

On Thursday, June 22, 2017 1:04 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC/ Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – Sermon Series *Awakening* concludes with *When Hope is Gone...You Will Live* from Ezekiel 37:1-14. You are also invited to check out **Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** with the *Why?!* sermon series from John 1:1-18.

Outreach Center “One-Year Birthday” Celebration

Saturday, June 24 & Sunday, June 25

Celebrate in Worship!

At the Church: Sat @ 6 PM; Sun @ 8 & 10:30 AM

At our Outreach Center: Sun @ 6 PM

You are invited to pick-up a “birthday” cupcake between services in the Gathering Area. After the Ignite service at 6 PM on Sunday evening, there will be refreshments & fireworks! *Tours of the facility will be available also!* Invite your friends & neighbors to join in the fun and learn about the mission & ministry of our Outreach Center as we celebrate this weekend.

Kaleidoscope Class - The Kaleidoscope adult Sunday school class will be starting a new study this coming **Sunday, June 25**, titled “**Israel’s Mission.**” From the time God rescued the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt he gave to them the mission to spread to the rest of the world the message that He is the one true god. This *five week study* takes us by video to the Holy Land under the guidance of Ray Vander Laan to learn about this mission, how God prepared the Hebrew people to undertake it, how God eventually sent his son, Jesus, the Great Redeemer, to teach them and us how to continue that unfinished mission. Any one of high school age or older is more than welcome to participate. The class meets from 9:00-10:00 am in room 006 in the lower level of the church. We and our regular class members would love to have you join us.

Church Directory Photos – Come and get your picture taken for our church directory! The photo that goes into the directory is of no cost to you and your family. Sign up online or call the office at 402-564-8463. This Sunday there will also be a paper sign up in the Gathering Area before and after worship. Here is the online link to sign up <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y0txml30/> . Please call the church office if you have any questions.

First UMC Blood Drive: “Leaders Save Lives” – On **Monday, June 26 from 12 to 6 PM @ our Outreach Center**, there will be a First UMC blood drive coordinated by high school senior, Nickolas Borgman. As part of the “Leaders Save Lives” campaign, community-minded students help to provide a stable blood supply over the summer months & participating students can win scholarships, earn gift cards & learn valuable skills by recruiting their friends & family to donate the gift of life! To sign-up, please contact Connie Jensen at 402-563-4123 or Nickolas Borgman at 402-649-0444. *As of this publication, there are still several slots available – sign-up ASAP.*

CALENDAR:

June 22/ 5:30 PM Finishing with Grace (FH) / 6:30 PM Leadership Development Class (RM 006)

June 23/ 2 PM Committal Service for Garnett Johansen (Columbus Cemetery) followed by desserts at the Church (Fellowship Hall)

June 24/ *One Year Celebration of Outreach Center* / 6 PM Worship

June 25/ **Fair Trade** (items for sale in Chapel Parlor) / *One Year Celebration of Outreach Center* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 6 PM Ignite (OC -WR)

June 26 / 12 to 6 PM First UMC Red Cross “Leaders Save Lives” Blood Drive (hosted by Nickolas Borgman) @ Outreach Center

June 26 – 29 / Confirmation Camp @ Camp Fontanelle (participants please meet at 9 AM at the Church)

June 28/ No Splash (Youth)

June 29/ 12 AWARE (WR)

July 1 / 6 PM Worship / Communion

July 2 / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / Communion / 6 PM Ignite

Volunteer Opportunities – Want to **VOLUNTEER / SERVE** in the Church?

Watch this ***newly added*** section for opportunities! Email Erin Landon for more info:

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Sound Techs serve in weekly worship services and/or special events as scheduled (funerals, weddings, etc). Training available! Expectation would be to serve once a month (if we have enough volunteers).

Summer Tutoring provides math & reading resources for students from Centennial, Emerson & West Park elementary schools. We have a record number of students who have signed up for Summer Tutoring this year. **August 1, 2, 3 & August 8, 9, 10 from 8 to 10 AM.** Help to prepare these students for their next school year!

Weeding is needed in our flower beds at both the Church & Outreach Center. Our previous volunteers have “aged out.” Can you offer a week or two this summer? Sign—up in the Church Office.

Miscellaneous Items

Vacation Bible School – The Closing Service video June 9th of Vacation Bible School has been posted on the church website in two parts. Here are the direct links:

PART

1: <http://www.columbusfumc.com/System/Media/play.asp?id=44464&key=B904B528-B7C2-408F-A92E-E72E6C2C386A>

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2: <http://www.columbusfumc.com/System/Media/play.asp?id=44464&key=F1209D0B-14C1-417D-8167-B0B70296A88D>

Stained Glass Window Restoration Project – At a Special Church Conference on Monday, May 22, First United Methodist Church voted to move forward with the Stained Glass Windows Restoration Project. Working with Kruse Stained Glass of Hartington, NE, the Board of Trustees hopes to begin the project in spring 2018. The Finance Committee will be working on a Capital Campaign to raise \$170,000 for this project. In addition, educational materials are being put together. For those interested, our website features a video with church member Lois Smith explaining the window restoration project. [CLICK HERE to watch church member Lois Smith explain the window restoration project](#) (Directions to the video are located on the "What's Happening" page under the "Check This Out" column, at the top right under latest sermon/bulletin) Watch for more details about how you can help to preserve the beautiful stained glass windows in our church.

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.