A Message From...



Whenever you start something new, there is always a mix of emotions. Excitement and nervousness meet, and you can be left without much of an option other than to just jump in and see how things go. My appointment to St Joe UMC last July was one of those situations for me. I knew very little about St Joe, the pastoral team, or the situations I was walking into. On top of that, I was balancing these emotions at Bethany too.

This was a lot to take in and bite off all at once... but the excitement definitely outweighed the nervousness. This was because I had specifically prayed for a position like this. When I left my previous assignment the year before, I was asked to describe the type of role God might be calling me to. I had two things that came to mind:

- 1 I really felt like an associate role, where I could work with and learn from a team, would be ideal.
- 2 I had a strong pull to do ministry in Fort Wayne.

The response I got was, thanks for the picture, but there is just no opening that fits that criteria right now. Not only that, but it's a pretty small window to hit. Little did I know, that just before I was assigned to another role, an opening came up at Bethany UMC, and there was a opportunity to incorporate it into a wider role at St Joe, and a position just like I had described was offered. I was not asking or being considered for this spot... because it didn't exist before. But I had pieces of the picture and trusted God could fill in the rest a little better (ok, maybe a lot better) than I could.

Friends, I feel like we're in a similar situation right now when I look at the ministries of St Joe UMC and Bethany UMC. As I talk to people from both churches, serve in both places, and pray about "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" in both places, I can't help but see possibilities of how working together allows for a greater impact for the Kingdom of God.

The basics of a plan are starting to come together, but we don't have all the answers yet. There will be a mix of emotions as we engage in these conversations. The biggest question I get is, why us? Why would we want to engage in these conversations or be a part of this discussion? And this is probably the easiest one of the questions for me

to answer.

St Joe UMC is a beautiful place to try something new and different for a lot of reasons. You've tried new and different things in the past. We're currently operating one church in two locations. The leadership team is focused on mission and reaching new people in new ways. And the same staff and pastoral team that said, "sure, we'll take the new guy, even if his time is split between two places" is the perfect team to lean into and support such a conversation.

It is no secret that St Joe has a history of training up and sending out leaders that have a ripple effect throughout our denomination and beyond. In many ways, partnering in new ways with another church gives opportunities to have similar, far-reaching impact.

But we need you! We need you to pray with us for wisdom, discernment, and guidance. We need you to be a part of the conversation and help us fill in the gaps in the picture we are trying to draw. We need you to ask yourself, "What type of role might God be calling me into?" Maybe it is to plug into something we are currently doing at St Joe. Maybe it is a way to be a part of or start something new at the Y or at Bethany. Or maybe you've got a glimpse of something that doesn't exist, but you feel God is pushing that direction. Don't let that stop you. Lean into it. Talk to one of the pastors about it.

You never know what God is doing behind the scenes to create the picture he's giving you that just doesn't exist yet....

Church Wide Announcements



You're Invited: St. Joe & Bethany UMC Forum

Join us this Tuesday for an open forum as we explore the possibility of St. Joe and Bethany UMC working more closely together. Pastor Luke has been doing an incredible job leading the Keystone group and has been a wonderful addition to the Bethany team.

We want to hear from you—your thoughts, questions, and any concerns you may have. This is an exciting time in the life of our church, and we're grateful to walk this journey together.

Please be in prayer, and we hope to see you Tuesday!



☐ Let's Support the Chancel Choir! ☐

Join us as we cheer on the Chancel Choir when they sing the National Anthem at the TinCaps game on Friday, June 28th! We've reserved a block of seats so we can sit together as a church family and enjoy a fun evening at the ballpark.

☐ Tickets are just \$15 each—don't miss out on this great night of music, fellowship, and baseball. We hope to see you there!

Register **HERE** for Tincaps tickets. Orders close June 15th.

Watch Past Key 3 Announcements

St. Joe at the Y



COME ENJOY A CUP OF FREE CUP OF COFFEE WITH PASTOR ASHLEY AND CREW IN THE PRAYER CHAPEL OR THE LOBBY!

HOURS SUMMER 2025 HOURS POSTED NEAR PRAYER CHAPEL

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KeystoneSeniors For the Fort





KEYS TO WISDOM

"June's Topic: Prayer Painting with Lorelei VerLee

Sometimes our prayers cannot be put into words, but our hearts want to speak. Whether you call yourself an artist or decidedly don't, you will find expressing your prayer through paint can create a new connection with God. this is not an art lesson, it's a prayer expression. Open to all ages.

JUNE 26 | 6P

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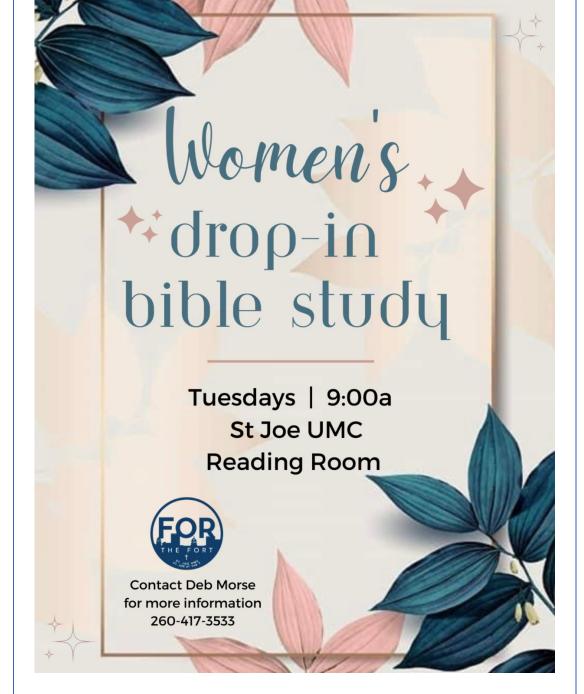
For Families



We are so thankful for the amazing group of kids who are part of Sunday mornings at both St. Joe and St. Joe @ the Y! Sunday school is filled with laughter, learning, and lots of love. Teah does a fantastic job leading with fun and faith-filled curriculum, and we love seeing the kids excited to come back each week!

Get the Families (Children's) Newsletter

United Women in Faith



Women's Drop-In Bible Study at Praise Park

All women are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Praise Park for a relaxed, drop-in Bible study. Each week we look at different scriptures and share what's on our hearts.

There's no book to buy and no pressure to come every week—just come as you're able. Whether it's your first time or you've been before, we'd love to have you with us!

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For People



FEB 7-14 2026

We're Sending a Team to Guatemala! Save the Date: February 7 - 14, 2026

Pastor Luke and Valerie Rumple, along with Erica and Chuck Gray, will be leading the group as they spend a week with Mission Guatemala. This is a work trip for people of all ages and skills levels. Let us know if you are interested by contacting the church office or emailing Pastor Luke at lucas.rumple@inumc.org.

There will be an informational meeting held following our ONE Service on July 6, 2025 at Praise Park.

Faith In Motion



SUMMER COMMUNITY DANCE CLASSES



6PM - LEVEL 3 TECHNIQUE / ALL AGES POMS

7PM - LEVEL 1&2 TECHNIQUE / ADULT & LEVEL 3 HIP-HOP

JUNE 16TH:

6PM - LEVEL 2&3 TAP / LEVEL 1 HIP-HOP 7PM - LEVEL 1 TAP / LEVEL 2&3 HIP-HOP

JUNE 23RD:

6PM - LEVEL 2&3 JAZZ / ALL AGES DISNEY CARDIO

7PM - LEVEL 1 JAZZ / DANCE TEAM PREP

JUNE 30TH:

6PM - LEVEL 1&2 TECHNIQUE / LEVEL 3 TAP

7PM - LEVEL 3 TECHNIQUE / LEVEL 182 TAP

JULY 7TH:

6PM - LEVEL 1 JAZZ / LEVEL 2&3 HIP-HOP

7PM - LEVEL 2&3 JAZZ / LEVEL 1 HIPHOP

LEVEL 1: PRE K - 2 ND

GRADE

LEVEL 2: 3-5TH GRADE LEVEL 3: 6-12TH GRADE

JULY 14TH:

6PM - LEVEL 1 BALLET / BOY BAND ADULT CARDIO

7PM - LEVEL 2&3 BALLET / ALL AGES POMS

JULY 21ST:

6PM - LEVEL 283 HIP-HOP / ALL AGES WORSHIP WORKOUT

7PM - LEVEL 1 HIP-HOP / LATIN ADULT CARDIO

JULY 28TH:

6PM - LEVEL 3 TECHNIQUE / ADULT LINEDANCING

7PM - LEVEL 1&2 TECHNIQUE / ADULT & LEVEL 3 HIP-HOP

Community Dance Classes Are in Full Swing!

Dance isn't just for kids—our community dance classes have something for everyone! With options for all ages, including adults, there's a class that's just right for you.

Classes have already started and they're a BIG hit! Come see what your dancers are learning—and even join in on a class yourself. It's a great way to move, connect, and have some fun. We'd love to see you there!

Dance Camp Sign Up

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BY THE NUMBERS

For June 8 Weekly Income Received: \$9,529

St. Joe UMC

In Person Attendance

9a:6011a: 140

Online Attendance

9a: 3211a: 10

St. Joe @ Y

In Person Attendance

• 10a: 39

Online Attendance

• 10a: 5

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