



Gather • Grow • Live • Launch

"Doors of Ministry"

The Revival Team began the year encouraging everyone to pray for revival and to ask God the following: "grant us boldness, courage, and power without limits to step through the doors of ministry that are being opened." I want to thank those who were and continue to be faithful in his journey of prayer and discernment! I believe it is the only way for us to be the church God has called us to be.

In order to know how God has been speaking to you, we had two listening sessions (Feb. 18 & March 3). Everyone who had been praying for revival and/or read "Dynamite Prayer" was encouraged to attend. We began each session by listing all of the "doors of ministry" people believed were being opened to Faith UMC. From there, we had those in attendance vote on the ministries they thought were most pressing.

The top four "doors of ministry" were (in order, although numbers 3 and 4 were tied):

1. Worship and Music
2. One Day Retreats
3. Young Adults
4. Better Communication

Prioritizing these four "doors of ministry" DOES NOT mean other areas of ministry are going to be forgotten. What it does mean is that these ministries will be at the forefront when it comes to evaluating and planning for the life of the church in the present and near future.

While the Governing Council recently adopted these four doors of ministry as a priority, I need to stress it was congregation members who prayerfully chose them.

Please continue to pray for revival and for God to lead us "in a new season of creativity, faithfulness, and fruitfulness" in our Worship & Music, One Day Retreats, Young Adult Ministries, and Communication.

God Bless,
Pastor John

You are Welcome here!

8:30 a.m. Traditional

10:45 a.m. Contemporary & Breakout (Grades K-6)

9:45 a.m. Growth Studies (Sunday School for ALL AGES)

The first Sunday of each month is Family Worship. No Breakout.
Nursery care is available for both services and during Sunday School.

We live stream a full service at 10:45 a.m.

You will find these through Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo,
and at www.FaithUMC.com.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

HELLO FAITH CHURCH FAMILY,

MARCH WAS SUCH A JOYOUS MONTH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION IT SEEMS LIKE, FOR AT LEAST A YEAR NOW, PASTOR JOHN HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND LEADING OUR CHURCH IN REVIVAL. THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION COULD BE SUMMED UP AS REVIVAL. WE WILL KEEP PRAYING FOR REVIVAL FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. I HAVE NEVER SEEN A CHURCH WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE AS HAPPY TO BE AT CHURCH AS THEY ARE AT FAITH.

WE HAVE A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS TO JOT DOWN FOR THIS MONTH.

- **FRIDAY, APRIL 12:** THE YOUTH LEAVE FOR OSWEGO, IL FOR THE IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 14: YOUTH LUNCH FUNDRAISER** AFTER 2ND SERVICE YOU CAN PARTICIPATE BY BRINGING SOUP IN, DONATING TO THE YOUTH PROGRAM, OR JUST COME FOR GREAT FELLOWSHIP.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 27: KICK FOR A CAUSE** THIS WILL BE A COMMUNITY KICKBALL EVENT HOSTED BY FAITH AT FAITH, GEARED FOR FAMILIES TO COME OUT AND HAVE A GREAT TIME FELLOWSHIPING AND COMPETING WITH OTHER FAMILIES. WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE OR SPECTATE STARTS AT 3PM. PROCEEDS FROM ENTRY FEES TO PLAY AND SPECTATOR DONATIONS WILL GO TO SUSANNA'S KITCHEN.

HAVE A BLESSED DAY,
TYLER AND JESSICA DEW

Breakthru
YOUTH

Breakout
KIDS

YOUTH LUNCH FUNDRAISER

GRAB SOME LUNCH & MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM. YOU WILL ALSO HEAR FROM SOME OF THE YOUTH WHO ATTENDED THE SPRING HILL RETREAT IN ILLINOIS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ NOON
FAITH UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL



FAITH UMC HOSTS

KICK FOR A CAUSE

FAMILY KICKBALL

PROCEEDS SUPPORT
SUSANNA'S KITCHEN



April 27
Check-In
2:15-2:45pm
Games start
3:00pm

ENTRY \$5/PERSON • \$10/FAMILY
REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 20
ENTRY FEES PAID ON-SITE (CASH/CHECK)
NO CHARGE FOR SPECTATORS
A DONATION BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE
DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIRS!

MORE INFORMATION & TO PRE-REGISTER:
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Let's explore the differences between a **Friendship** and a **Stephen Ministry Caring Relationship**. These two types of relationships serve distinct purposes and have unique characteristics:

1. Friendship

- **Nature:** Friendships are voluntary connections between individuals who share common interests, experiences, or affections.
- **Reciprocity:** Friendships involve mutual give-and-take. Both parties contribute to the relationship emotionally, socially, and practically.
- **Informal:** Friendships develop naturally over time and are not bound by specific roles or responsibilities.
- **Purpose:** Friends provide companionship, emotional support, and share experiences. They celebrate joys and offer comfort during challenges.
- **Boundaries:** Friendships often have flexible boundaries, allowing for spontaneity and adaptability.

2. Stephen Ministry Caring Relationship:

- **Nature:** Stephen Ministry involves trained caregivers (Stephen Ministers) providing intentional care to individuals facing difficulties or crises.
- **Asymmetry:** Stephen Ministry relationships are asymmetrical. The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, while the care receiver is the recipient of care.
- **Formal:** Stephen Ministry follows a structured process. It begins with an assessment by a Pastor or Stephen Leader, who matches a care receiver with a Stephen Minister.
- **Purpose:** Stephen Ministers offer emotional and spiritual support, active listening, prayer, encouragement, and companionship. The relationship lasts as long as the care need persists.
- **Boundaries:** Stephen Ministry relationships have clear boundaries. Stephen Ministers maintain confidentiality and focus on the care receiver's needs.

In summary, while friendships are organic and reciprocal, Stephen Ministry Caring Relationships are purposeful, structured, and focused on providing compassionate care if times of need.

Contact our referral coordinators, Pastor John (574-875-4438 x105) or Vicki Shoemaker (574-226-6903) for more information.

Submitted by Janet Miller, Stephen Leader

Lunch & Learn: Bev Radeline
Every other Monday @ 11:30am

Ladies Bible Study: Irene Weesner
Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Veterans Life Group
Most Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Men's Group
Mondays @ 6pm
Michael's Italian Restaurant

Sundays @ 9:45am

Next Generation PreK-12th
Age appropriate teaching & discussion.

Parents' Sunday School
We discuss a topic that's on your mind that week. Join us in Room 115

Boomers - Upstairs Rm 603

"Followship" - Room 102
Our class is one which loves to share, discuss, and laugh!

"Gatekeepers" - Parlor
A 14 week study on "Luke: Gut-level Compassion." All are welcome!

"Moving Forward" - Room 112
We welcome you to an atmosphere of support and encouragement for each other while praying for the needs of the group and the church as a whole.

More Connections

Worship Team
Singers & musicians of all talent levels leading worship during 2nd service. Led by Spencer Youngblood

Bags to Mats
Turn plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless.
Wednesdays @ 10am

Pickleball
Good, clean, competitive fun!
Wednesdays @ 6pm

Birthdays

April 1: David Gaff
April 4: Jana Whitehead • Austin Zimmerman
April 9: Rachel Huang
April 10: Stephen Dinehart
April 11: Sandy Hite
April 12: Troy Bengford • Sara Bowen • Stacey Poynter
April 13: Jax Bierbaum
April 15: Pat Beehler • Judy Ponciroli
April 16: Kale Briner • Kayla Coleman
April 17: Lori Shay • Cathy Southern
April 18: Don DuBois • Patty Gertz • Aaron Hochstetler
April 19: Hayden Spicher • Vickie Stevens
April 21: Cristol Valdez
April 22: Abby Joslin
April 23: Debbie Black
April 24: Joyce Parker
April 25: Luke Hogsett
April 26: Melody Knudson
April 28: Mike DeHays • Ryan McClane
April 29: Deb Wilfert

Anniversaries

April 2: Gene & Karen Bohn
April 2: Bert & Kim Mays
April 3: John & Fay Goerlach
April 3: Tim & Kathy Yoder
April 12: Don & Pat Griffey
April 16: Don & Ruth DuBois
April 23: Matt & Heather Simon
April 25: Ted & Melody Knudson
April 26: Bruce & Deb Van Dyke
April 28: Andy & Shannon Jamison
April 28: Tom & Barb Weaver

April Missions

**Loose Coins go to
World Missionary Press**

Cart Collection for CCS:
Infant Diapers & Adult
Incontinence Protection
Nonperishable Food

Stewardship Report:

Annual Budget: \$ 673,945
Year to Date Need: \$ 155,525
Year to Date Rec'd: \$ 157,844
Rec'd for Roof: \$ 93,115

Ways to give:

Mail (we collect mail each day)
Online (www.faithumc.com)
Text "give" to 833-942-1919
Online & Text options can be set up as
a one-time or recurring gift.

Thank you for faithfully giving!

*Coming
Soon* to Faith UMC!

\$20 FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER

COMMUNITY
Worship
NIGHTS
THE SUMMER SERIES

50 SMALL TOWNS. 1 BIG GOD.

**ARTISTS ANNOUNCED
NEXT WEEK!**

**05.04 | 06.22 | 07.20
GOSHEN, IN**

In Our Prayers

Cancer

Andrea
Scott Arnold
Larry Bennett
Julie Chesser
Becky Cline
Don Dailey
Linda Forgey
Brittany Gasper
Mona Gorsuch
Gary Heater
Christina Hibschman
Carson Honaker
Serina Jackson
Tim Kris
Mark Latham
Alyssa Lintz
Betty Love
Ted Mabry
Scott McDowell
Ron McFall
Amy Miller
Skip Miller
Howie Morgan
Teresa Null
Cassandra Peters
Ann Rankin
Larry Seese
Molly Smith
Joel Taylor
Kit Waite
James Ward
Deb Wilfert
Wanda Wyrick

Medical

Jaxson (8yrs old)
Olivia (3yrs old @ KK)
Alex Alber
Tonda Alwine
Maureen Bellamy
Karen Bohn
Philly Bryan
Tina Buchanan
Josie Butler
Allan Carlson
Lin Cartwright
Patrick Clark
Chris Cook
Alex Derenak
Teena Dew
Stephen Dinehart
Don DuBois
Kathy Eash
Judy Essig
Jeff Fecher & Family
Sherrie Frantz
Carol Gonyon*
Dwight Hamilton
Pam Hamilton
Dean Harvey
Ella Hess
Sherwin Hibbets
Steve Holthouse
Everett Jamison
Angela Johnson

Medical (cont.)

Remington Juday
Ron Landis
Sandy Liles
Diana Mathewson
Larry & Karen Miller
Sally Miller
Marty Morris*
Kevin Myers
Joyce Parker
Betty Plaisted
Sandy Polk
Helen Pollack
Sharon Poole
Jean Robinson
Tania Schalliol
Marilou Snell
Joan Stiver
Laura Stout
Ramona Sutphin
Kurt Teggee
Linda Thies
Hal Trout
Cathy Van Huystee*
Steve Vermeulen
Shirley Weaver
Barb Weaver
Tom Weaver
Irene Weesner
Dee Wegener
Lisa Zigler

Other

Persecuted Christians
Our Youth & Children
Our Church
Linda Rupnow*
Stephen Ministers
Susanna's Kitchen
Kingdom Kids Daycare

JOYS!*

**Pray
For
Revival**

*New this month

Please update the office about those you have added to the prayer list. Thank you.

LOSSES: Charles Fort • Iris Kelley (sister of Mary Stamper & Philly Bryan) • Ethlyn Sternberg
Dorothy Watson (Bill & Jan Watson) • Joe Williams (Beth Williams)



Military: Josh Eash, Jr. • Chris Fisher • Stephanie Hempel • Caleb Toler
Vanessa Toler • Aaron Zigler • First Responders and Law Enforcement



Our Mission

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision

*To become like the Good Shepherd
for families and children.*