

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • MAY 2022

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.




From the Pastor's Desk

As you know, May is always a transition month. Our weekday Bible studies concluded during Holy Week. This month, we transition to the end of weekend bagging for the NOW Program. Our hardworking music ensembles will break for the summer. We'll have our last Refresh breakfast and Bible study, as well as Kids' Club, for the school year. Many things are ending.

I was encouraged, though, as I heard reports from our various committees regarding upcoming ministries. Our Sunday school classes continue to meet and will be both in-person and online. Nina Davis will be leading a book study this summer; Lori Treadway has plans to lead our congregation through the pastoral transition with prayer. Things are coming together for a return to Music and Arts Camp in July; our Refresh Student Ministries mission trip is also planned for later in the summer. The NOW Program will continue serving with summer lunches. Stay tuned for more information about these ministries and how to become involved!

Ministry happens here at First UMC year-round, and there are always opportunities available for people of all ages! Take advantage of what ministries are being offered; and if there's not something being offered that you need, or if it's not being offered in a way that meets your needs, speak up! We want to offer our best for God's kingdom, and it takes all of us, working together, to make it happen. As a congregation, our best days are still ahead of us!

I will see you in worship!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jay Regan", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Pastor Jay

May Concert

Join Jay Regennitter, Rebecca Carmack, and Yvonne Newlin for a concert of wonderful music. The concert will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 pm. You'll hear a variety of music for organ, piano, and voice. We suggest a \$20 donation as we seek to raise money for some Orff instruments to use with our children's ministry. We hope you'll join us for some great music and a worthy cause!

NOW

NOW Weekend Meal Bagging is back in full swing! We bag, most weeks, on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. We would love to have you volunteer!

The Just-One Item for May will be individual water bottles for students to take to school! If you would like to donate please drop off your donation in the box right outside the church office!

Summer Lunch dates are up and we need volunteers! Starting on May 31st, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:45 am - 11:45 am. We will be set up at Washington Park, Robinson City Park and Flat Rock Community Center. Anyone that is interested in volunteering with Flat Rock, please contact Casey Rodgers through Facebook. Please use the link below to sign up or contact the church office.

<https://signup.com/go/SCEFrGn>

Second Wednesday Dinner

Kid's Club is in charge of the Second Wednesday dinner and we need your help! On Wednesday, May 11th, we will have a potluck carry-in! Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring your favorite dish to share. Free will donations will go to Kids' Club. We look forward to seeing everyone again and enjoying food, fellowship, and dessert! If you plan on attending, please use the link below to sign up or call the church office so we know how much chicken we need.

<https://forms.gle/P134bt7RDpJuhnk88>



Children & Youth

MATS is done for the summer and will resume late September.

Both **Refresh and Kids' Club** will meet for the last time until fall on May 18th.

Students who are finishing 5th grade are invited to join Refresh on May 18th at 6:30 am for breakfast and fellowship to get an idea of what it will be like next school year.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please support the upcoming mission trip to Kentucky by picking an envelope off the board in the narthex and filling it with cash or a check. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far!

Music at FUMC

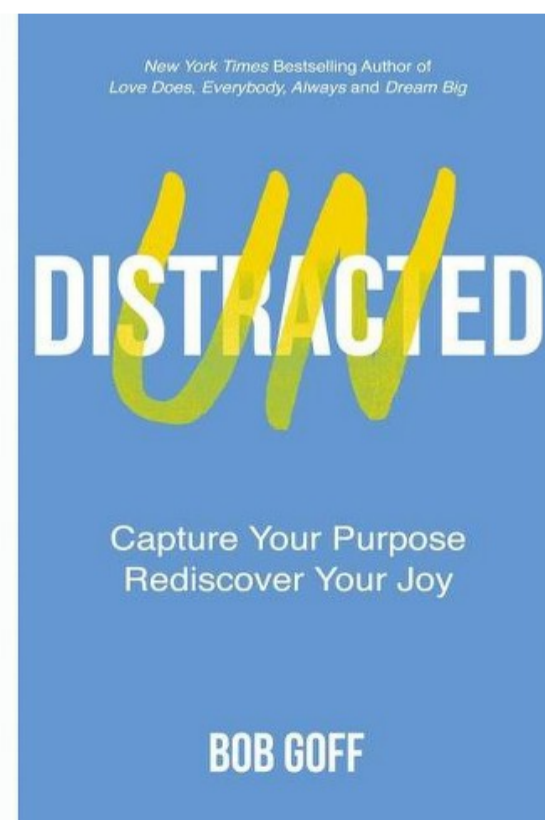
Chancel Choir rehearsal and recording is Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm.

Glory Handbells will return to an "as needed" rehearsal before they participate in Worship services.

Antje is looking for people interested in doing special music, skits, poems or readings for the Summer. All ages welcome and will help you find materials and available dates. Looking forward to seeing lots of talented people share in Worship.

Summer Bible Study

This summer, Nina will be teaching a Bible Study based on the book *Undistracted* by Bob Goff starting the first week in June. Official dates and time will be announced soon, so keep an eye out for more information and a sign up link in an upcoming edition of eNews. If you want to get a jump start on getting a book, it can be found on Amazon.



Care News from Stephen Ministry

***"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
— John 15:12-15***

Robinson FUMC Stephen Ministry recently celebrated its two year anniversary. On Easter Sunday 2020, Kay Albin, Pam Bell, Pam Cooper, Tom Cooper, Janis Daughtery, Susan Inboden, Linda Null, Gary Oxford, Janelle Oxford, Pastor Jay Regennitter, Marcia Schmidlin, Lois Ulrey, and Becky Veenstra were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. Janis, Janelle, Pastor Jay, and Marcia had been commissioned as Stephen Leaders at the conclusion of their training in Orlando in June 2019. The training of our church's Stephen Ministers started two months later in August 2019. Once commissioned, the caring relationships began.

Stephen Ministry is going strong in our church and beyond its doors. Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers meet regularly, and twice a month the leaders and ministers meet for supervision and continuing education. To date Stephen Ministry has distributed more than 360 grief books to 91 individuals and families. Stephen Ministers reach out to members of the congregation on a regular basis. Continuing education sessions and Healing Services have been shared with our congregation and beyond using the link to Robinson FUMC. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzfaMTu7HKuU5J71TZEaYjQcludC6yz>

***You did not choose me but I chose you. And I anointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.
— John 15:16-17***

*If you or someone you know is in need of compassionate Christian care, please contact Pastor Jay. Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian care.



May Birthdays

5/2 Gary Oxford Jr, Mary Truitt,
Henry Treadway
5/6 Cohlson Fearday
5/10 Lillian Bertram, Garrett Graham,
Susan Sills
5/11 Victoria McDonald
5/12 John Schmidlin
5/13 Margaret Conner
5/14 Avery DeDoming, Jay Steinman,
Deanna Watson
5/15 Ron Veenstra
5/17 Gary Null, Ben McDonald
5/19 Amy DeDoming
5/23 Mary Correll, Sue Roales
5/25 Joe Hartke
5/26 Keith Carter, Lynn McCord,
Madelyn Storckman,
Vincent Boatman
5/27 Shannon Goebel
5/28 Jennifer Boatman
5/29 David Foote
5/30 Kwyn Goebel

May Anniversaries

5/20 Dennis & Susan Inboden
5/21 Mike & Pam Bell
5/29 Garrett & Brenda Graham
5/31 Ernie & Sue Roales,
Shannon & Kurtis Goebel

Prayer Requests

Jeremy Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton;
Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson
Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson;
Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young;
Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young;
Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius
Bell; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Claudette Mejean;
Demmie Long; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough;
Sheltyn James Henry; Rick Pritchard; Laurie
Vaughn; Wally Leggit; Judy Eckert; Lisa
Schaefer; Matthew Williams; Larry Potts;
Patricia Hodgson; Pamela Hart; Paul Davis;
Kathy Kennedy; Tina Klender; Duane Parker;
Ruth Fiscus; Jan Riker; Dustin Ikemire; Robin
Bray; Greg Faylor; Susan Rodgers; Melinda
Ashby; Brad Smith; Leah Buser; Kamillah
Rollins; Donna Ferry; Janice Woods; Carl
Janney; Lou Bonnell; Cathy Devalle; Heather
Karch; Dan Davis; Nay Owens; Hart Odom;
Jennifer Newlin; Marsha Strader; Janet Clark;
Bernie Limper, Dick Mitchell; Mark Killian;
Anna Marie Miller; Thelma Gifford; Jon
Anderson; Melinda Wehrle; Ashley Reed; Pam
Hill; Margaret Zeleny; Dale Kamplain;
Raymond Kidwell; Rhea Hayden; The
Lankston Family; Lesley Albert; Dave
Freeland; Janette Routien; Melissa Cupp;
Joann Musgrave, Cindy Weger; Doug
Mammoser; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell;
Wendy Powers; The Aydt Family; Karen Laflin,
Kaye Sullivan and Family; Jeanie Coe; Rusty
Swarts



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Native American Ministries Sunday 7:30 am - Koinonia Class (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 am - Refresh 3:00 pm - Kids Club 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Meal Bagging</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>7:30 am - Koinonia Class (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School 4:30 pm - Stephen Leaders</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm - Lenten Study (HY)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 am - Refresh 3:00 pm - Kids Club 5:15 pm - Second Wednesday Dinner 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Meal Bagging</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>7:30 am - Koinonia Class (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School 3:00 pm - Concert</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm - SPRC meeting</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 am - Refresh 3:00 pm - Kids Club 6:00 pm - Committee Meetings 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:30 pm - NOW Weekend Meal Bagging</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>7:30 am - Koinonia Class (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 am - Refresh 3:00 pm - Kids Club 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Meal Bagging</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00 pm - NOW Summer Lunch Bagging</p>	28
<p>29</p> <p>7:30 am - Koinonia Class (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:45 am - NOW Summer Lunches</p>				



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