

A Message From...



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All day long I've been singing the song "Day by Day" from the 1970's classic *Godspell*. Each day is coming. Each day is full of activity. Each day ahead seems more momentous and important!

In the more than 2 years that I have been one of the pastors at St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y, we have never had a more momentous stretch of time. The next ten days are missionally and relationally packed. The next ten days will be consequential in the history and for the future of St Joe UMC:

Thursday-Saturday: The United Women in Faith Rummage Sale unfolds to support missional causes. Come in this evening or some time in the next few days to buy a treasure and support a good cause. For specific times of operation, see below.

Palm Sunday: Three worship services mark a special day!

Preparations are fully under way for the following week!

Monday: Church Conferences dealing with the For the Future Campaign, long term use of space agreements, and pastoral compensation will occur at 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will likely be a historic and consequential moment in the life of the church. Be sure to make plans to be present for your voice and vote to be counted.

Tuesday: A Finance Team meeting convenes to continue to chart organizational and fiscal health of the church on a positive path forward.

Wednesday: Level-UP continues its essential ministry to children and youth as the kids learn the story of Holy Week.

Maunder Thursday: 7p.m. Service of Communion at the Y begins to prepare hearts for Good Friday and Easter.

Good Friday: A powerful service of Tenebrae will be presented by the Chancel Choir to mark the gift of God's love in the cross of Christ. At 7pm in the sanctuary, you won't want to miss this event.

Holy Saturday: Bunny Bounce! Saturday afternoon we serve and love our community via the medium of Easter candy, bouncy balls, and the story of resurrection at JRL YMCA.

EASTER: A Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Praise Park takes off in the lead. Canvas Worship at 9a.m. and St Joe @ theY Contemporary Worship at 10a.m. will feature the dancers of Faith in Motion! 11 a.m. Classic service will feature the St Joe UMC Youth Band! Top the day of resurrection and celebration off with a Keystone Lunch Bunch @ Coyote Crossing!

Of course, the purpose of days, according to the lyrics of the musical *Godspell* are clear. It is to "see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more dearly, day by day." The purpose of these days is not to build a church, nor is it to build up our own hearts. Each and every historic day in the week to come is for the embrace of the presence of the God who lives and causes us to live. Let's not be distracted from the presence of God as we mark these days! Let us be transformed by it!

Church Wide Announcements



This Monday is a BIG day for both St. Joe and St. Joe at the Y! We'll be gathering for important charge conferences, and there's a lot on the agenda. If you attended the Future Forum earlier this week, you got a preview of what's to come—building renovations, new partnerships at Praise Park, and the proposed clergy compensation for Pastor Lucas Rumble.

It's an exciting season of growth, and your voice matters. As a member, you have the opportunity to help shape the future. Join us, share your thoughts, and cast your vote on the direction you'd like to see us take. We can't wait to see you there!



HOLY WEEK

April 13-20



St. Joe UMC
6004 Reed Road
Good Friday, 7p

St. Joe @ the Y
5680 YMCA Park Dr W
Maundy Thursday, 7p

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise (Praise Park), 6:30a
Contemporary, 9a
Traditional, 11a

Bunny Bounce
Saturday, 4/19, 2-4p

EASTER SUNDAY
Contemporary, 10a



Thinking About Becoming a Member of St. Joe?

Have you been considering joining St. Joe? Have you recently transferred your membership from another church? Or maybe you just want a refresher on what it means to be part of our church community? If so, our Next Steps class is for you!

Class begins April 21st at 6 p.m. and will walk you through what it means to be a member of St. Joe. Plus, completing this class allows you to vote on important church matters in the future, giving you a voice in the decisions that shape our community.

We'll celebrate and recognize new members on May 18th after the class concludes.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to grow in faith, learn more about St. Joe, and become an active part of our church family! Click **HERE** to sign up.

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United Women in Faith



It's finally here—Rummage Sale time!

The sale kicks off TONIGHT from 5–8 p.m., and you won't want to miss it. Come on out and “rummage” through a treasure trove of items including strollers, baby clothes, pictures, dishes, jewelry, outdoor tools, and so much more. If you can think of it, there's a good chance it's here!

Can't make it tonight? No problem! We'll be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—and don't forget, Saturday is our popular bag sale. Who doesn't love a good deal? Come shop, support, and maybe find a hidden gem or two!

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St. Joe @ the Y

BUNNY BOUNCE

BOUNCY BALL DROP | BOUNCE HOUSE | AND MORE!
COME ENJOY THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE EASTER!

April 19
2p-4p

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BALL DROP TIMES

AGES 0-2: 2:30P
AGES 3-6: 3:00P
AGES 7-11: 3:30P

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☐☐ Hop on Over to the Bunny Bounce! ☐☐

Bunny Bounce will be here before you know it, and it's going to be an egg-cellent time for the whole family! Join us on April 19 from 2-4 p.m. for an afternoon full of fun and festivities—face painting, coloring stations, an interactive Easter story, tattoos, crafts, a bounce house, and so much more!

We're also looking for helping hands to run activity stations and assist with clean-up afterward. Sign up below to volunteer, and if you can't help out this time, we'd still love to see you there—bring your family and friends for a fantastic day of celebration!

☐ April 19 | 2-4 PM | JRL YMCA

Bunny Bounce Sign Up

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Keystone Seniors For the Fort



Euchre Night – This Thursday at 6 p.m.

It's the second Thursday of the month, which means it's time for Euchre Night! Join us at 6 p.m. for a fun evening of cards, connection, and fellowship. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just learning the ropes, all are welcome!

Come a little early and swing by the Rummage Sale in the gym—you'll be among the first to browse through a huge selection of treasures before the crowd rolls in.

We hope to see you there for cards, community, and a great time!

FT. WAYNE FIREFIGHTER MUSEUM TOUR

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APRIL 11 | 10:30A TOUR | FW FIREFIGHTER MUSEUM

Keystone Group Outing – Friday, April 11

This Friday, the Keystone group will be heading to the Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum downtown for a fun and informative outing! The tour begins at 10:30 a.m., so be sure to arrive a little early to allow time for parking.

Admission is \$6 per person or \$5 for seniors (65+). After the museum tour, the group will head out for lunch at a nearby spot—details to be decided once everyone is together.

Please sign up **HERE** so we know how many to expect. We hope you'll join us for this great time of learning, fellowship, and fun!

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For Families



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.

May the 4th be with you! ☐☐☐

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FOR Our Neighbors

FEED THE FORT

Join the mission team March 9- April 6 and bring non-perishable 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! We will continue collecting items though Easter Sunday.

Faith In Motion



"A 'Jill' of All Trades"

This week, I would love to talk about our dear sweet EMERSON! Emerson holds the record as the the youngest toddler to ever join Faith in Motion at just over 2 years old. She was following along with her older sister, Elaina's, class so well that we put her in the dance. That's not the only Faith in Motion "first" Emerson has impressed us with. Emerson is the first soloist to integrate two styles of dance, a shoe change, AND a costume change into her solo. The girl does it all... hip-hop, tap, jazz, poms... and excels at it all! Emerson always asks such smart, articulate questions about choreography in class. No matter how crazy a dance is or how many props are involved, she always has a calm approach to making it work. She has an amazing memory and remembers every step of choreography for all of her dances, week to week. Emerson is a great addition to every class and a joy to have in each group. Not only is Emerson a great team player, she is becoming a wonderful leader. One of my favorite things to watch is Emerson in poms. Over the years, she tends to be the oldest dancer in the class and gently leads her younger counterparts. The younger dancers definitely look up to her, too. We love watching her grow as a dancer and a leader. We couldn't be more proud of her! Reach for the stars, girly-pop! You are a superstar!!!!

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BY THE NUMBERS

For April 6
Weekly Income Received: \$14,022

St. Joe UMC

In Person Attendance

- 9a: 68
- 11a:149

Online Attendance

- 9a: 22
- 11a: 15

St. Joe @ Y

In Person Attendance

- 10a: 54

Online Attendance

- 10a: 9

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