

On Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:20 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 #**Abiding: Remain in the True Vine** begins with *Surviving* from Matthew 13:24-30 – what are the “weeds” that are showing up in your spiritual garden?

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** with the new sermon series **Finding Our True Identity** with inspiration from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians; this weekend, *Do You Know Who You Are?* from Ephesians 1:1-14.

**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. *Thank you for your overwhelming support of this year’s Christmas in July Project – we will be working on getting more “stars” for the trees!*

**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.

### **CALENDAR:**

**July 6 / 6:30 PM Leadership Development Class (006)**

**July 7 / 11:30 AM Keystone Picnic @ Outreach Center**

**July 8 / Blood Pressure Checks / 6 PM Worship**

**July 9 / Blood Pressure Checks / 8 & 10:30 Worship / 6 PM Ignite! (OC)**

**July 10 / 7:00 Program Committee Meetings**

**July 11 / 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study (OC) / 7:00 Christian Social Witness Meeting (006)**

**July 12 / 7:00 Splash Youth**

**July 13 / 10:00 Mission Impossible (Youth) / 12:00 AWARE (OC-MR)**

**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](mailto: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). Talk to Jim Hanna or Kevin Whited for more info!

**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. *Thank you to those who have volunteered & started pulling those weeds!*

**Care Team** needs volunteers to make home & hospital visits as well as to provide transportation on Sunday mornings to worship services. **We offer training & guidance!** Next trainings will be held on Monday, July 17 @ our Outreach Center:

**5 to 6:30 PM - Care 101 (Praying, Listening & Speaking in Caring Ways)**

**7 to 8:30 PM** - Care 303 (Caring for Bereaved & Those Experiencing Loss)

Trainings are open to all church family members & friends who want to develop their caring skills. Sign-up in the Church Office with Rev. Cindi. Thank you!

## *Miscellaneous Items*

**Summer Survival Guide / Paper Jesus!** Families, if you are using your Summer Survival Guide – we want to hear about it! *Post comments & ideas to our Facebook Page!* We would also love to post pictures of Paper Jesus in action on location with your vacations, tournaments, etc. FB: First United Methodist Church Columbus, Nebraska [soon to be First UMC & Outreach Center Columbus, NE]

**Mission Possible** – All youth are invited to participate in Mission Possible on **Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27** from **10 to 2 PM**. Meet at the Outreach Center, participate in community mission projects & then head back to the OC to eat your sack lunch & play some games!

**Habitat for Humanity Work Day Opportunity** – There will be a workday on **July 22** from **7:30 AM to 2:30 PM** @1358 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Morning snack & lunch will be provided. Project: painting & putting up trim on the house! **Need 10-12 workers** – volunteer signatures are needed on paperwork, so please sign-up by July 18 by calling the Church Office or by calling Jane Schneider.