

A Message From...



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One of the most inspiring events to occur in recent memory at St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y happened the night of the “For the Future” church conferences at St Joe UMC just a couple weeks ago.

As the time for discussion and voting began a couple of the back pews filled up with youth who are some of the youngest full members of the congregation. These girls (and at least one boy) all cared vitally about casting the vote that had been given to them at their confirmation. They cared deeply about the future of their church. They wanted to be present. They wanted to vote on all four of the matters discussed. The week before they had even been discussing how to help raise funds for “For the Future” plans and were thinking of ways to commit some of their funds to the effort.

That is pretty incredible! In large part it impresses, because they actually believe something that adults often say, “The future belongs to the kids...”

We’ve seen their trust in their church and confidence at its future in the videos inviting people to make commitments as well. **You can view the first of those here.** There will be more coming!

All of that is to prepare us, of course, for the Commitment Sunday on May 18. You should have already received Commitment Cards and information about this event. If you misplaced it, don’t worry! We’ll send another mailing and have cards on hand at the church.

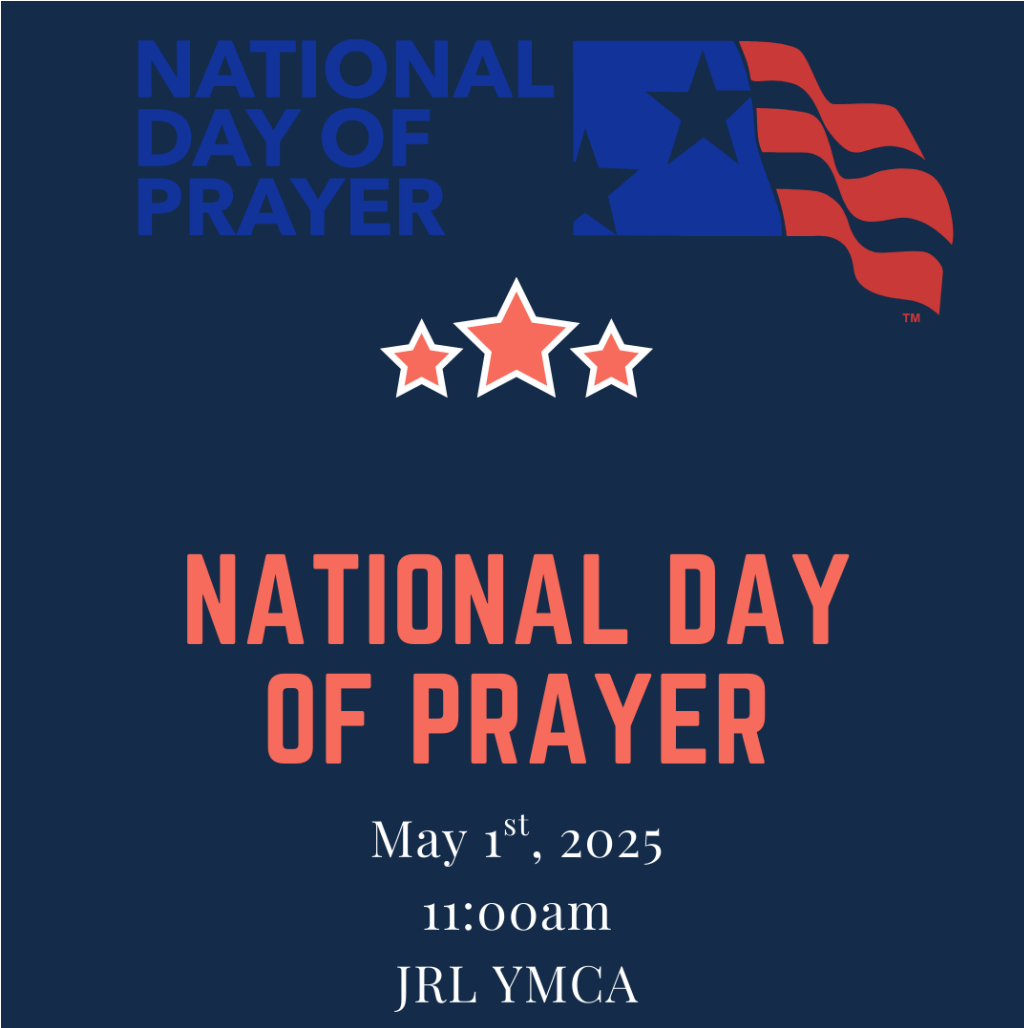
On May 18 we’ll be acknowledging the future God has for us in a variety of ways. We’ll be welcoming more than 25 new members across all 3 services! We’ll be honoring graduates! We’ll be baptizing a few infants and children too! Why not?! The future belongs to them! *We’ll also be making our commitments toward the future in each service of worship and capping off the day with a church wide celebration carry-in dinner at Praise Park by 12:30p.m.* It will be a day for the record books!

I’m already praying for that day. I’m praying for you. I’m praying about my commitment. Most of all, however, I’m giving thanks. Why?

Because St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y has a future! And because we also have a bundle of kids who understand that God is giving it to them. If

that's not the gospel, I don't know what is! I want to be a part of it! I hope you will too.

St. Joe @ the Y



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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May 1st, 2025
11:00am
JRL YMCA

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Church Wide Announcements



Commitment *Sunday*

May 18, 2025

Commitment Sunday – May 18

We're excited to kick off Commitment Sunday on May 18 as part of our renovation projects at St. Joe and Praise Park. We invite you to take time to pray and consider how you might be a part of what God is doing in and through our church.

These renovations aren't just about buildings—they're about building a future. A future for the church, for the community, for the kids, for the families—and most of all, For the Fort and For the Future.

We're so thankful for your faithfulness and the ways you continue to support the mission and growth of St. Joe and St. Joe at the Y. Together, we believe the best is yet to come.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

May 10th
8am
St Joe UMC



If you have a graduate that you would like recognized please reach out to Teah.

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United Women in Faith

UWF BRUNCH



United
Women
in Faith

**Guest Speaker
From
Kate's Kart**

**Save The Date
May 3rd
9:30-11:30**

United Women in Faith – Annual Brunch on May 3

Join us for the United Women in Faith Annual Brunch on Friday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. This year's gathering will feature a special guest speaker from Kate's Kart, a heartwarming program that provides free books to children during hospital visits—whether for a procedure or an extended stay.

Kate's Kart helps ease the fear and anxiety of medical experiences by giving kids the joy of choosing a book to keep. The organization depends on donations and there are many ways to support them.

Come enjoy a lovely brunch, learn more about this incredible mission, and hear the inspiring story behind how it all began. Please sign up to attend—we'd love to have you there! We will be accepting monetary donations for Kate's Kart.

[Brunch Sign Up](#)

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**Keystone
Seniors For the Fort**

KEYS TO WISDOM

"April's (in May) Topic: Source food locally for healthy, nutritious, economical meals.

Jim Huffman of Walnut Hill Catering will be with us how to discuss ways to source food locally for healthy, nutritious, and economical meals. He'll also bring snacks and some local food offerings to sample.

MAY 1ST | 6P

Register at stjoemin.com/events



Keystone Event – TONIGHT May 1

We're excited to welcome Jim Huffman from Walnut Creek Catering, who will share helpful tips on how to source local foods to create meals that are healthy, nutritious, and budget-friendly. And yes—he's bringing snacks for everyone to sample!

Please register **HERE** so we know how many to expect. It's going to be a deliciously informative time together!



EUCHRE NIGHT

2ND THURS.	6P-8P	keystone Seniors For the Fort
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For Families



A stylized poster featuring three Stormtroopers in white armor against a black background. Behind them is a large red Imperial symbol. The text is in a bold, distressed font. At the bottom, a red banner contains event details.

STORMTROOPERS
SWORN PROTECTORS OF THE GALACTIC EMPIRE

JOIN THE RANKS

MAY 04 2025 **ALL CHURCH NERF BATTLE**
12P-2P
PIZZA PROVIDED FOR LUNCH

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It's FINALLY HERE – All-Church NERF Battle!

Get ready for some serious fun—our ALL-CHURCH NERF BATTLE is happening Sunday, May 4th, right after service! Bring your gear (or borrow some of ours) and jump into the action. All ages are welcome, and remember—no one is safe from the foam dart frenzy! It's the perfect chance to laugh, connect, and maybe show off your NERF skills.

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FOR Our Neighbors



Our mission team has been hard at work! Under the leadership of Larry Ewing, a dedicated group has been heading up to Epworth to prepare the grounds for summer. They've been tackling repairs and restoring areas that were damaged by storms in recent years. We're so grateful for their commitment and service!

If you'd like to lend a hand and be part of this meaningful work, please reach out to Larry Ewing—we'd love to have you join the team!

Faith In Motion



"It is Well"

This week, I am crazy happy to be reminiscing on the past four months. Another great session of Faith in Motion is (almost) in the books! In a few short weeks, Faith in Motion turns 13 years old. What a gift to watch these dancers grow up over the years! I have definitely grown up along with them. As I look back at all of the sessions over the years, this session stands out to me for many reasons... This session is the first post-pandemic session that we had 40+ dancers. We redeemed ourselves with the Komets during our best on-ice performance ever. Our instructors have challenged our dancers with the most creative, prop-centered, and challenging choreography yet. New friendships among dancers have formed. Our level 3 dancers stepped up as leaders and mentors to our younger dancers. I could go on and on about these wonderful children and the light they have brought to everyone around them. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them in classes on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings this session.

I'm guilty of oversharing and (some may say) speaking too candidly about things... but it's no secret some big life changes have happened for me in the past year. Before one of those life changes was made, a lot of my freedoms to be creative and express myself were heavily stifled. This session, life has truly felt "normal" again, and I have been free to let my creativity flow. I have let the creativity flow SO freely through my plans for the routines and decorations this session. I have taken risks with props and choreography, and it has felt AMAZING! In so many ways, this session has healed such a big part of me. Your dancers have helped to heal that part of me, too, by welcoming my crazy ideas and embracing my energy this session. I really don't know how I can properly thank all of you for being a part of this family and allowing me the privilege to work with your dancers. We are in such a great place, and I cannot wait to see where God takes us next!!!!

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BY THE NUMBERS

For April 27
Weekly Income Received: \$19,142

St. Joe UMC

In Person Attendance

- 9a: 58
- 11a:141

Online Attendance

- 9a: 21
- 11a: 10

St. Joe @ Y

In Person Attendance

- 10a: 43

Online Attendance

- 10a: 7

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