

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • APRIL 2019

The Herald

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



STAY FOCUSED

From the Pastor's Desk

I don't know about you, but I've struggled to stay focused lately. I've had papers due for my doctoral class and presentations to prepare, meetings to attend, lessons to teach, and a LOT of ministry happening here at the church. I have so much that I want to do, and so much that seems undone. With so much on my plate, it's not easy to stay focused.

We're halfway through the season of Lent - almost to a point where if you've given up something or taken on something, and been successful at it, it's almost a habit. Some of us, though, have probably lost focus. We've broken our fast from social media, or drunk a soda, or have forgotten to pick up our Bible for a daily devotion. Today would be a day to get refocused, because the things we've committed to for this season of Lent can still become a habit and a regular part of our life by the time we celebrate Easter.

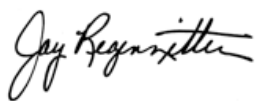
Sometimes the church can become unfocused as well. In February, the church council shared a revised mission statement with you. In case you've forgotten, here it is:

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
and share the love of God in word and deed.*

This statement helps us remain focused as a congregation. Everything the church does should help us achieve this mission. The church council and our committees are currently looking at our present and future ministries, and evaluating their effectiveness based on our mission.

In the pages of this edition of The Herald, you'll find some new ways to get focused. Consider joining us for worship during Holy Week. Read more about where we are on the capital campaign and how we can focus our funds and commitment during the final year. Discover how we've utilized our mission statement to revamp a ministry that has occurred in the congregation for several Easters. May the ways that we focus our ministry at First United Methodist Church help you bring focus to your own life and ministry.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Regan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jay

NOW

Our “Just One” item for the April NOW Program collection begins the assembly of school supplies. Please pick up a package of blue or black ink pens, as well as wooden #2 pencils, but please avoid purchasing the Dixon brand pencils, since those are specifically not on the school supply list. You can bring your donations to the church and place them in the bin outside the church office.

Second Wednesday Dinner

Our monthly dinner for April will be on Wednesday, April 10, at 5:30 pm. This month, the meal will be catered, and the menu includes pork loin, scalloped potatoes, green beans, broccoli-cauliflower salad, rolls, and assorted cakes. The cost is \$8 for adults or \$3 for children. Please sign up in the narthex by April 8, so that we can make sure that the caterer prepares enough food. Before and after the meal there will be a stamping station to decorate towels that will be used in the Maundy Thursday service. Stop by the table, get creative, and stamp it up!

Music and Arts Camp

Music and Arts Camp is fast approaching! July 8-12. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to not just teach and interact with, but also learn from the future of our church! Check out the welcome center to find out how you can volunteer and be the hands of God for these children!

Unwanted Dishware Needed

- Lori Treadway

Do you have ceramic dishes that you're no longer using? Maybe part of an incomplete set or something that's chipped or cracked? Bring them in to be used for a lenten mosaic project. There will be a box outside the office that dishes may be placed in, now through April 14.

“Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Psalm 2:8-9

Care News from Stephen Ministry

- Janelle Oxford

Everyone serving in Stephen Ministry would like to thank our church family for a fun, successful Second Wednesday Baked Potato Bar! A fun time was had by all! We give thanks to God and all our praise goes to Him! We were able to raise \$700 for our Stephen Leader training that will take place in Orlando, Florida, from June 9-16. Stephen Ministry thanks everyone for continued prayers and support. If you have not done so yet, take a minute or two and stop by the display in the Narthex. You will find different articles and testimony related to Stephen Ministry! One of the most powerful ways to show the love of Jesus Christ is to walk with someone in their time of need. We pray that our FUMC Stephen Ministry will continue to grow and be able provide care ministry to those who need it. If you want to learn more about Stephen Ministry or have felt called to serve, please see Pastor Jay. You can learn more about Stephen Ministry at www.stephenministries.org.

Capital Campaign Update

2019 marks year three of the capital campaign. To date, we've been able to pay for the purchase and demolition of the apartment building next door, and we've also been able to pay of a significant portion of our loan. As of this writing, we have approximately \$38,000 left to pay on the loan, and if everyone fulfills their pledges, we should be very close to paying it off, and having some funds ready for the next phase of parking. If you have not yet made a pledge to the capital campaign, stop by the display in the welcome center and pick up a pledge card or a brochure for more information.

Holy Week at FUMC

Holy Week at FUMC will be quite an experience. Join us for Maundy Thursday Worship (with Otterbein and Hutsonville UMC) at 7:00 pm (in our facility) for a service designed by the worship committee. The community Good Friday service will be at First Baptist Church at 6:00 pm. Easter Sunday will be a worship service in the sanctuary at 9:00 am (including baptisms and confirmation), followed by a reception for confirmands in Asbury Hall, and an Easter event for children upstairs in the education building. More details will be in the weekly e-news leading up to Easter.

April Birthdays

4/3 Karen Stram
4/4 Doug Finkbiner
4/13 Joel Wise, Valerie Wright
4/15 George Hays
4/17 Janet Miller, Tim Veenstra
4/19 Alisa Lowry
4/22 Lucas Bell, Connie Calvert
4/23 Melinda Harmon
4/24 Hayden Treadway
4/26 Amy McGahey, Becky Veenstra
4/27 Dennis Inboden
4/29 Tancy Finkbiner
4/30 Elizabeth Nolan

April Anniversaries

4/4 Steve & Rita Diel
4/9 Ken & Nancy Mattsey
4/29 Floyd & Sabra Adams

Prayer Requests

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen Blanton; Michael Brady; Patty Steele; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Jennifer Newlin; Jennifer Null; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Ray Dotson; Bev Arrington Campbell; Margie Moore McNamara; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; John Poland; Joan Fulling; Nancy Young; Tim Roth; Fred White; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Nelda Dotson; Kim Collins; Bill Hubbard; Ashley Griffith; Claudette Mejean; Ava Seaney; Demmie Long; Jaycie Hoagland; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Tonja Bradford; Charley Clark; Sheltyn James Henry; Coleen Roach; Layton Roy; Susan Rodgers; Norris Adams; Rick Pritchard; Dana Bishop; Carl Tarwater; Helen Larrabee; Diane Crampton; Jim Barnett; Chris Blair; Rosanna Hart; Marilyn Boyd; Brenda Graham; Laurie Vaughn; Tancy Finkbiner; The family of Roger Dee Reynolds

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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