

F⁺IRST
FAMILY
FOCUS

APRIL 2024



Penny zooms
around the MPR

love LIVES

As I reflect on Holy Week and Easter, I can't help but give thanks for such an amazing church community. Beccah Rich led our families in singing for Palm Sunday, and they sang beautifully! Our young people led a fantastic Maundy Thursday, doing everything from music to skits to serving communion. We often think the events from Holy Week can be too heavy for young people, but they showed us a different way.

Both our kids and families did an amazing job helping with Hop n' Hunt, and our kids even got to hunt for eggs before and after hiding them! I was especially impressed on how our families—parents and kids--provided hospitality to guests from our community. Beth Kelley and Katie Roam are the queens of organizing and staging, which allowed our church family and guests a place to fellowship and interact. We heard at least four languages spoken that day, reminding us that all people are created in God's image.

On Easter Sunday, we saw lots of wiggles and new young faces! Seeing families take pictures and sing loudly warmed my soul.

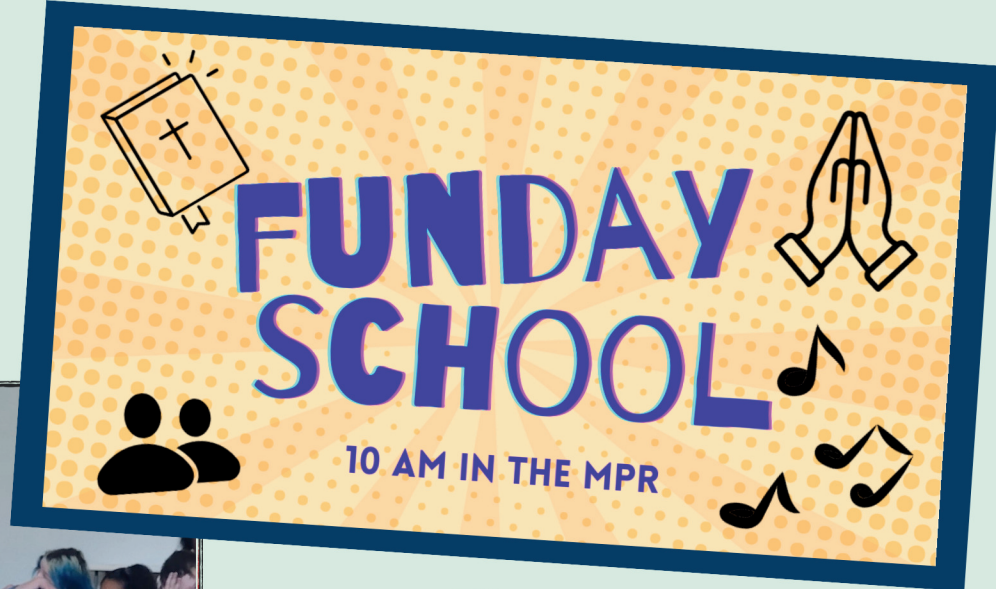
As we approach the rest of spring, I know our schedules can become full of exciting things: sports, recitals, plays, and concerts. Amid the excitement, I hope you know that you have shown me how **love lives**, even when things feel hard or hopeless. I also hope you know that love lives within you, and the young people in your life. This love is Christ Jesus. This love is what resurrection looks like.

PRAY

- For our kids, youth and their families: that they have a full and meaningful relationship with God who loves them and is always with them.
- For discernment for walking alongside children and youth in worship and learning
- For Joyful Journey; that loved ones can care for and celebrate their LGBTQ+ young people
- For Vacation Bible School; for the people who will attend, for volunteers, for good weather & fun
- For mission opportunities: kids against hunger and mission trips



Multi-Purpose
room Sundays at
10 a.m.



Share
is our faith word

Mr. Tim led Funday School as Simon Peter. He reminded us of Jesus' final supper with the disciples and gave us flashlights so we can point others toward Jesus. We are so thankful for Mr. Tim and our Leaders!!



Are you in a small group that would like to share fellowship and food with our amazing youth group?

SIGN UP!

Join us Sundays
at 5 p.m!

Our Tiny Tot families and our youth group came together for FUN and a potato-themed meal!



Help Wilson with his Eagle Scout project and get some practice for our mission trip! Wilson is building benches for our church. All are welcome to help! Reach out to Pastor Kate if you're interested!



BUILD A PICNIC TABLE



April 5-7



SEND PASTOR KATE YOUR

SPRING SCHEDULES!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND WANT TO SUPPORT YOU!
EMAIL PASTOR KATE YOUR SPRING SCHEDULE, AND AS TIME ALLOWS, SHE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU SHINE AT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO!

YOUTH GROUP

What are you doing this spring? We've already had some robotics competitions and musicians rock it! Send your spring schedules to Pastor Kate so she can root for you!

ROMANS



CHRISTIANS

with Church of the Shepherd
Sunday, April 7
5-6:30 pm
potluck--bring your favorite snack



Youth Mission Trip
INDIANAPOLIS

JULY 7TH-12TH

GRADES 6-12 | youthworks.com

Cost: \$350 each
scholarships available
limited spots: sign up soon!



**APPALACHIA
SERVICE
PROJECT**
Mission Trip
JULY 14TH-20TH
Grades 9 & above (high schoolers,
college students, & adults)



VBS 2024

June 26th-28th

5:30-7:45 PM



Camp Firelight

A SUMMER CAMP

Psalm 56:3

ADVENTURE WITH GOD



REGISTER NOW



TINY TOT TIME

A small group for families with young kiddos to share fellowship and fun!



**APRIL 21ST
AT 4 P.M.**



will be published on the 1st Wednesday of the month



MAY 5TH
8:30-12:30



KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

Help pack meals for hungry families on Sunday, May 5th from 8:30am-12:30pm.

**FIRST ST. CHARLES
UMC ATRIUM**

Kids Against Hunger
FEEDING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

FAMILY DEVOTIONALS

 theparentcue.org/devotionals

 d365.org



What resources would be helpful for you?

GroupMe:

https://groupme.com/join_group/59190038/wzMXneyr



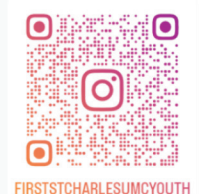
Facebook:

Look up: NexGen Ministries at First St. Charles UMC








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APRIL / MAY

			wednesday 3 FIRST FAMILY FOCUS	thursday 4 School librarian day 	friday 5	saturday 6
sunday 7 FUNDAY SCHOOL youth group R & C with Church of the Shepherd	monday 8	tuesday 9	wednesday 10 SPIRE	thursday 11 National Pet Day 	friday 12	saturday 13
sunday 14 FUNDAY SCHOOL youth group	monday 15	tuesday 16	wednesday 17	thursday 18 National High Five Day 	friday 19	saturday 20
sunday 21 FUNDAY SCHOOL TINY TOT TIME youth group 	monday 22 Girl Scout Leader Day	tuesday 23	wednesday 24 SPIRE Admin Professional Day 	thursday 25 National Pretzel Day 	friday 26	saturday 27
sunday 28 FUNDAY SCHOOL youth group	monday 29	tuesday 30	wednesday 1 FIRST FAMILY FOCUS	thursday 2	friday 3	saturday 4 MAY