

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:38 PM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **Great Plains United Methodist Communications Office**

To receive messages from Bishop Saenz and to stay up to date on news happenings around the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, please sign up for the weekly GP connect email newsletter at <http://gp-email.brtaapp.com/subscribe>, or send an email to [rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org). Follow the conference on Facebook so you see videos and receive information as it becomes available, as well as get to know people from around the conference. Like the conference's Facebook page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/GreatPlainsUMC>.

### **Church Yard Signs**

Church Yard signs are available to be used when your groups are out working in the community representing the church. These signs are available in the church office. Please make sure you return them to the church office within 1 week of accomplishing the event.

### **Live to Love**

Want to improve your "LOVE" language? Live to Love will be held on Sunday, February 19 or Sunday, February 26 from 4 to 5:30 PM at our Outreach Center (3602 16th Street). Take the "Five Love Languages" test and talk about improving the ways that you communicate in your love relationships. **RSVP is requested for meeting space & supplies. Call the Church Office or email FrontDesk@columbusfumc.com.**

## **CALENDAR:**

**Feb. 16 ~ 11:45 Cup of Grace @OC – WR; 6:00 Prayer team – CR; 6:00 Alpha - FH**

**Feb. 18 ~6:00 Worship (Peanut & Stretch- donations to backpack program)**

**Feb. 19 ~ 8:00 Worship (Peanut & Stretch Offering); 9:00 Sunday School; 10:30 Worship (Peanut & Stretch Offering); 4:00 Live to Love @ OC; 6:00 Ignite @ OC**

**Feb. 20 ~ 6:30 Prayer & Healing Service @ O -MR**

**Feb. 21 ~ 6:45 Administrative Committee Chairs – CR; 7:00 Finance (CP), SPRC (Lib), Board of Trustees (CR)**

**Feb. 22 ~ 6:00 Grief Share – CR or Lib; 7:00 Simplify – CR; 8:00 Ignite music team @OC - WR**

**Feb. 23 ~ 11:45 Cup of Grace @OC – WR; 1:30 UMW Reading Group – CP; 6:00 Prayer team – CR; 6:00 Alpha – FH**

## **YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

**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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> and goes till March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at our Outreach Center. There will be fun, Educational Activities studying math, reading, science, drama, cooking, and art, along with 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](mailto:sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com). **Empty Pringle cans are needed for a Camp Spring Break craft along with any helpers/leaders.**

**Youth Ice Skating** – The youth are going ice skating on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Omaha. This is for grades 7-12, it is \$8.00 per person. Bring some extra money for food. If you would like more information contact Sarah Borgman at [sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com](mailto:sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com)

## **Cup of Grace:**

**Cup of Grace is meeting again & inviting friends to join them - 100 Days 10 Actions!** On Saturday, January 21, over 5 million women worldwide, over 1 million in Washington, D.C. and thousands in Nebraska marched, spoke out and made their voices heard. But it doesn't end there; it is not the time to hang up the marching shoes, it's time to get friends, family and community together and make history. Every 10 days we will share our concerns and take action on issues we all care about. Women are invited to join together Thursday mornings at 11:45. The Cup of Grace @ the United Methodist Outreach Center (3602 16<sup>th</sup> Street). Share this with your friends. For more information go to [www.womensmarch.com](http://www.womensmarch.com) or call Marilyn Zehring 402-564-0756.

## **MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

**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](mailto:huskergirl29@yahoo.com)

**Great Plains United Methodist Men Winter Rally-** Come to the winter rally on February 17-19<sup>th</sup> 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.brtaapp.com/UnitedMethodisMen> WinterRally-GreatPlains) or by mail. Please come into the church office if you would like to register by mail.

## **Community Connection!**

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

**Prairie Rivers District Advanced Lay Servant Training** – Lay Servent Ministries include teaching, leading, guiding, and reaching out to others to demonstrate and proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ. Leading worship course- this course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. Participants Book is *Worshiping with United Methodist A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders*. Order your own books through [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or [UpperRoom.org](http://UpperRoom.org), you must have your books in order to attend the class. Located at Sutton Federated Church (407 N Saunders, Sutton, NE) on March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 9:00pm and 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 5:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 payable upon arrival. Includes snacks and Saturday lunch, \$5.00 payable to Great Plains UMC-Prairie Rivers District (mail with your registration) register by March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Leeper at 308-894-5275, email is [leeps4christ@gmail.com](mailto:leeps4christ@gmail.com).

**Prairie Rivers District** – Churchmen from across the district will gather at the Blue Hill UMC on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 pm for dinner, singing, fellowship and an informative program. Keith Berns is an Owner/Operator of Green Cover Seed Farm near Bladen, and will be our evening featured speaker. Keith's presentation will compare the task we have in rebuilding our nation's soils to Nehemiah's epic project of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem as chronicled in the book of Nehemiah. Call or email for reservations by Sunday, March 12 to Danie Mohlman, at [bhbladenumc@gtmc.net](mailto:bhbladenumc@gtmc.net) or call 402-756-2091 (leave voicemail with your name & phone number, church name & number coming). Cost is \$8.00 per person, pay on arrival.

**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