

A Message From...



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Lead Pastor

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism once famously remarked, "I want the whole world for my mission field."

Wesley knew as well as anyone that the scriptural model for global mission begins at home. We share good news first with our own neighbors, then in our own town, but eventually the call of Christ will compel us across the earth. In fact, it's not so much that it was just Wesley's ambition, it is actually the expectation of the Risen Christ expressed in Acts 1:8. Our mission will unfold from the most basic tasks in our own homes and community and envelop the world in its entirety. This is a powerful reminder to all of us at St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y: though our vision is to be "For the Fort," our view cannot be quite so limited. Indeed, as the gospel moves within us it does primarily focus us on neighbors near and the city of Fort Wayne, but also calls us to commitments across the globe.

It is the most notable sign of the health and vitality of St Joe UMC that we have found the capacity for our gaze to range from matters in Fort Wayne, extending now even to siblings around the globe! God is at work!

- Laura Deckard fearlessly leads a care ministry that will send out cards to shut-ins again on April 30 @ 3p.m. Laura is also in need of new volunteers to visit those who are shut in. *Is God calling you?* **Email Laura here.** Or call the church office to get connected to Laura.
- Our global reach begins with national influence. This last week a nationally syndicated source of religious news documented how St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y have led the way in adapting to new ways of sharing the gospel in a changing culture through the ministry at Jackson Lehman YMCA. **You can read about that and Pastor Ashley's witness to that work here.**
- The United Women in Faith are right in the midst of their annual **RUMMAGE SALE**. You can shop for treasures **TODAY 5-8p.m., Friday 9a.m.-4p.m., and Saturday 9a.m.-1a.m.** The proceeds fund ministries both local and global!
- Week after week we have named the needs of Haiti. We still need a sponsor household! And of course, we will need funds to help our 11 friends come to Fort Wayne. Please be praying about how you can support that effort in the months ahead.

- This week our prayer is also globally oriented as a General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets in North Carolina. A General Conference is the global gathering of United Methodists and an international decision making body. Let us lift up our siblings from around the world as they meet these next two weeks and consider matters of discipline, the global church, and renewed social principles. **You can keep up to date by seeking information here.**

As we lift all of this in prayer and to the focus of our global gaze, let us remember ALL that Wesley said when he longed for the world as his parish and keep that in our focus too. The quote in its entirety is completed in the following way: "I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field." Wow! To that I say AMEN. God is at work doing all of that at St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y.

Church Wide Announcements



CINCO

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CHURCH-O

JRL YMCA

Tacos

5p-7p

Fellowship

Games

5TH MAY 2022

Fun

Join us at the JRL YMCA for Cinco de Church-O on May 5th from 5p-7p. The Y Roundtable will be providing Tacos for everyone. There will also be games so come prepared to have loads of fun.

[Watch Past Key 3 Announcements](#)

St. Joe @ Y

JOIN US
SUN 10AM



Jackson R Lehman Y

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The Canvas



JOIN THE CANVAS TEAM FOR:

The Sunday Brunch Party

APRIL
28

10AM



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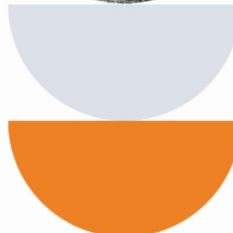
ST JOE YOUTH
PANCAKE
FUNDRAISER

DISCUSSION

WHAT IS THE VISION
OF THE CANVAS?

After worship this Sunday, we will meet in the gym and eat some delicious pancakes made by the youth! Let's discuss what's next with the space in the worship center. There are so many ideas, everyone needs to put their heads together and help make the worship center space more vibrant and lively. We at St. Joe, are excited what is to come and the next steps ahead for the Canvas!

For People



FORTH Saturday is almost here! Meet at St Joe UMC at 8:30am this Saturday April 27th. We will be going to a church members home and working in her yard. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and not rain this project out once again.

For Families



April 28th, in the gym, all the youth will be making breakfast FOR YOU! Come before or after your church service (bring a friend or neighbor along that day as well), and let the youth make breakfast/brunch for you. This is their big fundraiser to help get all the youth that want to attend camp, actually get to camp! Let's be faithful and fearless in coming to breakfast April 28th. Pancakes will be ready at 8am and will be served until 1pm. We hope to see you there!

Scholarships are available:

- 50% of camp cost paid by St. Joe
- 75% of camp cost paid by St. Joe
- 100% of camp cost paid by St. Joe

****New for 2024: Preference for Scholarships will be given to children / youth / families who regularly attend St. Joe UMC church, Sunday School, Level Up, Faith in Motion, Sunday Night Youth****

Faith In Motion



A Smile That Lights Up The Room!

This week, I am excited to take about ADDY! Little Miss Addy started with us a few years ago as the youngest tapper in her class. She all but hid behind her big sister and had us fooled that she was shy. I remember making silly faces at Addy during her first couple performances to get her to look up and smile. Over the years, we have watched Addy not only improve but start to LOVE dance! From one class to 3+ classes, Addy is not only a tapper but a budding ballerina and spunky hip-hopper. Addy is also one of the youngest dancers participating in the reunion dance. When I taught Hip-Hop 1 last year, I really connected with Addy and really got to see her cute personality. She is a joy to have in class and a friend to all of the other dancers. Her energy and spirit spread like wildfire when she enters the room! Something so special happened at the Komets performance a couple weeks ago... I watched Addy line up

with the other hip-hoppers. She was the first one, at the front of the line. As she not only walked out to the performance area but LED the group, she flashed the biggest, happiest smile toward the crowd!! She looked up with confidence. It was in that moment that I was reminded of the timid little tap dancer in a poofy red costume a few years back... Addy's confidence is growing along with her dance ability. We are so excited to see her passion and skills continue to grow!!!

Women In Faith

FOR
THE FORT
ST. JOE UMC

**UWV
RUMMAGE
SALE**

TODAY starts the rummage sale! Come on out and see what great things have been brought in. If you know someone looking for baby items & clothes, there are quite a few! Come on out to support the United Women in Faith.

Sale dates/times: April 25th (5p-8p), 26th (9a-4p), & 27th (9a-1p).

UWF BRUNCH

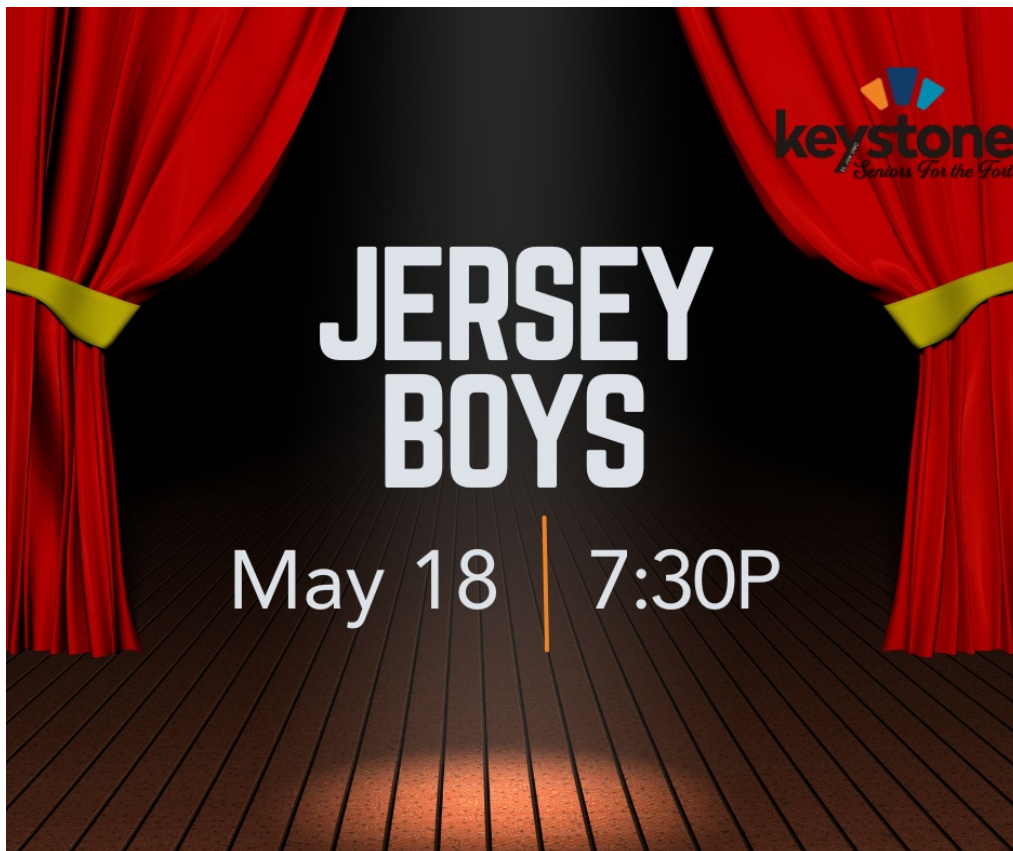


United
Women
in Faith

Guest Speaker
Gloria Doty
Broken Pieces

Save The Date
May 4th
9:30-11:30

Keystone Seniors For The Fort



The "Jersey Boys" will be coming to the Civic Theater May 18th. If you would like tickets please sign up at the link below. Bob Scott will make sure to get into contact with you to get you your tickets. Everyone will meet at St Joe UMC in F19/21 for some light snacks before the show.

Registering at the link below does not mean you have paid for your tickets. You will need to pay Bob Scott.

[Jersey Boys Tickets](#)

[Get the Keystone Newsletter](#)



[Read Most Recent Prayers](#)

BY THE NUMBERS

For April, 21
Weekly Income Received: \$9,361

St. Joe UMC

In Person Attendance

- 9a:53
- 11a:152

Online Attendance

- 9:
- 11a:

St. Joe @ Y

- In Person Attendance:59
- Online Attendance:

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