

On Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:20 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!

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.

Food Pantry

Chuck Kinison with the Mission Committee reported that 353 lbs. of food was taken to the Food Pantry this year!!! The Mission Committee has made a goal to bring 400 lbs. to the Food Pantry in 2017. This is a great opportunity to give back to your community! Help the Committee in accomplishing this goal in 2017.

Connections

Connections will be dining together following the 10:30 Service this Sunday at Dusters. Connections is a fellowship group for any woman in the church. Please come join us.

Human Relations Day

Next weekend, January 28-29, an offering will be taken which helps those who are in crisis. Money that is given will be used to give support to United Methodist and partner ministries related to childcare, children's after-school programs, education and tutoring, employment services, gang intervention, homelessness and housing, older adult services, prison ministry, substance abuse and rehabilitation, youth caught in sex-trafficking and work with at-risk youth. Human Relations Sunday was established to help all God's children reach their human potential.

CALENDAR:

Jan. 13 ~ Circuit Rider Due

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

Jan. 15 ~ Connections lunch after 10:30 Service at Dusters.

Jan. 17 ~ 8:45 Administrative Committee Chairs meeting in Conference Room

Jan. 22 ~ 11:00 AM Fair Trade in the Chapel Parlor

Jan. 26 ~ Taste of Alpha Dinner Party at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

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.

Spring Break Camp- Do you know of a child who needs something to do over spring break? Look no further. First UMC is having a Spring Break Camp for ages Kindergarten to Sixth Grade. It starts March 14th and goes till March 17th from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at our Outreach Center. There will be fun, Educational Activities and a field trip. **Make sure and bring a sack lunch.** Cost is \$10.00 per person. You can register at the church office or with Sarah Borgman at sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.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!

Healthy Lifestyle Class – Tuesday, January 24 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. This class is free to the public to register please call 402-562-4462. The class will discuss carbohydrate counting- what is a carb? Fat and calories – do they make a difference? Weight loss – how much and strategies for success, the importance of increasing physical activity,, healthy snacks, and setting goals for success.

63rd Annual Pancake Supper & Silent Auction – Wednesday, January 25, 2017 serving from 5:00 to 7:00 pm all you can eat. Located in the first Presbyterian church fellowship hall in Schuyler, Nebraska. Tickets are just \$6.00 and children 5 years and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the supper benefit the Christian Education Programs. Proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit the Deacon's Fund to help care for those who have need.

Short Stacks for a tall cause – You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser to support **Habitat for Humanity of Columbus, Nebraska** 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 Nebraska. 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.

Mobile Pantry – A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution. This day is Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10 am to noon at the Wunderlichs catering. The goal is to provide food where there is a high need but limited resources.

Thrive Cancer Rehabilitation Care – Columbus Community Hospital's Thrive Cancer Rehabilitation Care is here to help cancer survivors physically and emotionally heal from the side effects of treatment so they can recover more quickly and more completely than they would otherwise. A complimentary one-on-one consultation is provided in order to guide your survivorship care plan help you achieve your goals and recover the things that cancer and its treatment may have taken away. To set up an appointment or for more information, please call Rehabilitation Services at 402-562-3333.