

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:49 PM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

First UMC/ Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – *NEW* Sermon Series #**Abiding: Remain in the True Vine** begins with *Pruning* from John 15:1-8 – are there areas in your life that need pruning? You are also invited to check out **Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** with the *Why?!* sermon series concluding this weekend with **Why doesn't God seem to answer my prayers?** from Habakkuk 1:1-3; Psalm 22:1-2 and Ephesians 3:30-21.

Kaleidoscope Class - The Kaleidoscope adult Sunday school class started a new study on 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.

Christmas in July – The Mission Committee's *Christmas in July Project* is collecting items for “**Survivor's Kits.**” These items will be sent to the Salvation Army who will assemble the kits and give them to girls when they are rescued from human/sex trafficking. Grab a STAR from the trees located in the Church.

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.

Thank You! On behalf of the Operations Team of our Outreach Center, **Thank You** for making the June 24-25 weekend filled with blessing as we celebrated the ONE Year Birthday of our Outreach Center. **Special Thanks** to all who made the delicious cupcakes & the Ignite Music Team for sharing songs at the 10:30 AM service as well as the Ignite service! In addition, **Thank You** to the Church Family who have prayed for our Church & Outreach Center's mission & ministry – keep praying!

CALENDAR:

July 1 / 6 PM, Worship with Communion

July 2 / 8 & 10:30 AM, Worship with Communion / 11:30 AM, Youth Colorado Mission Trip Meeting (FH) / 6 PM, Ignite with Communion

July 4 / **Independence Day / Church Office & Outreach Center Closed**

July 5 / 7:00 PM, Splash! Summer Youth Group

July 6 / 12 PM, AWARE (OC-WR) / 6:30 PM, Leadership Development Class (Room 006)

July 7 / 11:30 AM, Keystone Picnic (OC-CmR)

Volunteer Opportunities – Want to **VOLUNTEER / SERVE** in the Church? Watch this ***newly added*** section for opportunities! Email Erin Landon for more info:

ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com

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.