

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:22 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship.... Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – Sermon Series *The Five Secrets* focuses on the keys to living & dying well. Check out **Sat @ 6 PM** **and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – “Arise & Go” on the Book of Jonah! It is a whale of a story – remember & rehearse your faith!

Morningside College Choir – Morningside College Choir is coming **Saturday, April 29th** to perform after the Saturday 6:00 PM service. We need HELP 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 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 Kalleesen, 402-563-1570, dkalleesen@neb.rr.com.

Special Offering – April 29 & 30th there will be a special offering that will go to **Native American Ministries**. Your gift encourages aspiring leaders within the native American community, educates seminarians and empowers outreach within the native American culture. Thank you for your prayerful generosity!

CALENDAR:

April 26 / Regular Wednesday Choirs @ Church & Youth Activities @ Outreach Center

April 27/ 1:30 PM UMW Reading Group

April 29 / 6:00 PM Worship, Camping Weekend & Special Offering for Native American Ministries / 7:00 PM Morningside College Choir Performance

April 30/ 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship, Camping Weekend & Special Offering for Native American Ministries/ 6:00 PM Ignite!

May 1/ 12:00 UMC Blood Drive @ OC/

May 3/ 5:30 PM NO UMW Executive Team Meeting/ 6:30 PM Grow Men/

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

Evangelism Event: Looking for a few good men & women to help to deliver “seed packets” to the neighborhood around our Outreach Center. We have about 400 homes to canvass – starting at 11:30 AM on **Sunday, May 7**. Plan to help & to prayerfully reach out to our new neighbors near our Outreach Center! For more information, contact Kristi Nelson, Robin Curry and/or the Church Office.

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!

Region V Fundraiser – This **Friday, April 28**, there will be a Burger Bash from 11 AM to 1 PM. Region V is raising funds for the Relay for Life. Burger Bash is \$5 for burgers, chips & drink! (Thank you, Shana Perdew, for lifting this up to us!)

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.

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.

Learning Frontiers: PreK to Grade 3 – Help us learn more about early learning and development. **Do you have a child starting kindergarten in the fall who is not currently enrolled in preschool?** If so you may be eligible to participate in an exciting study! Researchers at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) are partnering with your community’s school district to learn about the factors that promote early learning and support children’s development across transitions into Kindergarten through Grade 3. Participating families can receive up to \$250.00. To take part in the Early Learning Network research study, or for more information, visit our website. <https://learningfrontiers.unl.edu/> or contact Amanda Witte at (402) 472-2490 or awitte2@unl.edu.