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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **The Church Has Left the Building / Change the World**

— The Church is invited to make a difference on **Sunday, April 23**. There are a variety of activities in which to participate. The morning schedule is as follows:

**8 to 9 AM** – coffee, refreshments & fellowship in the Gathering Area

**9 to 10 AM** – ONE morning worship service with one more “Go” message – where does Jesus challenge all disciples to go? The service will also include a special dedication of our projects & participants. You are invited to dress casually & to participate as you are able!

**10 to 12 PM** – projects including **picking up litter** at a number of locations; **power washing & scraping paint** in west entry @ Outreach Center; **making and/or taking gifts** to our homebound and/or care facility members & friends; and **praying** for the needs of our community.

**6 PM** – **Ignite service @ our Outreach Center**. Hear the Great Commission in a new way! 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).

**Morningside College Choir** – Morningside College Choir is coming **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** to perform after the Saturday 6:00 PM service. We need HELP with housing the students overnight along with providing dinner for the students during Saturday service. (Plans are for the students to sing at the very beginning of the 8 AM worship service as well). If you would be able to house a minimum of two students at your house or are able to help provide the meal for the students please contact the office at 402-564-8463.

**6-Week Bible Study on “Called to Discipleship”** – Please join us for six Bible stories from the Gospels and Acts on Sundays at 9:00 AM upstairs, starting April 30th or come when you can, just try it! Facilitated by Doug Kallesen, 402-563-1570, dkallesen@neb.rr.com.

## CALENDAR:

**April 22/ 9:30 AM Rescue Mission Brunch @ OC/ 6:00 PM Worship**

**April 23/ Fair Trade Weekend/ 8:00 Coffee & Fellowship/ 9:00 AM Worship/ NO 10:30 Service/ 10:00 Change the World Projects/ 6:00 PM Ignite!**

**April 24/ 7:00 PM What If Team Meeting**

**April 26/ 7:00 PM Friendship Bible Study**

**April 27/ 1:30 PM UMW Reading Group**

## Children & Youth

**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

**Bowls & Pans** – We have many left over bowls and pans this month. If you brought food to the church lately we would love it if you stopped by to pick up your containers. They are located in the mechanical room off of the kitchen.

**Thrivent Members:** you are welcome to designate funds to **First United Methodist Church** – we are now eligible to receive *Thrivent Dollars*. Contact the Church Office for more information!

## Community Connection!

**Playground Palooza-** Columbus inclusive playground presents Playground Palooza on April 23rd at Ag Park. Admission is a free will donation. There will be a silent auction, raffle, and split the pot. Lunch is \$5.00. Bring the kids for many kid activities. *All proceeds benefit the Columbus Inclusive Playground.*

**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.

**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.

**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 Dr. 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).