

# FAITH UNITED NEWS

April 2017  
Volume 2  
Issue 4

Faith United Church  
3025 Karnes Rd.  
St. Joseph, MO 64506

816-232-5679  
faithchurchstjoe@gmail.com  
www.faithstjoe.com



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Easter Sunday Breakfast

Please come and join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday morning! Also we need a few people to help us and make 6 breakfast casseroles, 2 with bacon, 2 with sausage, and 2 with ham. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for the casseroles.

### Easter Egg Hunt

We need wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please drop off in the office.

### Hand Bells

We are looking for Hand Bell players for the Easter Service. We will practice a couple of times before Easter, on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts. This month we will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### Inside This Issue

Announcements	1
From the Pastors Desk	2
Church News	3
Calendar of Events	4
In Our Thoughts, Prayers & praises	4

### Chronological Bible Study

The chronological Bible study has started back up on Monday's from 6:45-7:45 pm, please come join us for this amazing Bible study.

### Brotherhood

We invite all the men of the church to come join us. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### OWLS

We will be meeting at LaPeep's for lunch at 11:30 am on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Faith Circle

Join us on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm cleaning up around the church

### Office Position

We are currently taking applications for the part time office position. If you are interested, please send your resume to the church office.

## Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM

\*Rain date, Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>



## From The Pastor's Desk

### “GOD’S LOVE IS DEEP ENOUGH”

As we continue on through this Lenten season, we must remember that the reason we look to Easter is because of God’s great love for us as shown on the cross. 1 John 4 tells us that we can love because God first loved us. God is love! And no matter how much we think we understand the depths of God’s love, we can’t even begin to scratch the surface.

In Ephesians 3: 18-19, Paul writes about the vastness of God’s love. ***“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”***

Let’s look at each of these measurements for just a second. First there is the width of God’s love. The width of God’s love spans the entire world! God created every one! Everybody matters to God and we begin to see that oh so clearly in the Gospels when we read about Jesus. He loved the unlovely and the unlovable. Look at the blind men, the lame, the lepers, the woman suffering from bleeding, the Samaritan woman, the deaf, the tax collectors and those who were filled with demons just to name a few. Some believe that the last two on that list were one and the same. None the less, Jesus loved them all the same!

Second there is the length of God’s love. When I define length, I define it in terms of time. There’s a limit to human love. It wears out and dries up. There is no limit to God’s love. God’s love is patient, persistent and persevering. Psalm 89: 2 says, ***“Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.”*** God loves you on good days as well as bad. His love is not conditioned by your response. His love is given to you freely. It cannot be earned and is not deserved. Isn’t it good to know that no matter what, God’s love is wide enough for everybody, and it’s long enough to last forever?

Third, there is the height of God’s love. The Psalmist writes in Psalm 139 that whether he travels to the heavens, or to the depths of the grave, God’s love

and Spirit are there. There is no place that you can go where God’s love isn’t. Paul verifies that when he writes in Romans 8: 38-39, ***“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*** Nothing—no circumstance, no situation—can separate you, because God’s love is everywhere.

Finally, there is the depth of God’s love. There are times in each of our lives when we feel that we are at the end of our rope and are about to sink. No matter how sunk you feel you are, God’s love is deeper. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 18: 16, ***“He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters.”*** Where is God when you have hit rock bottom? He’s right there underneath you.

As Easter draws near, fall into the arms of Jesus. Let God’s love embrace you and make you feel whole again. Turn your life over to Christ and let him forgive your sins and make your heart new again! It’s easy to do! So with the newness of Spring can come the newness of life...all because God’s love is deep enough for you!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

## Pictures of New Construction



## THANK YOU'S

Dear Women's Fellowship,

Thank you for the thoughtful Valentine's Day gift you hand delivered to me via Joan. I really enjoyed the visit, and the delicious banana bread! You even thought to include Valentine's Day cards which I signed and gave to fellow residents and staff. Your friendship is a blessing to me.

Love,

**Elizabeth Schoenlaub**

Thank you Faith United Church for the use of the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, for our pancake dinner fundraiser and please accept our donation of \$50 for allowing us to hold it at your church. It was a huge success!

**The Thunderbirds Baseball team**

I want to send Sharon Catron a **HUGE THANK YOU** for cooking the corned beef, cabbage, small potatoes, cakes, and cheese cakes that were to die for at the B.I.G. fundraiser. If you were unable to make it, you really missed out!

Thanks again!

**Pastor Jim**

---

**Calendar of Events**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday School Teachers Meeting 11:30
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Faith Circle Evening of Crafts 7:00 pm
- April 4<sup>th</sup> - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Hand Bell Practice 6:30 pm
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Women of Joy Conference in Branson
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - Stratford Place Meeting 6:00 pm
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Food Kitchen Team # 2 5:00 pm
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Hand Bell Practice 6:30 pm
- April 13<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - OWLS Luncheon @ LaPeep's 11:30 am
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm

**Communion Assistants**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagaser
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Ruth and Merry Sharp
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Teresa Kidwell & Amy Bryson

**Acolytes**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Brodie DeSchepper & Josh Oswald
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Jordan Hill & Josh Oswald
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Brodie DeSchepper & Rawlins Brant
- April 30<sup>th</sup> - Montana Frakes & Jordan Hill

**Van Drivers**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Corey
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Brent
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Corey
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Roy
- April 30<sup>th</sup> - Brent

Financial Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,899.00	\$165.00
Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup> -	\$4,117.50	\$390.32
Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,381.00	\$260.00
Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,340.00	\$80.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$11,737.50</b>	<b>\$895.32</b>

**\$11,860.00** needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> -	59	25
Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup> -	82	21
Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup> -	72	30
Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup> -	62	17

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Praises:** God's continued presence in the World & never absent; Friendships formed through our relation to God and his Son, Jesus Christ! –The beginning of the season of Lent; Donita Sunderland being back in Worship.

**Cancer Patients:** Rob Gregory; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Glen Spitzer's friends- Janelle, Ethal, Jack Faulkner, Keith & Frieda Shuell; Mary Lou (friend of mina's); Angie Hernandez's friend, Doug- possible Leukemia & sleep apnea; Jill Cobb's cousin- Eric Woolley has colon cancer & has 2 young children at home; Teresa Kidwell's brother- prostate cancer; anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught; Co-worker of Missy West, the Lockridge family- recently learned wife has cancer and has been given 6 months to live; Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor.

**Other:** Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donna Brooks- health issues; Donita Sunderland- cracks in her tailbone & one in her pelvis & muscle spasms; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Carole McClellan's brother- Gary Battelle & cousins (husband & wife)- suffering from dementia & friend; The family of Linda Trapp; Pastor Jim's Aunt Bobbi in Tucson- is now on hospice; Leonard McCall's cousin, Barb Swank- back in hospital in Des Moines; Nancy Sharp- strength; Jim Wood- hip replacement surgery recovery; Tom & Penny Johnson's daughters- Mindy and Mary.

**Traveling Mercies:**

**Sympathy:** The family of Duane Morgan who passed away this past Saturday; Janis Arn & family in the death of her cousin , Joyce in Oklahoma; the family of the 3 year old twins who drowned in a pond near their home in Platte County (Edgerton).

**Finally:** prayers for our city, our country and the world; Faith United church- all our people; Safety during construction on new addition to our building; our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- "love one another as I have loved you"; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**

**ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!**

*"Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*

**John 14:27**