

On Thursday, April 6, 2017 8:47 AM, Program Coordinator <ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

First UMC / Email Blast

LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES /

This weekend in worship @ the Church, we will continue the “Go....” Series with *Go: This Focuses on the Kingdom*. As Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem – what kind of Messiah are you looking for as we begin a Holy Week? 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 the Transforming King! Check out the Ignite service on Sunday @ 6 PM & invite others to join you! (Don't forget that there is a community meal at 5:30 PM)

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!

Easter Flowers / Order Spring Flowers and/or give a gift for missions for Easter worship in honor and/or in memory of your loved ones. Please use the new tear-off sheet in the church bulletin and/or contact the Church Office at 402-564-8463. Please respond this week to be included in the Easter bulletin.

CALENDAR:

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

April 8 / 8:00 Youth Pie Making (FH) / Camp Fontanelle Work Day (see below)

April 8-9 / Palm Sunday celebrated in all worship services! Children & youth are invited to participate by waving palms at the beginning of each worship service!

April 9 / 3:30 to 5:30 PM “Journey to Jerusalem” at Outreach Center – FOR ALL AGES / 6 PM Ignite (OC)

April 10 / 6:45 Program Committee Chairs (CP) / 7:00 Program Committee Meetings

April 11 / 9:00 Quilters (OC) / 7:00 Christian Social Witness Meeting

April 12 / *Regularly scheduled Wednesday activities*

April 13 / Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM @ Church

April 14 / Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM @ Church

Children & Youth

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 helper or a leader contact either Sarah Borgman or Erin Landon at 402-564-8463.

Miscellaneous Information

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.

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

Mini Mission U and Spring Salad Supper – Columbus FUMC UMW are planning to hold the Mini Mission U the afternoon of **April 19th** from **1:00-5:00 PM**. The mission study will be held in the Chapel Parlor of FUMC and will

include a Salad Supper. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. This is our annual unit meeting to which we invite the surrounding UMW units to come and share an evening of good food and fellowship. The special speaker for the evening will be **Debbie Ritter** who has just returned from a trip to Zimbabwe and African University. Please RSVP to Jackie Pope by April 12th. Any questions please call Jackie at 402-469-4435

Community Connection!

Camp Fontanelle Easter Family Fun Day – On **April 9th** from 2:00 – 5:00 PM Easter activities include egg-dyeing, tree climbing for eggs, egg drop on the zipline, 3 Easter egg hunts, hiking the trails, 9 square in the Air, Gaga Ball, Petting barn, and Jumping Pillow. All of these activities will be located near the 7:24 Shelter. Come spend some time together as a family at camp as we celebrate family and faith. Bring your boiled eggs to the camp to dye and decorate them. Camp Fontanelle will have egg dye and some stickers for you boiled eggs.

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.

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

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