

## A Message From...



Glenn Knepp

Lead Pastor

Not too long ago I ran across a saved video on my phone. It recorded the moments when our youngest daughter MabyI learned to ride a bike with the hand of her big sister Sadie safely on the seat. Sadie was next running alongside her to give her the presence she needed to feel fully confident of the journey she was trying to make.



The image has stuck with me, not only for the sentimental reasons of a father, but because the moment also seems a metaphor for so much of life.

There are moments we need the hand of others holding onto our seat to stabilize us. There are moments we need others to run alongside us as we learn a new thing or navigate a season of change. These are moments we need to know someone is FOR US! Inevitably those precious moments take flight from our memory, however. We forget that we once needed a steadying hand without shame. We forget the benefits of someone running alongside us as we ride.

Friends, Christ Jesus goes with us. He walks behind us and holds us fast. We cannot outrun his mercy and grace. He is there when we need him and he calls us to live as his presence in the same way for others.

Right now in the life of St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y we have several opportunities to live in just this way:

- Pastor Ashley is stepping away from her work duties for a few weeks to care for her grandmother as she begins hospice care and to attend to family needs as her grandmother's estate is settled. Let's lift her and her family in support and prayer! You may see the Moreland's around, they are a part of our church and community! *Nonetheless, please direct all Y Campus issues to me. Please direct communication questions to Erica Gray, and please honor this time for Pastor Ashley to put her family first.* We are thankful for her and for Tyler and the kids! As a way of caring for them and supporting them we have organized a meal train through which you can extend care by helping to provide meals. **Please click here or call the church office.** I will also lead a special time of prayer for Pastor Ashley and the Moreland family this Sunday @ the Y during 10 am worship, please feel encouraged to be present and participate in that.
- Please be FOR our Haitian friends in prayer. The program by which they are present in the USA has been determined by the federal government to end for Haitian persons by August 2025. While a review of this situation is possible, it is unlikely. Pray for them and keep your eyes open for resources that can help them connect with immigration attorneys and other resources.
- Please pray about a friend who needs rides to Indy for medical treatment. You can call the church office to volunteer to be For this Neighbor.
- Please keep grieving families in our church in prayer. There are many right now.
- Please pray about how you can help feed the hungry in our community. Beginning this week you'll be hearing more about a Lenten drive for canned food at St Joe UMC and St Joe @ thy Y.
- Please pray for Y Staff appreciation next week and if you can cook or be present. Signups are available in the email below or at your mission center desk.

We are not alone! Christ goes with us and calls us to live in ways that make clear his presence FOR others. Let us together with him be the hand that steadies the seat with love. Let us together for others be the presence that runs alongside to keep watch. Let us not grow weary in our task as we remember: 'if God is FOR us, who can stand against?'

# Church Wide Announcements

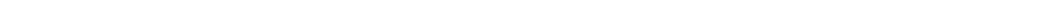
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ST. JOE  
ALL CHURCH  
NERF BATTLE

Bring your own nerf gun or we can provide you one.  
Battle of the services & kids!  
Pizza provided for lunch!

Sunday March 9 | 12p-2p



# Spring Forward

Don't Forget to Change Your Clock

+1 hour



Don't Be Late for Church! ☐☐

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend! Remember to spring forward and set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday night so you don't miss church on Sunday morning.

We can't wait to see you bright and early! \*☐

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## St. Joe @ the Y

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**WE**



# JRL Y STAFF!

St. Joe at the Y is hosting  
Y Staff Appreciation Day,  
Thursday March 13



## Show Your Appreciation for JRL Y Staff!

Mark your calendars! St. Joe @ the Y is hosting Y Staff Appreciation Day on March 13th to celebrate the hardworking team at JRL YMCA.

- Lunch: Taco Bar
- Dinner: Baked Potato Bar

### How You Can Help:

- Donate Food Items – We are having:
  - Taco Bar for Lunch (including gluten-free and keto-friendly options)
  - Baked Potato Bar for Dinner (with a variety of toppings)
  - Breakfast and Snacks throughout the day
- Volunteer – We need volunteers to help:
  - Serve food during meal times
  - Maintain food stations and keep them stocked
  - Assist with cleanup throughout the day

**Sign Up**

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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



Support Feed the Fort!

The Mission Team has been hard at work, and their next big initiative is Feed the Fort! From March 9 – April 6, we're collecting non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) and hygiene products to support the Associated Churches' Food Pantry.

Let's come together this Lenten season to make a difference for families in the Fort! Your generosity can help bring hope and nourishment to those in need.

Drop off your donations in the designated collection areas—and thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ! ♥

## Keystone

## Seniors For the Fort

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Euchre Night – Join the Fun!

Euchre is a great way to relax, have fun, and enjoy good company! Bring a snack to share and join us for a night of cards on March 13 from 6–8 PM. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, all are welcome!

Come for the cards, stay for the laughs—see you there!

[Euchre Sign Up](#)

[Get the Keystone Newsletter](#)

## For Families

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Rise and Shine,  
It's Pancake Time!



Support the Youth & camp  
March 23



Youth Pancake Breakfast – March 23 at 9 AM ☐

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast on March 23 at 9 AM and support our youth as they raise funds for summer camp! Enjoy a meal made and served by our youth, all while helping them grow in faith and fellowship through their camp experience.

Come hungry and bring your generosity—we appreciate your support!  
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[Get the Families \(Children's\) Newsletter](#)

## United Women in Faith

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# UWF RUMMAGE SALE



UWF Annual Rummage Sale – Coming Soon!

It’s that time of year again! The UWF Annual Rummage Sale is just around the corner, and we’re gearing up for another great event.

Donation Drop-Off:

We will begin collecting items for the sale on:  
April 3-5 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 10 | 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

April 11 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 12 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come find great deals while supporting a wonderful cause! Mark your calendars and spread the word—we can’t wait to see you there!

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## Faith In Motion

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## ***"BFF - Best Friends FOREVER!"***

This week, I want to talk about one of the most special parts of Faith in Motion: the friendships! Most of you know Miss Katie, and if you don't know her, I'm sure you've heard me talk about her! Katie was a Faith in Motion instructor for 10 years (also serving as my assistant director for 4 of those years) before she moved to Rhode Island in 2022 for her husband's job. While many of you know Katie and I are best friends, what you may not know is we only met because of Faith in Motion. Katie and I had a mutual friend that introduced us around the time I started Faith in Motion. Our mutual friend knew Katie loved to dance like me and thought we would hit it off. Obviously, our friend was right! We've been inseparable for the past 13 years, despite the distance that now separates us.

Outside of Katie's and my friendship, I see SO many friendships form between our dancers! I hear lots of talk of hang-outs and sleepovers. I see dancers' faces light up when their friends arrive to dance class. I watch dancers invite each other to youth group, church camp, and youth retreats through the church. And most of all, I hear excited conversations that carry over into class time! I also see friendship intertwined in this ministry when dancers invite their other friends to dance performances or invite them to sign up for dance classes. I love that the dancers have formed such close friendships through dance. It makes their dance classes even more fun to teach. It's even more fun to watch them perform because you can just tell they are having a blast dancing with their friends! I am so thankful that Faith in Motion has brought us together in such a special way!

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## BY THE NUMBERS

For March 2  
Weekly Income Received: \$10,990

### St. Joe UMC

#### In Person Attendance

- 9a: 58
- 11a:152

#### Online Attendance

- 9a: 27
- 11a: 13

### St. Joe @ Y

#### In Person Attendance

- 10a: 49

#### Online Attendance

- 10a: 10

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