

On Thursday, January 5, 2017 10:55 AM, Program Coordinator
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Pick Up Your Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes will be available for pick-up in the Chapel Parlor this weekend and/or next week in the Church Office. Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year!

Star Campaign

Thank you to everyone who donated to the star campaign. We completed our goal!! We wouldn't have been able to do this without the generous people within our church family. The donations went to the Conference mission shares. Thank you!

KNOW, GROW, GO!

In the New Year, engage in Bible studies where you can “**know**” God and Christ – “**grow**” in your faith – and “**go**” into our corner of the world to make a difference! Check out our Sunday morning classes from 9 to 10 AM as well as some of our regular Bible studies and fellowship groups that meet throughout the week. There are *NEW* studies – “Living the Five” is for empty-nesters.

“The Shack”

New Bible study beginning on Sunday afternoons starting Jan. 8 from 4 to 5:30 PM at the Outreach Center in the Meditation Room. Participants are invited to read about 1/3 of the book prior to the discussion. For more information, please talk to Rev. Cindi.

Comparing Christianity to four other world religions class

Starting Sunday, January 8, at 9:00 AM upstairs, Pastor Seong will be leading a class on comparing Christianity to four other world religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and with extra time on Islam). The class will use Rev. Adam Hamilton's DVD based study “Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with

Questions People Ask. Adam interviews a religious leader from each tradition. Come check it out! Please pick up a study book from the office prior to Jan. 8th (cost of book is \$10.00).

Family Game Night

All ages are welcome! Bring a friend and your favorite games to play on Saturday January, 28th from 7:00 to 9:00. Located in the church fellowship hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the evangelism committee.

CALENDAR:

Jan. 8 ~ 9 AM Christianity and World Religions In Room 208; The Shack @ Outreach Center in Meditation Room from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Jan. 9 ~ 12:00 AM Bible and Bag @ Outreach Center

Jan. 10 ~ Christian Social Witness has a meeting at 7:00 PM in the chapel parlor, they will be discussing human trafficking

Jan. 13 ~ Circuit Rider Due

Jan. 14 ~ Blood Pressure Checks from 7:00- 7:15PM in the conference room

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Nativity Scenes- If the kids are missing a piece of their nativity scene from 2016 please come to the church office, or talk to a pastor.

Adult Leader Needed - Wednesday Night Kidz Korner needs adult leaders. If you are interested in helping some amazing children in grades 1-4 learn more about God, contact Sarah Borgman at the church to get the details on how you can help.

2017 Calendars are now on sale from the Senior High Mission Team. The calendars can be purchased from team members or in the church office for \$8 each.

Wednesday night meals are needed. Every week 40+ people have supper in the Youth Underground at the Outreach Center. You may sign up to provide all of the meal or just a portion of it. Please check out the binder in the chapel parlor to sign

up to help or talk to Sarah Borgman. Monetary donations for the meals are also accepted.

Youth Rally - See Sarah Borgman to get your ticket for this amazing Youth Rally sponsored by the Great Plains Conference. Expect games, music, worship, lots of laughs, and to grow closer to God. We will leave for Salina, KS, on Jan 14th and return Jan 15th. Talk to Sarah for more details.

MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Treasured Recipes: *The Salad Edition Cookbook* - second printing in process! Please call the church office (402) 564-8463 and reserve yours today for only \$12.00 each. "In-house" costs were estimated around \$5 each – that leaves \$7 per cookbook for Disaster Relief! Be generous & remember that these cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries & Christmas!

Car Decals are for sale in the church office by the Evangelism committee; stop and see if you would like to purchase one for \$7.00. This is another great way to get our name out in the public.

2017 MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW UMC, ALASKA!!! Willow United Methodist Church, our Faith Partner, recently contacted the Mission Committee to see if it church would send a VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team to cut and distribute firewood and help host Vacation Bible School. The VIM mission would last approximately 7 days. We are asking for a dates during the last two weeks of July, 2017. The approximate cost would be \$800 for airfare and approximately \$400 to cover rental cars and most meals. We need 10 people to form a team. The team is limited to 15 participants. For more information, please contact Denise Kracl at (402) 615-1020 or huskergirl29@yahoo.com.

Scrip is for everything! First UMC offers easy, no lines, no hassle shopping from the comfort of the church Gathering Area or the Church Office. We have tons of gift cards for you to use on your shopping adventures. You can buy groceries with them, take your family out for dinner, or go buy yourself something nice for the new year. The best part is First UMC receives 3-20% profits. Stop on in and get some Scrip!

Community Connection!

Tune- Up for Life – Columbus Wellness Center is doing Free Health Screenings for the community of Columbus on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. They offer Blood Pressure screening, Body Composition screening, Bone Mineral Density screening,

Colorectal Cancer screening, Flexibility screening, Hearing screening, Strength screening, and Vision screening.

Short Stacks for a tall cause – You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser to support **Habitat for Humanity of Columbus, NE** on February 26th from 8am to 10 am. Tickets are just \$7.00. See organization for ticket purchase prior to event.

Great Plains United Methodist Men Winter Rally- Come to the winter rally on February 17-19th located at Camp Fontanelle, near Fremont NE. The theme this year is Show up! Our Great Plains conference President, Charley File, recalls these words that God spoke to him 33 years ago. "All you have to do is show up, and I will show up". Registration is online at (<https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/UnitedMethodisMen WinterRally-GreatPlains>) or by mail. Please come into the church office if you would like to register by mail.