

# FAITH UNITED NEWS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the church. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

### In Context Bible Study

Please join us as we study the New Testament on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### Faith Circle

Come join us on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am At the church as we will be going to tour the Steamboat Arabia in Kansas City. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lobby.

### C3

Join us on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm for fun, fellowship, and crafting.

### Women's Fellowship

We will be holding our annual Garage sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We will start collecting items on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. If possible please have items priced, except for clothing. Also we will need lots of help!

### Van Drivers

We are looking for more volunteers to be van drivers. If you are interested please let Corey Vulgamott or the church office know.

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### Communion Services

We will have a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note they will look different from the bread squares.

### Thank You's

On behalf of the AFL-CIO community Services I would like to express my gratitude for the generous donation you made to our agency. We appreciate your dedication to our agency and the community we serve and want to assure you that the funds will be used to assist as many residents as possible. It is donations like yours that make it possible for our agency to assist those who need help during those unexpected times of strife.

Penny Adams  
Executive Director

**Thanking God for his Grace and Guidance**  
**We joyfully announce the Graduation of our daughter**  
**Madison Jahne Frakes**

Please join the Frakes Family in celebration.  
Date - May 25, 2019  
Time - Open house 2-5 pm  
Place - Brookdale Church Fellowship Hall  
203 S. 31<sup>st</sup> St.  
St. Joseph, Missouri

## From The Pastor's Desk

### “WHY WE NEED FRIENDS”

I don't know about you, but I'm not a guy who particularly likes to hang out by himself. I like to have people around and when your friends are around that is even better. Why? Real friends bring out the best in each other. They encourage and motivate one another to reach their goals. Friends who will cheer you on to success are a critical part of fulfilling your purpose in life.

Many times in my life I have had a friend call at just the right time. I could have been stressed about something, or feeling ill, or consumed with some problem, or any one of a number of other things and the moment I picked up the phone and heard their voice it brought a smile to my face. Why? Because like I wrote up above, **“Real friends encourage and motivate one another.”** And God knows when we need that “pick me up.” And guess what, you are the “pick me up” for someone else as well.

There is an old Zambian proverb that says, “When you run alone, you run fast. But when you run together, you run far.” The Christian life is not a sprint but a marathon. That is why when the early church first came together, in the Book of Acts, the people gave up what they had for the others in the group. It was a way of encouraging and motivating one another as well. We even learned in our study a few weeks back that during the time of the early church, there were congregations who were part of “The Way” (the name for the early church and its believers) who took up collections to help out another congregation in a city hundreds of miles from where their church was located. It was all part of the process that Luke referred to time and time again in the Acts of the Apostles **“strengthening and encouraging”** one another. Marathon runners know there comes a point when you start getting a side stitch and you want to give up, you have people training with you who can help you reach the finish line. The only way you and I, and the church, will ever achieve our God-given goals is to have each other's back and to **“strengthen and encourage”** one another.

The author of Hebrews writes in 10: 24-25, *“Let us think of ways to **motivate one another to acts of love and good works.**”*<sup>25</sup> *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but **encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**”*

Paul wrote to the Romans in 12: 4-5, *“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all **belong to each other.**”*

So as we come to the half-way point of the Lenten season, let's continue to think of ways that we can build the body of Christ up. We are family and it should become our routine to **motivate and encourage** others, a task when practiced enough will soon carry out with you into the world where you can begin to **motivate and encourage** others to come to know the LORD. So become a **REAL FRIEND today!**

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

**Calendar of Events**

- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Election Day
- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Apr. 5-7 - Women of Joy Conference
- Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> - Communion Sunday
- Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> - Food Kitchen Team 2 5:00 pm
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> - Faith Circle 9:00 am Steamboat Arabia
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday
- Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> - Recharge 6:30 pm
- Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
- Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> - Walk With Jesus 6:00 pm
- Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday
- Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday Service
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> - Easter Breakfast 8:30 am
- Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> - C3 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> - Gabriel's Using Fellowship Hall 12:30 pm
- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> - Stratford Place Meeting 6:00 pm

**Communion Assistants**

- Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> - Teresa Kidwell & Amy Bryson
- Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Sharp & Merry Sharp
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> - Linda Trapp & Ruth sharp

**Van Drivers**

- Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> - Corey
- Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> - Roy
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> - Corey
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> - Brent

| Report                  | Current Fund      | Building Fund     |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -  | \$2,152.00        | \$125.00          |
| Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup> - | \$2,476.00        | \$2,253.00        |
| Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup> - | \$2,160.00        | \$1,234.41        |
| Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup> - | \$2,559.22        | \$35.00           |
| <b>Totals:</b>          | <b>\$9,347.22</b> | <b>\$3,647.41</b> |

**\$11,765.75** needed each month to meet current expenses.

| Attendance              | Service | Sunday School |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -  | 53      | 25            |
| Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup> - | 92      | 36            |
| Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup> - | 105     | 48            |
| Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup> - | 105     | 47            |

**ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!**

*"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe."*

**Proverbs 18:10**

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Praises:** God's amazing love; work being completed in new addition; the Season of Lent; George Fischer is home from the rehab center and was in worship with his grandson

**Cancer Patients:** Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart) – is in remission with an inoperable brain tumor; Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Lance (Julie Oswald's cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – diagnosed with colon cancer; Sean Abersold- cancer & starts radiation; Miranda Nill starting chemo (friend of Angela cobb); Jo (friend of Donna Wood) – cancer returned & spread throughout body; Missy West's sister's mother –in-law – just diagnosed with aggressive bone cancer; Emily ( Teresa Kidwell's niece) 36 yr. old- mastectomy 11/5/18- will be receiving radiation & chemo; William Davis: Dale Davis- Leukemia (family of Jordan Davis who is a friend of Jessica Vogt); Rick Hoffman

**Other:** Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Debi Haskey- chronic health issues; The Catron Family; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Ashley West – teaching in Russia; Edison School – need shoes for pupils – child size 5 thru men's adult size 9 ½; Leonard McCall's aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well; Debbie Demuth- macular degeneration diagnosed; Tom Taylor- to gain strength; Scotty Sharp's Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 15 yr. old- needs a heart transplant; Jenni Butcher- personal; Riley Whittington (a friend of the Tolbert's)- must receive monthly infusions for life for an autoimmune illness; Delores Collins (Linda Trapp's sister)- hysterectomy- 84 yrs. old; Sharon Wagner (friend of the McCall's)- multiple health problems; Eric sample (friend of Dan McCall's)- diagnosed with Huntington's Disease (genetic); Baby Lincoln- recovering from 2<sup>nd</sup> heart surgery (mother is co-worker of Kara); John Gilmore (Ruth Sharp's brother)- heart surgery; Hallie Brooks (90)- Donna Brooks father; Joni Eareckson Tada (69)- complications from radiation treatment

**Traveling Mercies:** Nina McCall (Leonard's mom); Gage Blanton & friend to fishing tournament

**Sympathy:** The family of Krystal Blessing; the family of Travis Owen- a local firefighter; the of Kim Dilly in the passing of her Aunt Tina; The Oswald family in the passing of Julie's Aunt Connie; The family of Glenda Transbarger in the passing of her mother (Mina McCall's cousins)

**Finally:** all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context Bible Study; living more **Fully Alive**; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families

*Be Sure To Mark Your Calendars For All  
These Holy Week Events!*

**Celebrate Holy Week at Faith United Church**

Wed 4/17: ReCharge @6:30pm

Thur 4/18: Maundy Thursday Service @7pm

Fri 4/19: 'Walk with Jesus' Family Event @6pm

Sat 4/20: Easter Egg Hunt @1pm

Easter Sunday 4/21: Worship at 10:15am