

# THE HERALD

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

## On The Horizon

As we continue to ask "What's Next?" in the life of the church, it's important to keep looking forward to upcoming ministry opportunities, Look inside for ways you can get involved!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As you can probably tell from my energy in preaching our sermon series, "What's Next?", I have a lot of excitement about what's on the horizon for First United Methodist Church. There's so much we can learn from the early church about what it means to be the church in the 21st century. I hope you're discovering that there's much on the horizon for our church as we listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit to bring us guidance and direction!

As you read last month, we're asking "What's Next," and we promised that during the month of May, we would be having a number of small group gatherings to gather information to help us answer that question. The days and times are:

- Sunday, May 6, 10:15 am (during Sunday School)
- Sunday, May 6, 4:30 pm
- Monday, May 7, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, May 10, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, May 20, 10:15 am (during Sunday School)
- Sunday, May 20, 4:30 pm
- Monday, May 21, 7:30 pm

Please make sure that you stop by the welcome center and sign up to participate in one of these gatherings - all are welcome. All meetings will be in the parlor, and members of the church council will be present to help facilitate discussion. The church council plans to use these questions as a guide:

- What brought you to First UMC?
- How is First UMC helping you grow in your faith?
- What church ministry most greatly impacts your life?
- What church ministry most greatly impacts the community?
- What excites you most about First UMC?
- What new ministries do you believe are needed in the next five years?
- Are there any ministries we currently do that you would stop doing? If so, why?
- How would you like to get involved at First UMC?
- What can we do better?

You have an opportunity to help shape what is coming on the horizon for First UMC.

You'll also find in the pages of this edition of The Herald a number of different ministry opportunities that are on the horizon for our congregation. Some of them involve ways to use your gifts in worship; a number of educational opportunities for all ages; plans to reach out into the community; and much more. Please take some time to prayerfully read through the articles, find out what is on the horizon, and pray about how God may be nudging you to serve.

I am grateful to be on the journey with you, and can't wait to see what's next!

Pastor Jay

## MEET CHARLOTTE!

Earlier this year, our church council made the determination that we would like for First United Methodist Church to host an intern from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Intern Program. We made the application, and found out last month that we will be having an intern this summer! The intern program is funded through our conference apportionments - so our faithful payment of apportioned funds is coming back to us!

Our intern is Charlotte Crofton, and she will be with us during June and July. Her home church is First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL, and she is currently finishing her sophomore year at Illinois College in Jacksonville, where she is majoring in religion.

Charlotte will be involved in all aspects of ministry at First UMC while she is with us: the NOW Program's summer feeding ministry, Music and Arts Camp, the youth mission trip, teaching Sunday school and Bible studies, and preaching/leading worship. Charlotte will be living with John and Marcia Schmidlin during her time with us, so please thank them for their hospitality. It will be an exciting time as Charlotte helps us see what's on the horizon for First UMC, and as we help her discern her call to ministry.



## **2ND WEDNESDAY DINNER**

We celebrate many different passages of life in May - birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and promotions (to name a few). Our 2nd Wednesday Dinner will be May 9 at 5:30 pm. The youth will be preparing their annual Mexican Fiesta as a fundraiser for this summer's mission trip. The meal includes tacos, cheese enchiladas, refried beans, rice, desserts, and drinks. Please sign up at the welcome center by May 7. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults, and \$3 for children.

We'll be encouraging you to sit with and get to know some new people this month - so our tables will be organized by birthdays! Look for your birthday month on a table when you come in, make a new friend or two, and make sure to pull up a chair, because there's plenty of room for everyone!

Students: we will be doing food preparation on May 8 from 4:00-5:30 pm, and then again on May 9 from 4:30 pm to dinner time. If you are going on the mission trip, please plan to show up and help at least one of those two times! Also, please plan to bring a dessert.

## **JUST ONE**

We're so grateful to people who support the NOW Program through our "Just One" items.

As we continue to prepare for our Kids' Shopping Days in August, we will be collecting glue sticks this month. Please pick up a package (any count package is fine) the next time you are at your favorite discount place, and put your donations in the bin marked "Just One" outside the church office.



# NAILED IT!

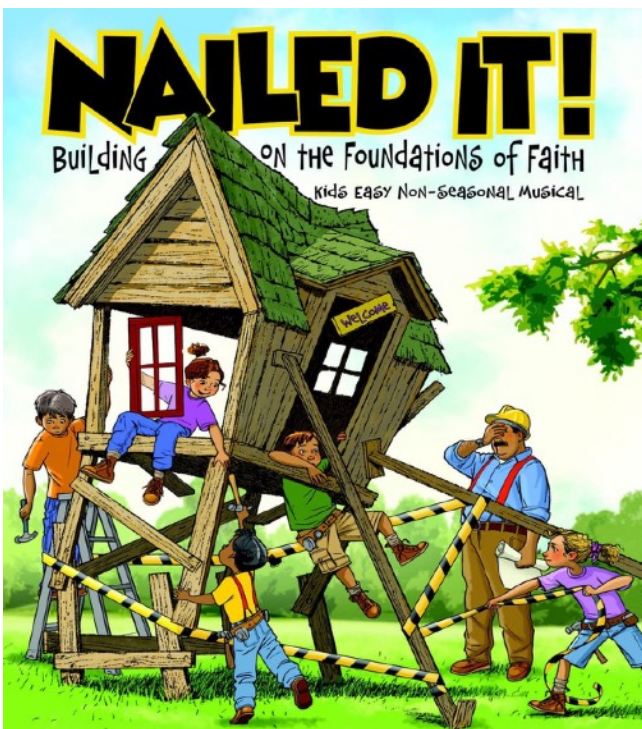
## BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Robinson FUMC is hosting a Music & Arts Camp for students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade on July 9th through 15th from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm!\* Throughout the week, the students will rehearse the musical *Nailed It!* and will perform it on Sunday. Students will also be invited to study the scriptures, be creative, learn songs, and enjoy fellowship with others. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Pre-registration will begin on May 1st on our website:  
[www.robinsonfumc.org/music-arts-camp](http://www.robinsonfumc.org/music-arts-camp).

We still need help putting this camp together! We have openings to help with games, group supervisors, lunch/snack helpers, and many other tasks. If you wish to be involved, we will have a place for you! To volunteer or if you have questions, please call or text Nina Davis at 618-421-2156. We look forward to having you join the team!

*\*Times subject to change*



### NOW SUMMER LUNCHES

Summer is rapidly approaching, and the NOW Program is looking for volunteers for their summer lunch program! If you want to sign up to help, you can go online: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2281066/false#/invitation>. For more information, contact Kirbie in the church office!

## May Birthdays

- 5/2 Gary Oxford Jr, Mary Truitt,  
Henry Treadway
- 5/4 Patience Regennitter
- 5/5 Melissa Newbold
- 5/6 Cohlson Fearday
- 5/7 Valerie Vermilya
- 5/10 Lillian Bertram, Garrett Graham,  
Susan Sills, Chance Harmon
- 5/11 Ann Pfeiffer, Victoria McDonald
- 5/12 John Schmidlin
- 5/13 Margaret Conner, Daniel Vermilya
- 5/14 Avery DeDoming, Gerald Gordy,  
Jay Steinman, Deanna Watson
- 5/15 Ron Veenstra
- 5/17 Jeannie Bibby, Gary Null, Ben McDonald
- 5/19 Amy DeDoming, Juanita Fox
- 5/23 Mary Correll, Sue Roales
- 5/25 Tim Thompson, Joe Hartke
- 5/26 Keith Carter, Lynn McCord
- 5/27 Shannon Goebel
- 5/29 David Foote
- 5/30 John Gifford, Kwyn Goebel
- 5/31 Eve Diel, Paul Johnson, Cindy Cassady

## May Anniversaries

- 5/6 John & Martha Markello
- 5/20 Dennis & Susan Inboden
- 5/21 Mike & Pam Bell
- 5/29 Garrett & Brenda Graham,  
Jerry & Lori Crozier
- 5/31 Fred & Tancy Finkbiner,  
Ernie & Sue Roales,  
Shannon & Kurtis Goebel



## PRAYER REQUESTS

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen Blanton; Judy Wilson Wall; Michael Brady; Gary Albin; Patty Steele; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Jerry Adkins; Jennifer Newlin; Jennifer Null; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Bob Duzan; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Larry Nichol; Janet & Charley Clark; Allen Summers; Nicole Young; Bev Turkal; Evan Prah; Ray Dotson; Bev Arrington Campbell; Rick Koester; Margie Moore McNamara; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; John Poland; Bob Berty; Joan Fulling; Nancy Young; Jackson Barry; John Mosher; Tim Roth; Fred White; Kip Davis; Jenny Stanley; Emily Harp; Jason Chronic; Taylor Barry; Vonnetta Shipman; Nash Drake; Carolyn Leggitt; Rodney Denoux; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Nelda Dotson; Jan Foulk; Kim Collins; Lois Hout and Family; Sidney Iubelt; Bill Hubbard; Brenda Wolfe; Alastair Titsworth; family of Jerry Goodwin; Shirley Treadway; family of Richard Williams

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>10:30 am</b> MATS <b>6:00 pm</b> Disciple IV	2 <b>6:30 am</b> Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study <b>2:45 pm</b> Kids' Club trip to Bogey's	3 <b>9:30 am</b> Disciple IV <b>4:00 pm</b> NOW Bagging <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry <b>6:30 pm</b> Glory Handbell Rehearsal	4	5 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Arts Day
6 <b>8:00 am</b> Glory Handbell Rehearsal <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Chancel Choir <b>10:15 am &amp; 4:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	7 <b>6:30 pm</b> Safety & Security <b>7:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting	8 <b>10:30 am</b> MATS <b>4:00 pm</b> Youth Food Prep <b>6:00 pm</b> Disciple IV	9 <b>6:30 am</b> Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study <b>3:00 pm</b> Kids' Club <b>4:00 pm</b> Youth Set up for Second Wednesday Dinner <b>5:30 pm</b> Second Wednesday Dinner <b>6:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting	10 <b>4:00 pm</b> NOW Bagging <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry <b>6:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting	11	12
13 <b>8:15 am</b> Praise Kids Rehearsal <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Chancel Choir <b>2:30 pm</b> Heritage Health Service <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	14	15 <b>6:00 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting	16 <b>6:30 am</b> Refresh Wednesday <b>3:00 pm</b> Kids' Club <b>6:00 pm</b> Committee Meetings <b>7:00 pm</b> Church Council Meeting	17 <b>4:00 pm</b> NOW Bagging <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry <b>6:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting	18	19
20 <b>8 &amp; 11 am</b> Chancel Choir <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 am &amp; 4:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	21 <b>6:30 pm</b> Safety & Security <b>7:30 pm</b> What's Next? Meeting	22	23	24 <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry	25	26
27 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	28 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	29 <b>10:45 am</b> NOW Summer Lunch	30 <b>10:45 am</b> NOW Summer Lunch <b>1:00 pm</b> Lifetouch Family Portraits	31 <b>10:45 am</b> NOW Summer Lunch <b>1:00 pm</b> Lifetouch Family Portraits		

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