

Thoughts from Tom—

Finding the Road to Joy

When did life stop being funny? Why do people not enjoy being together? Who says life has to be a grim marathon of frowns?

It seems with all the fear and frustration in the world, in our towns, in our families, and yes, even in the church, many have surrendered laughter and joy for anxiousness, aggravation, and anger.

But as Christians—people who have given their lives to Jesus Christ—we are to live above the fray. And there is no better example of someone who accomplished that task than the apostle Paul.

Paul wrote to his beloved friends belonging to the church at Philippi while he was in prison. He was not at all certain he would ever be freed. In fact, he anticipated his death and spoke about it. Yet in four short chapters that make up the New Testament book of Philippians, Paul expressed a joy and peace that is not found anywhere else in the Word of God.

It's time to laugh again. It's time to hope again. It's time to find peace as we discover the road to joy! Join us at First Church of Christ over the next few months as we discover and travel the Road to Joy.

- April 8: Time for an attitude adjustment (Philippians 1)
 - April 15: It all depends how you look at things (Philippians 1)
 - April 22: Creating Unity out of Conflict (Philippians 2)
 - April 29: Life is a balancing act (Philippians 2)
 - May 13: Don't travel alone! (Philippians 2)
 - May 20: How to stay on the road (Philippians 3)
 - May 27: Joy in spite of our past (Philippians 3)
 - June 3: From aliens to citizens (Philippians 3)
 - June 10: Dealing with disagreements (Philippians 4)
 - June 17: The secret of contentment (Philippians 4)
 - June 24: Three remarkable blessings (Philippians 4)
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300 W. Spruce Street

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**“The Gospel Changes Everything”
April 1st at 10:00am**

Potluck breakfast
Please bring a dish to share



Join us
Good Friday
March 30th

Ladies Tea and Fashion Show

April 22nd at 10:00am

at DreamMaker

**to benefit Great Lakes
Men's and Women's Ministries**

Cost is \$10 presale

**Tickets available at h
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Also available at A C**



Announcements



FCOC All Church Breakfast "Reaching More For Christ"

April 14, 2018

**Breakfast provided at 8:00,
meeting at 9:00 to share ideas**

An opportunity to look at how we can do the work we are commissioned to the congregation and the community.

***Please sign up in the lobby
so we know how much food to prepare.***



Annual Graduates Reception! April 29th

**Join us for cake and to congratulate our
graduates after service at 11:00 am!**

Please contact the church office if you are graduating from high school or college so we can include you!

High School: Torye Anderson, Alyssa Burton, James Burton, Logan Gunckel, Dustin Mangone, Katherine Peasley, Jaelynn Vert

College: Josh Goldschmidt, Becca Miller, Rachael Robenault

**We will also include open houses so your
church family can celebrate with you!**

Open Houses:

Alyssa & James Burton: May 26th, 2-4:00 pm 410 Kimball St.

Mission of the Quarter

Care Net Pregnancy Center

**Items needed: Diapers and pull-ups, baby wipes, bottles,
office supplies, household supplies, paper products, baby clothes
and up to size 6, new toys from birth to age 10**

Giving and Attendance Inform

March	
4	
11	
18	
25	
Average	

Prayer Concerns

(Please call the

Elaine Carriere—In MediLodge (formerly Tendercare)
Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues due to RA, RA flare-
His House Ministries

Kenn Filkins—Serious health issues

Hannah Grace Monroe—Continued prayers for her f

Jeannine Kelly (Therese Boucha's mother) - Parkins

Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Hoping for a lung tra

Mona Staggs (LaCrosse) - Breast cancer, now in lyn

Trudy Ranta (Pam Postma) - Melanoma has advanc

Ron Atkins (Pam Postma's brother) - Praise that ther

pancreatic cancer—to Mayo for treatment option

Gary Ferns (Mary Armstrong) - Lung tumors growing

Josh Cochran (Hachigian) - Health issues

Sarah (Friend of Lisa Corbiere) - 3 year old Amish gi

rheumatoid arthritis

Therese Boucha—Diagnosed with kidney cancer, bi

Mike Willett's brother-in-law—Health concerns

Mike Zimmerman—Recovering from surgery

Bonnie Dale—Surgery successful, still having difficul

Carol Miller—Back surgery successful, but found stag

Evelyn Henry—Health issues, upcoming surgery

Carol Kelnhofer (Former member) - Recovering from

Cards can be sent to 15455 Canterbury Forest D

Tom Lane (Phyllis Miller's brother) - Recovering from

Barry Romberger (Phyllis Miller's bro-in-law) - In critic

Nancy LaCrosse—Continued recovering from surger

Brad (Jennifer LeBlanc's boyfriend) - Car accident, co

Malvenia Cryderman (Marion Roger's mother) - Hom

Marion's sister, who is caring for her

Gail (Marion Roger's cousin) - Mini stroke, testing, ne

Glen Butler (Tanya Hoolsema's grandfather) - Fell an

slowly, but can't hear or breathe on his own, irreg

Lance (Ann Abbott) - PRAISE! Doing well, liver num

Norman (Nancy Darliing) - 30 year old son hung him