Wisdom, where we'll explore how to build a legacy that lasts.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to invest in your future!

Keys to Wisdom Sign Up

Get the Keystone Newsletter

FOR Our Neighbors



Join the mission team March 9- April 6 and bring nonperishable food items & hygiene products All items will be donated to the Associated Church's food pantry. Grab a list of item needs at your mission center desk



How You Can Help?



Donate Hygiene products



Donate Non-Perishable Food



Keep the Food Coming! Let's Double Our Impact!

It's truly amazing to see our food supplies grow as so many of you generously donate to the food drive. Your kindness is a huge blessing and is meeting a critical need at Associated Churches. Let's keep the momentum going and double what we've collected so far! Our goal is to fill the shelves of the Associated Churches food bank with much-needed items to support local families.

Reminder: Please NO GLASS CONTAINERS.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible effort—let's keep the food coming!

United Women in Faith



UWF RUMAGE SALE

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Rummage Sale Countdown – Donations Open Soon!

The rummage sale is getting closer, and we're gearing up for another great event! We will be accepting donations from April 3-5, 9 AM - 1 PM. Please make sure to drop off your items by April 5, as we will not be able to take anything after that date.

☐ Sale begins: April 10 at 5 PM April 11 & 12 at 9AM

Thank you for your support—your donations help make this event a success! Start gathering your items and mark your calendars.

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Faith In Motion



"You're never too young to lead!"

Over the past few weeks, I have noticed a burst of confidence surging through our younger dance instructors. Of course, I am always proud of each and every one of them, but lately, they have really impressed me. This session, all of these young people have taken the initiative to be problem-solvers, mediators, task-doers, and above all, great leaders! As I have mentioned several times before, the level 2/3 group dance is crazy. All of these young people either helped with the choreography, taught part of the routine, or solved formation or transition issues. They did all of these things without being asked. At the end of each of these instructors' shifts, they always come check in with me. In the past, they have used this time to share concerns with me or explain props they'll need for class. Lately, if any of these instructors shares a problem with me during this time, they have also shared a solution. At our spring recital, I asked our two high school senior instructors to dance. One of those seniors is Miss Raeanna. Because she will be playing Miss Hannigan in the musical theater routine, her costume will require different pieces. After I offered to assemble her costume multiple times, Raeanna took it upon herself to shop and put together her own costume. These are just a few of the many examples of these instructors taking on responsibilities without being told. These instructors have really thought outside of the box to create fun, creative routines this session. It is apparent when I walk through their classes that their dancers LOVE them, too! I am so proud to say I've watched almost all of these instructors grow up, AND every single one of these instructors has been (or still is) a Faith in Motion dancer!!

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For March 16 Weekly Income Received: \$6,704

St. Joe UMC

In Person Attendance

9a: 5111a:152

Online Attendance

9a: 2111a: 9

St. Joe @ Y

In Person Attendance

• 10a: 50

Online Attendance

• 10a: 15

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