

On Friday, February 24, 2017 2:44 PM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship. Rev. Cindi will be wrapping up the “greatest love songs” series with “At Last.” Right now you may be in need of remembering this amazing gift of God’s unconditional / agape love! Share the LOVE!

Lenten Lunches / Lenten Lunches are starting up **Wednesday, March 8**, at first United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall at 12:05 PM for five weeks. There will be a meal served after each worship service. The cost is \$5.00 a person. Each week there will be a different speaker, and Rev. Cindi Stewart will be speaking on March 22nd and Rev. Seong Lee will be speaking April 5th. The theme this year is “Praying our Story.” If you would like to help with the meal on March 22nd or April 5th please call the office or Patti Luebbe @ (402) 564-4310.

CALENDAR:

Feb. 25 ~ 6:00 Worship

Feb. 26 ~ Fair Trade Items for Sale; 4:00 PM Live to Love @ OC; 6:00 Ignite

Feb. 27 ~ 12:00 Ops Team Meeting @OC; 6:00 Alaska Mission Trip (GA); 6:30 GROW Men (rescheduled) (FH); 7 PM What If?! Team (CP)

March 1 ~ 7:30 AM Word + Table & Ashes (Sanctuary); 5:30 PM UMW Executive Team (Lib); 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Luke’s UCC

March 2 ~ 11:30 Cup of Grace @OC (WR)

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 14th and goes till March 17th 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. **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 13th 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

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 16th Street). Share this with your friends. For more information go to www.womensmarch.com or call Marilyn Zehring 402-564-0756.

MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

2017 MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW UMC, ALASKA!!! MEETING ON MON. FEB. 27 @ 6 PM IN THE GATHERING AREA. 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

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.

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.brtapp.com/subscribe>, or send an email to 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>.

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 26th 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 Servant 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 or 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 24th** from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and **March 25th** from 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 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Leeper at 308-894-5275, email is 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 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.