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First UMC / Email Blast

Lenten Journey Continues!

This weekend in worship @ the Church, we will continue the series, “Go....” Our focus passage will be Matthew 8:5-13 where Jesus heals a Centurion’s servant; do have faith that moves mountains & believes that all things are possible?! Let’s “Go...” and do likewise in Jesus’ name! Worship on Sat @ 6 PM; Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM.

This weekend at Ignite worship @ the Outreach Center, Rev. Seong will begin a new series, *Transforming*. In this series, we want to see how Jesus has transformed the lives of those who met him through the Gospel of John. We want to see the power of Jesus which is working right now to transform our lives through this series. This Lent, take a ride that will inspire and transform you from the inside out. Check out the Ignite service on Sunday @ 6 PM & invite others to join you!

Check out the *NEW* Bulletin Format @ the Church! Our new bulletin style features a perforated “tear off” sheet to make signing up for activities and events more simple!

Grow through Sunday School classes for all ages! Many of our adult classes are using Lenten resources! Check them out! *Also you are invited to sign-up for one of our many Lenten Bible studies.*

Lenten Lunches / Lenten Lunches are starting up **Wednesday, March 8**, at First United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall at 12:05 to 1 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.

The Finance Committee Invites You to Enjoy PANCAKES! First UMC paid its district & conference Mission Shares **in full** for 2016. This church’s tradition is to celebrate with a Pancake Feed. Enjoy pancakes for breakfast / brunch

and/or lunch on **Sunday, March 12 from 9 AM to 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall. And THANK YOU for investing in the mission & ministry of First UMC.

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.**

CALENDAR:

March 9 ~ 11:45 AM, Cup of Grace (100 Days, 10 Actions) @ OC

March 10 ~ 6:30 PM, First Comes Love Retreat @ Church (Gathering Area)

March 11 ~ 9:00 AM, Alpha Retreat; 10:00 AM, First Comes Love Retreat @ Church (GA); 6:00 PM, Worship and Blood Pressure Checks @ CR

March 12 ~ Spring Ahead-Daylight Savings; 9:00-1:00 PM, Pancake Feed @ FH; 9:00 & 10:00 AM, Blood Pressure Checks @ CR; 4:00 PM, He Chose the Nails @ OC (MR); 6:00 PM, Ignite

March 13 ~ 6:45 PM, Program Committee Chairs @ CP; 7:00 PM, Evangelism, Mission, Education, Worship Committee Meetings

March 14 ~ 8:00 AM, Spring Break Camp Begins; 9:00 AM, Quilters; 5:00 PM, Mission Meal Spring Break @ FH; 6:00 PM, APATT Board Meeting

March 15 ~ 9:30, Good Morning Circle @ CP; 12:05 PM, Lenten Lunches @ 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.

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

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Are you part of a community club and/or service organization that would like more information about our Outreach Center? We have had numerous groups and organizations that have scheduled visits and/or tours to see what's happening at our Outreach Center. To schedule a tour, contact the Church Office, Rev. Seong Lee, Sarah Borgman and/or Marilyn Zehring.

Would you like to help at this year's Great Plains Annual Conference in Grand Island? The Conference office requests volunteers for the 2017 Annual Conference, especially from the Prairie Rivers District churches. If you would be able to volunteer, please go to the website below and sign up. Here is the link to the volunteer registration form for the 2017 Annual Conference Session. <https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/VolunteersSignUp-2017AnnualConferenceSession>

Welcome, Crisis Navigators! The Executive Team of the Outreach Center Operations Team wants to announce a new partnership & welcome **Crisis Navigators** to our Outreach Center. Crisis Navigators is a crisis phone service for substance abuse and mental health issues. The phone is answered 24/7 by professionals who can listen and direct you to the best organization or person to meet your need. This service is available to everyone in Platte, Colfax, Boone and Nance counties. Crisis Navigators had an office in the Rainbow Center for many years, and will now be in the office located in the east entrance of our Outreach Center. This is a wonderful partnership with Linda Ottis and the Crisis Navigators – stop by and say “hello” & “welcome” when you get a chance!

Community Connection!

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.

Books Are Fun/ Collective Goods– The Columbus Community Hospital Volunteers Collective Goods Flash Sale held March 17th in the third floor conference center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Come purchase books and gifts at great prices for your family and friends.

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.

2017 Great Plains UM Cowboy Trail Bike Ride or Walk – 16th annual ride or walk for the mission project, and sponsored by the great plains UMM. Donations will be given to Upper Room Prayer Line, Society of St. Andrew, Stop Hunger Now, Imagine No Malaria, disaster response, camping ministry, jail ministry, youth ministry, and scholarships for Christian service. On **May 27**, Bike or walk from Norfolk to Tilden Nebraska. Breakfast and check in at Norfolk is at 7:00 A.M. Will start walking/ ridding at 8:00 A.M. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Registration for biking family is \$25.00 which includes on t-shirt; additional t-shirts are \$15.00 each. There is no registration cost for walkers. T-shirts are 15.00 each. To ensure getting a t-shirt please register by May 17th. Rest stops with snacks will be at Battle Creek and Meadow Grove. Enjoy the fresh air, good exercise, tasty food and good fellowship.