



# Faith news

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## What Do You Expect?

By: Dr. Keva Green

A few years ago, on a Friday in January during the busiest time of the morning, a young man came into Washington, D.C.'s L'Enfant Plaza, just outside the Metro. He was wearing jeans, a T-shirt and a ball cap. He was carrying a violin. He took it out of the case and placed the case on the floor in front of him and tossed in a few dollars. He then turned to face the people who were rushing past and began playing the violin.

The young man played for 43 minutes and during that time 1097 people walked past him. A total of seven people stopped and listened for more than a minute. Twenty-seven people tossed money into the case. But most people paid absolutely no attention to the music or this young man.

What the people rushing by that morning did not realize was that they could have enjoyed a free concert by the internationally

acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell as he played some of the most stunning music ever written – on a multi-million dollar 1713 Stradivarius violin.

During the three-quarters of an hour Joshua had \$32.17 tossed into his case in appreciation for his talent. In more typical settings his playing can bring in up to \$1,000 a minute. It was part of an experiment by the *Washington Post* to see if people would stop to notice beauty amid the bustle of rush hour? Joshua commented afterwards that it was such a strange feeling to be ignored... as if he did not even exist.

People walked past Joshua Bell because he was not presented in the way they expected. They might have noticed if he was wearing a tux at the Royal Albert Hall or Carnegie Hall, but he did not fit their expectations and so they missed him.

Jesus did not fit the expectations of his day. Born in a

stable, no home, no wealth – just a carpenter from Nazareth. Some missed him because he did not fit their picture of the Messiah.

Some thoughts: Beware of your expectations and how you think God will look and act and appear in your life. You don't want to miss him because he does not fit your picture. Beware of how busy you are with things in life. You don't want to walk right past the beauty and glory just because you were in a hurry. Know that God is bigger, and brighter, and more glorious than anything you can imagine, but you will find him even in the little things of every day life... when you least expect. We are constantly asking the question "Where have you seen God?" We ask that as an encouragement to all of us to keep our eyes open and to be aware that the Lord is always around us and He is always doing amazing things. Look around! Don't miss God's glory!

# Memorials

- Mary & Mike Wines in memory of Bob Davidson
- Mary & Mike Wines in memory of Fay Blanscet
- Susan L. Mitchel in memory of Bob Davidson
- Christopher & Karen Schroeder in memory of Bob Davidson
- Jerry & Doris Payne in memory of Fay Blanscet
- Donna Reeves in memory of Bob Davidson
- Lynette & Paul Gill in memory of Bob Davidson
- Lynette & Paul Gill in memory of Fay Blanscet
- Mark & Lynda Young in memory of Fay Blanscet
- Mark & Lynda Young in memory of Bob Davidson
- Loyd & Linda Rhoades in memory of Bob Davidson
- Deborah Clark in memory of Bob Davidson
- RW & Donna Baker in memory of Fay Blanscet
- Danny & Jan Brock in memory of Fay Blanscet
- Angela Neville in honor of Jan Neville
- Jerry & Doris Payne in memory of Calvin Kelton
- Frances Bunting in memory of Bob Davidson
- Jerry & Doris Payne in memory of Ann Davis
- Jerry & Doris Payne in memory of Tommy Stillwell
- Jerry & Doris Payne in memory of Bobby Burleson
- Carla Pullen in memory of Bob Davidson
- Robert & Deborah Brown in memory of Bob Davidson

*From the family of Bob Davidson...*

*Words cannot express the love shown to us during Bob's illness and his memorial service. We would like to thank each of you for your visits to the hospital, hospice, cards, phone calls, snacks, and hugs. We could not do it without our church family.*

*God Bless each of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Judy, K.J., Brian, and Connor*



## **March Fun Bunch**

Please join us Thursday, March 15 at Bill's Catfish for Fun Bunch! We will meet in the alley behind the church at 6:00 p.m., or you are welcome to meet us at the restaurant. Everyone is invited. We would love to see you as we enjoy great food and fellowship.

# Youth News

By: Katie Eubank

This month the Youth hosted our *Annual You Are Loved Dinner* for single adults in our congregation. The fellowship hall was decorated with place mats and cards made by our Preschool and Children's Sunday School class and our youth served our guests a wonderful Italian dinner. The following week we had a President's Day Lock-in for the youth. It was a full night of games, crafts, team building, and waffles! By 6:00 a.m. we had a lot of exhausted kiddos. Thank you to all you who helped make both of these events possible!



Youth Lock-in



Annual You Are Loved Dinner



Please join us in welcoming our newest members!



From left to right: Sherelle Hall, Jeffrey Maxwell, Sherry Hall, Jonathan Maxwell.

What a delight it is to have this precious family join our church! Let them know how glad you are to have them in Henrietta and in our church.

# FUMC Mission Team

The Mission Team met on February 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss mission opportunities for our church and decided to conduct an interest survey with our congregation. By showing interest in any of these items you are **not** committing yourself to participating, but rather letting our committee understand where the congregation feels called to help. This survey will be inserted in the bulletin for the next 2 weeks. If you will not be able to attend church on these two Sundays please send Jessi an email listing the service opportunities you would be interested in. Opportunities listed below.

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- Week long mission trip to Conroe, Texas to make relief kits for UMCOR.
- Week long mission trip near Corpus Christi helping with clean up and rebuilding after hurricane Harvey.
- Multi-day mission "trip" here in Clay County working on local houses, the Mission, or helping with the Senior Citizens Center.
- Mission trip to Kenya to help with Orphanages.
- Mission trip to Costa Rica with Petrolia UMC to build a second floor onto a Methodist church. (This is the same church our Youth worked on in 2017)

Other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Easter Lily Order



During this Easter Season we will decorate our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies. If you would like to contribute to this seasonal celebration, please complete this form and return it by March 23.

Cost is \$12.50 per honorarium.

Dedications will be listed in the worship bulletin Easter Sunday.

**In Honor of:**

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**In Memory of:**

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**Given by:**

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**Total # of Lilies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Preschool News

Good morning to all!! I was sitting here thinking, "Wow, it is almost Spring!!" I am so ready for some nice spring days where the students can play outside on our wonderful playground. We have had a really busy February!! Today is March 1st so I am going to reflect on the past month.

As you all know we just finished up our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. We sold 314 kits. The majority was pizza but we sold quite a few cookie kits too. The students at our Preschool did an amazing job selling, and because we sold over 100 kits we did not have to pay for delivery!! This was a great fundraiser for us and we appreciate all of the community and church for supporting the Preschool. The Preschool made \$6.00 for every kit sold. I would like to recognize our three top sellers:

**Holden Fowler sold 49 kits.**

**Arabella Slagle sold 26 kits and had donations of \$106.00**

**Laityn Whitaker sold 20 kits.**

If you see these students out and about please congratulate them for a job well-done! We also had a Valentines Party on February 14th along with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday here at the church. In fact Ash Wednesday and Valentines were on the same day. Let's not forget that Spring Break is this month: March 12th thru March 16th.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

March 28 -

Easter Party

March 30 -

No School, Good Friday

April 15 - This is a Sunday but we

will be having a Student Program and Open House on this day. Please plan on attending!!

I will have a few more important dates next month, until then have a great "Springy March".

Laura Hill

FUMC Preschool Director



# FUMC Henrietta Events

- Easter Lily Dedication Forms  
March 4-23
- First Wednesday Dinner  
Wednesday, March 7— 6:00 p.m.
- UMW Meeting  
Tuesday, March 13— 9:30 a.m.
- March Fun Bunch  
Thursday, March 15— 6:00 p.m.  
Bill's Catfish
- Easter Lily Dedications due  
Friday, March 23
- Palm Sunday – Choir Cantata  
Sunday, March 25
- Community Palm Sunday Worship  
Sunday, March 25— 6:00 p.m.  
at First Baptist Church by Clay  
County Ministerial Alliance
- Maundy Thursday Service  
Thursday, March 29— 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Service  
Friday, March 30— 7:00 p.m.
- Church office closed  
Friday, March 30
- Easter Sunrise Service (Youth Led)  
Sunday, April 1 – 7:00 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch  
Sunday, April 1– 9:30 a.m.
- Easter Service  
Sunday, April 1 – 10:35 a.m.

## **Our MISSION:**

**is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world  
from the heart of Clay County.**

## **Our VISION:**

**Is to serve as the heart, hands,  
and feet of Christ by...**

- \* **strengthening our personal  
relationship with Christ daily**
- \* **growing internally within  
our church family, and**
- \* **connecting externally throughout  
our community and our world.**



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