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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. *Secret #1: Be True to Your Self*. On Sunday morning, check out *Secret #2: Crossroads* based on Acts 7:51-60.

Check out **Sat @ 6 PM and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – “Arise & Go” on the Book of Jonah! This weekend, “Returning to God” from Jonah 2:1-10.

**E-Cycle Event This Saturday!** Keep Columbus beautiful will be hosting its spring electronics collection event in First United Methodist Church parking lot from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM. Bring in your used or broken electronics to be recycled properly. Items accepted are: TV’s , computers, printers, fax machines, phones, laptops, radio equipment, stereos, copiers, scanners, VCR’s, and misc. items. Charges for TV’s are as follows: 19 inch or smaller \$10; 20 inch or larger \$20. Items not accepted: Appliances such as microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers and toasters.

**Evangelism needs YOU! Help to deliver seed packets to the Outreach Center neighbors!** Let’s get ready, get set, and spread “seeds” of God’s love and flowers to our neighbors surrounding the Outreach Center! On **Sunday, May 7** around **11:30 AM**, help the Evangelism Committee to hang flower seed packets on the doors of our new neighbors. Many hands & feet will help this task to be completed in a timely fashion! Thanks, in advance, for your help!

**VBS: Hero Central** – VBS is June 5th – 9th from 8:15 am to 11:30 am. We are looking for more volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School. If you would like to volunteer please email Erin Landon [programcoordinator@columbusfumc.com](mailto:programcoordinator@columbusfumc.com) or call 402-564-8463. Also if your child would like to attend VBS please come to the office to fill out an information sheet. Early bird registration fee is \$5.00 or pay \$10.00 at the door June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## CALENDAR:

**May 6/ 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM E-cycle Event @ Church/ 6:00 PM Worship**

**May 7/ 9:00 AM Graduation Brunch / 10:30 AM Worship – High School Graduate Recognition & Scholarship Announcements / 6:00 PM Ignite!**

**May 8/ 6:45 PM Program Committee Chair Meeting/ 7:00 PM Program Committee Meetings**

**May 10/ Cindi Vacation**

**May 11/Cindi Vacation/ 6:30 PM VBS Leader Meeting (006)**

## *Miscellaneous Information*

**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!*

**Fill the Truck** – The Columbus Rescue Mission will be holding their annual Fill The Truck project on June 29th, 30th, and July 1st at the Walmart parking lot in Columbus. The Living Water Rescue Mission will have their Fill The Truck days on June 30th and July 1st at the Walmart parking lot in York. We wish to thank Walmart for working with us on this important project each summer. Please support this cause as we collect food and financial donations for the Columbus and Living Water Rescue Mission. More information will be coming in the May and June electronic newsletters.

**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.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Rescue Mission Master's Classic Presented by Title Sponsors** – Helping the hurting and the homeless in the name of Jesus Christ. Driving towards changed lives. Open division Challenge 18-hole division is \$300 per team and \$74 per player. Church Division Challenge 18- hole division is \$300 per team \$75 per player. Entry includes green fees, cart, team prizes, flag prizes, door prizes, Rescue Mission golf hat and lunch on the course. Everyone is welcome to participate. Awards ceremony following play, including hors d'oeuvres. Any question, call Mike VunCannon at the Elk's Country Club 402-564-4930.

**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](mailto:awitte2@unl.edu).