

# A Message From...



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There are moments in time in which history seems to turn in a new direction.

For Christians the essential historical moment unfolds from today. It was on a Thursday long ago that Jesus dined with his disciples. Within hours of the meal Jesus would be arrested, tried, and by 3pm Friday executed on a cross. With the passing of two nights across the 3 different days the world waited. The sunrise of the third day heralded an astonishing result. History would never be the same. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, had risen from the dead.

These days can never be forgotten and we always look back to them, but we do so always and ever issuing a calm and steady gaze into the future God now unfolds. Because of the events of Holy Week, we need not fear the future! We need not fear a penalty coming for our past! What God has done in Jesus Christ marks the time, both now and forever.

I hope you'll join us to mark these essential moments that unlock the future for Christians (and all Creation!).

Tonight at 7pm @ the Y join us for contemporary worship and communion as we repeat and remember the last meal of Jesus (minus the foot washing- we will remember that but not enact it).

Tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7pm in the Sanctuary a powerful service of Tenebrae led by the Chancel Choir will mark the sacrificial love of the cross of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, Bunny Bounce! We'll share the historic and life giving message with families @ the Y (see below for details and opportunities to serve).

And then Sunday. Easter! There will be a Sunrise Service at Praise Park at 6:30am followed by services at the normal times celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. I hope you've already invited friends, but if not- it's not too late!

At St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y this week has an added historical dimension. Monday night Church Conferences convened and with more than 100 in attendance 98 members of St Joe UMC voted UNANIMOUSLY to begin the For the Future Capital Campaign.



Those same voters also approved a long term use of space with Jackson Lehman YMCA UNANIMOUSLY. They approved a long term use partnership with Northeast Little League Softball with a 75% approval. A compensation package for a member of our clergy team was also approved nearly unanimously.

All of this makes what was already a historic and memorable week for St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y only more memorable and meaningful.

We step into the future because of what God has done in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus which we remember this week! We step into the future because the Holy Spirit still speaks, works and leads this church onward toward God's hope.

It's a week to remember! It's a week from which the future does unfold!

## Church Wide Announcements

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## An Exciting Step Forward – All Four Agendas Passed!

This past Monday was a truly exciting and spirit-filled day for St. Joe as we held our charge conferences covering four important agendas. We are extremely pleased and grateful to share that all four were overwhelmingly passed!

We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and faithful congregation, passionate committee volunteers, and a hardworking staff who continue to pour their hearts into the mission and ministry of our church.

While the work is far from over, this moment is a powerful reminder that God is moving among us. We are filled with hope and anticipation as we move For the Future, trusting that even greater things are yet to come.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and commitment to what God is doing at St. Joe.

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# 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

Join Us This Holy Week at St. Joe!

We invite you to journey with us through the most meaningful moments of Holy Week. There's something powerful happening each day—come experience it with your St. Joe family!

## Maundy Thursday Service

☐ Tonight at 7:00 PM – JRL YMCA

Join us as Austin leads us in worship with beautiful music and Ashley brings a powerful message and serves communion. This service invites us to remember Jesus' final evening with His disciples.

## Good Friday Service

☐ Friday at 7:00 PM – JRL YMCA

Beth, our Director of Choirs, has been preparing a deeply moving cantata written by Joseph Martin. It's a reflective service that centers our hearts on the sacrifice of Christ.

## Easter Sunday – Celebrate the Risen Savior!

☐ Sunrise Service – 6:30 AM at Praise Park

\* The Canvas Service – 9:00 AM

\* St. Joe at the Y – 10:00 AM

\* The Classic – 11:00 AM

Holly, director of Faith in Motion, and some of her dancers will be sharing a special performance during the 9:00 and 10:00 AM services.

At 11:00 AM, come be inspired by the SJ Youth Band as they lead with two powerful songs during worship.

It is a great time to be at St. Joe... HE IS RISEN! ☐

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### **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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[Watch Past Key 3 Announcements](#)

## **St. Joe @ the Y**

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# BUNNY BOUNCE

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

**April 19**  
**2p-4p**

Have Questions?  
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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 – This Saturday!

It's almost time for one of the most anticipated events of the season—Bunny Bounce! ☐ Come join us for an afternoon full of fun, prizes, and tons of excitement:

- Bouncy Ball Drop – Get ready to catch some awesome prizes!
- Interactive Activities – A variety of fun stations for the kiddos.
- Bounce House – Yep, you heard that right—there's a bounce house for all the jumping fun!

We still have a few volunteer spots left if you'd like to help make this event amazing. If you're feeling led to serve, you can sign up [[HERE](#)] or just show up at the JRL YMCA around 1:30 PM and jump in!

We can't wait to see you there for this fun-filled, kid-friendly event!

**Bunny Bounce Sign Up**

# United Women in Faith

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**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—new books are preferred, but gently used books are also welcome.

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!

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### Rummage Sale Success!

The Women's Annual Rummage Sale was a BIG hit this year! We had an incredible turnout, and so many items found new homes. In fact, for the first time ever, we didn't even fill the Salvation Army's truck with leftovers—that's how much was bought!

A huge thank you to the amazing team of women who put in countless hours sorting, organizing, and preparing for this event. Your hard work truly paid off and made this year's sale a success to remember!

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**Keystone**  
**Seniors For the Fort**

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# 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.

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Register at [stjoemin.com/events](http://stjoemin.com/events)



Keystone Event – New Date: May 1

Mark your calendars—our next Keystone event is now on Wednesday, May 1st! If you had April 24th written down, be sure to update your plans—you won't want to miss this one.

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!

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## For Families

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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.

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



## Final Call for Food Donations – This Sunday!

This Sunday marks the final day of our food collection for Associated Churches, and we're so grateful for the incredible support we've already received. If you're able, please consider bringing a few final items to help grow our donation pile just a bit more!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated—your generosity makes a real impact on families right here in our community. And a big shoutout to our amazing Mission Team for all their hard work in organizing this effort. We couldn't have done it without you!

Let's finish strong!

## Faith In Motion





## ***"Faith Over Fear"***

This week, I would love to share about a moment from Saturday night at our Komets performance! As I mentioned before, our track record of on-ice performances has been far from stellar. The thought of dancing on the ice in front of all those people in a space that large with cameras and a jumbotron near can be overwhelming. So I was nervous when I agreed to another on-ice performance this session. We had an extra rehearsal two days before this performance which really helped us prepare. However, I was still incredibly anxious! I made jokes to the kids about being so nervous I would slip on the ice while walking them out there. While this is believable because I can be quite clumsy, my nervousness ran deeper than that. I wanted to be sure the dancers were well-prepared and confident to have their moment in the limelight without anything going wrong. I didn't want anything to happen that would make them look anything less than the amazing dancers they are.

As soon as I got to the dressing room Saturday night, the dancers were a-buzz with excitement. My anxiety kicked into overdrive. I know everyone could read it on my face. When a few dancers asked me if I was okay, I kept making the same jokes about falling on the ice. Before long, it was time to line up and prepare to walk out. As I moved to the front of the line, Ari came up to me and whispered in my ear, "Miss Holly, would it make you feel less scared if I held your hand, and we walked out together?" This melted my heart! It didn't matter if I was scared about falling or scared of something crazy happening out on the ice, having a hand to hold was a welcomed comfort. As I took her hand, I felt someone else grab my other hand. I looked to my right and saw Ada holding onto my hand with both of her hands. She smiled at me and said, "We got this, Miss Holly!" I took a deep breath and felt



better with these dancers by my side. I don't know how they knew, but their comfort was just what I needed!

As we walked across the ice, the dancers giggled and squealed excitedly, talking about how cold the ice was under their feet. During that walk, I knew we were going to do amazing! The dancers took their spots, and I knew they were ready! As Miss Erika, Miss Raeanna, and I took our spots in front of the dancers, the music started. The first group nailed it! Every group to follow did great, too!!! I was in awe, I was so impressed! When we all filed into the dressing room after the performance, I think I may have lost a little of my hearing from all the screaming and yelling in excitement that ensued! Not just the dancers' celebrating but my own screaming as well! We all jumped around in excitement. Every single dancer was proud of their performance. It was a job well done, and my heart was SO happy!! And I will always remember the kindness shown to me by my two little escorts! parts. 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 13  
Weekly Income Received: \$11,131

### St. Joe UMC

#### In Person Attendance

- 9a: 67
- 11a:202

#### Online Attendance

- 9a: 25
- 11a: 13

### St. Joe @ Y

#### In Person Attendance

- 10a: 52

#### Online Attendance

- 10a: 11

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