

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017 3:14 PM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES:**

**This weekend in worship @ the Church**, we will continue the “Go....” Series with “**Go: This Heals Us.**” Bartimaeus received healing & followed Jesus along the way – what does it take for us to do likewise? Worship on Sat @ 6 PM; Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM.

**This weekend at Ignite worship @ the Outreach Center**, the *Transforming* series brings us to hear Lazarus’ story – what binds us from experiencing the Resurrection & the Life? Check out the Ignite service on Sunday @ 6 PM & invite others to join you!

## **Human Trafficking Informational Forum**

Located at the Church in Fellowship Hall at **7:00 p.m.** on **April 4th, 2017.**

It’s Ugly.... It’s not easy to talk about....**Sex Trafficking.**

Please join us for an informational forum on the dark reality of sex trafficking in our community. Everyone is invited to learn about how we can take action against this horrific crime. Anna Brewer, a former FBI agent, will present the information regarding this epidemic. It’s our goal to educate our community so we can recognize, respond, and fight for those trapped in this dark world. Hosted by the Christian Social Witness Team.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is “Praying our Story.” Thank you to all who have participated with your presence & sharing in the meal preparation!

**Easter Flowers /** Order Spring Flowers and/or give a gift for missions for Easter worship. Please use the new tear-off sheet in the church bulletin and/or contact the Church Office.

**Journey to Jerusalem / On Palm Sunday, April 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM** at our Outreach Center, all ages are invited to participate in Bible study, conversation, crafts & prayer as we “visit” some of the key locations in the last week of Jesus’ life! Please sign up for this event by contacting the church office. Thank you!

## **CALENDAR:**

**March 30 / 11:45 AM Cup of Grace @ OC (WR)**

**March 31 / 8 AM Youth Garage Sale set up @ OC**

**April 1 / 8 AM to 2 PM Youth Garage Sale @ OC/ 8 AM What If! Retreat @ Church (LIB)/ 6 PM Worship Service**

**April 2 / 8 AM & 10:30 AM Worship/ 4 PM “He Chose the Nails @ OC (MR)/ 6 PM Ignite!**

**April 4 / 9 AM Quilters/ 7 PM Christian Social Witness FH “Human Trafficking Educational Event”**

***April 5-7 – Rev. Cindi on Vacation @ State FFA***

**April 8 / Camp Fontanelle Work Day (see below)**

## **Children & Youth**

**Pie Time** - Youth are making and selling homemade pies! 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 **by April 5**.

**Youth Garage Sale-** The youth Mission Team is having a garage sale **April 1<sup>st</sup>** from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Outreach Center. They will begin taking garage sale donations on March 31<sup>st</sup> or sooner if a request is made to Sarah Borgman. No electronics will be accepted for the garage sale. This is a great reason to do some spring cleaning!

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

## **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](http://www.columbusfumc.com) OR please contact the Church Office during business hours for immediate calendar / scheduling assistance.

**Camp Fontanelle Work Day, Saturday, April 8** – please join the group going to prepare our camp for summer. Carpool from the church parking lot at 7:45 AM and return by 4:00 pm, or as needed. For questions or to sign up, contact Doug Kallesen, 402-563-1570, [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dkallesen@neb.rr.com) .

## **Community Connection!**

**2017 Great Plains UM Cowboy Trail Bike Ride or Walk** – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30AM - 4:00PM. If you have any questions please contact Karen at [karen@horizonschurch.org](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.columbushosp.org).

**Food Allergies- Do you know the difference between a food allergy and food intolerance?** On **April 27<sup>th</sup>** 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

24<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Hospital at 402-562-3380 or register online at [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

**National Diabetes Prevention Program** – Join the lifestyle change program to prevent type 2 diabetes. Are you an adult who is overweight? Do you have a family history of diabetes? Have you ever been told by a health care professional that you have prediabetes, borderline diabetes, high blood sugar, or had gestational diabetes while pregnant? This is a yearlong program with 16+ sessions for the first 6 months and sessions once or twice a month for the remaining 6 months. First session begins on **Tuesday, April 18th**. For more information contact Columbus Community hospitals diabetes educations Alicia Mueller 402-562-3322 email [aamueller@columbushosp.org](mailto:aamueller@columbushosp.org) or Joan Plummer 402-562-4462 email [jlplummer@columbushosp.org](mailto:jlplummer@columbushosp.org).