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First UMC / Email Blast

United Methodist Women's A Day at the Legislature - Thursday, March 23, 2017. A day at the Legislature is an opportunity to see the Nebraska Unicameral in action, observing Senate Hearings and having lunch with our Senator Paul Schumacher. We will be conversing with Senator Schumacher about bills concerning: Education in regard to Charter Schools and Union Dues, Human Trafficking, Pay Day Loans, Explanation of Minimum and Maximum prison sentences, and the Environment. We will be have lunch with Senator Schumacher, cost is \$20.00 for Jimmy John's lunch and gas for those not driving plus whatever you want at Toast (if you are unable to pay, contact Marilyn Zehring). For more information contact Marilyn Zehring, 402-564-0756

LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES:

This weekend in worship @ the Church, we will continue the "Go..." Series with "Go: This Makes Us See." What do we have to see to believe about Jesus? Worship on Sat @ 6 PM; Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM.

This weekend at Ignite worship @ the Outreach Center, Rev. Seong continues the new series, *Transforming*, talking about the blind man in John 9. Check out the Ignite service on Sunday @ 6 PM & invite others to join you!

Lenten Lunches / Lenten Lunches are in Fellowship Hall at **12:05 to 1 PM** with a meal served after each worship service. The cost is \$5.00 a person. Rev. Seong Lee will be speaking on April 5th. The theme this year is "Praying our Story." If you would like to help with the meal on April 5th please call the office or Patti Luebbe @ (402) 564-4310.

CALENDAR:

March 25th / 6:00 Worship

March 26th / Fair Trade Weekend / 8:00 & 10:30 Worship

4:00 “He Chose the Nails” (OC-MR), 5:30 Community Meal (OC), 6:00 Ignite (OC)

March 27th / 7:00 Church Council Meeting (CP)

March 28th / 12:00 OPS Meeting (OC)

March 29th / 12:05 Lenten Lunches (FH), Youth Activities (OC), 7:15 “Simplify” (OC-MR)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Communication Survey – thank you to those who have already filled out our Survey! If you wish to participate, pick-up the survey by the nametags in the sanctuary!

Circuit Rider Changes! When you receive the April Circuit Rider you may notice that a calendar is NOT included for our Church and Outreach Center. That is because with two facilities & ever growing and changing programs & ministries, the calendar seems to be outdated *as soon as it is printed & mailed*. Please use the Church Bulletin announcements for the latest schedules & events AND we want to encourage people to use the calendar that is posted on our website: www.columbusfumc.com OR please contact the Church Office during business hours for immediate calendar / scheduling assistance.

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>

Youth

Pie Time - Youth are making and selling homemade pies from **March 15-April 5th**. Choose from Apple, Pumpkin, or Pecan Pie only \$10.00 each. Pies will be ready for pick up or delivery on **April 9th**. Stop into the office and sign up for a delicious pie!

Youth Garage Sale- The youth Mission Team is having a garage sale **April 1st** from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Outreach Center. They will begin taking garage sale donations on March 31st or sooner if a request is made to Sarah Borgman. This is a great reason to do some spring cleaning!

Vacation Bible School- VBS will be from June 5th -9th. We are in need of many volunteers to help teach children the word of God! If you would like to be a leader contact either Sarah Borgman or Erin Landon 402-564-8463.

Community Connection!

Spring Diabetes Event- Two speakers Jill Colegrove, and Alicia Mueller will talk about Diabetes Prevention along with identify and managing depression and stress while living with a chronic disease. **Monday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m.** at Columbus Community Hospital on the third floor of the conference room. A light meal will be served.

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.

Child Well Being Community Service Array – The Zero2Eight Child Well Being Coalition would like your help to identify needs and direct efforts to improve the wellbeing of families in our communities. This is a chance to share your thoughts and help impact the lives of children and families in Platte and Colfax counties. Located at St. Luke’s United Church of Christ (1072 21st Avenue, Columbus) on **Wednesday April 5** from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served so please be sure to RSVP by March 31 to Heather Buttarro (hbuttarro@ecdhd.ne.gov 402-563-9656)

Columbus Rescue Mission 8th Annual Ladies Brunch – Columbus Rescue Mission is having their annual ladies brunch on **Saturday, April 22nd from 9:30 - 11:30 AM** at FUMC Outreach Center. This year’s theme is “let your light shine.” Guest speaker is Denise Skrobecki, warden Nebraska correctional Center for Women plus Special Music, Testimonies and Door Prizes! Please **RSVP no later than Tuesday April 18** (402-563-1096) A free will offering will be taken for a new boiler & Women’s Ministry Needs.

Blended & Blessed: Keys to Stepfamily Success – Horizons Church (3200 Grainger Parkway Lincoln, NE 68516 in Lincoln, NE is hosting the Blended & Blessed Keys to Stepfamily Success on **Saturday, April 29th** from 8:30AM - 4:00PM. If you have any questions please contact Karen at karen@horizonschurch.org or 402-420-6600. Doors will open at 7:30 am light snacks and drinks will be provided. Lunch will be offsite, to allow for a time of reflection. Please let Karen know if you are unable to attain your own childcare.

Easter Egg Hunt - Join Columbus Community Hospital for an Eggsperience! Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-7 on **Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m.** in the front lawn of the hospital. You can have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny between 5:30-6:00 p.m. In the event of bad weather, look for an update on our Facebook page or www.columbushosp.org.

Food Allergies- Do you know the difference between a food allergy and food intolerance? On **April 27th** at noon join featured speaker D.r James Friedlander, from Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates, P.C., as he leads a discussion of all things related to food allergies, including recent updates in diagnosis and treatment. Located on the third floor conference room of Columbus Community Hospital. Free lunch included. Pre-registration requested by Monday, April 24th. Contact the Hospital at 402-562-3380 or register online at www.columbushosp.org.