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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...

Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – Sermon series, *Worn Yet Wonderful*, continues! Taking old, worn out items and repurposing them into something new is on-trend right now. Hear how God will meet us in our weariness, breathe new life into our souls & repurpose us! This weekend: *Something Better* from Hebrews 11:32 – 12:3

Sat @ 6 PM and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM will hear inspiration from Rev. Seong's new sermon series, *Kingdom Life Style* (Sermon on the Mountain). This weekend: *The Beatitudes* from Matthew 5:1-11.

“Wild, Wild West” Columbus Days This Weekend...

“Old Fashioned Revival” Praise Service – Along with our 8 AM and 10:30 AM Worship services, we will also be having a “Revival” Community Worship Service at **9:15 AM on Sunday, August 20** in Frankfort Square. Please come and invite your friends.

Columbus Day Parade – Evangelism committee is looking for volunteers to walk or ride the First UMC float at the Columbus Days Parade on **August 20**. Contact Kristi Nelson or Denise Kracl with questions, or just show up. They are meeting at NPPD parking lot at **2:45 PM**. Thank you, Church Family, for the bags & bags of candy!

CHANCE: 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/> . **Time slots available on Thursday, August 31**. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

CALENDAR:

August 18 / *Circuit Rider Due*

August 19 / *Peanut and Stretch Offering / School Bag Blessing / 6 PM Worship*

August 20 / 8 & 10:30 AM Service / *Peanut and Stretch Offering / School Bag Blessing / 9:15 AM Columbus Days Worship @ Frankfort Square / 3 PM Columbus Day Parade / 6 PM Ignite!*

August 21 / 12 First UMC Blood Drive - OC

August 22/ 12 OPS Meeting / 6 PM Young Adults Bible Study / 7 PM Finance Meeting

August 23 / 3:30 PM After School Program / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal / 5:45 PM MYYT / 7:15 PM Youth Groups

August 24 / 1:30 UMW Reading Group

Mark Your Calendars:

September 10 – Rally Day

September 24 – Neighborhood Block Party (formerly Fall Family Festival) @ OC

Discipleship & Leadership Opportunities: – Want to VOLUNTEER / SERVE in the Church? Watch this ***newly added*** section for opportunities! Email Erin Landon for more info: ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com

Be on the Team to Clean Children’s “Quiet” Bags – cleaning takes place once a week for 1-2 hours (great for grandparents & grandchildren); can be done anytime; training available.

Care Team needs a few more Caring People to serve in a variety of ways: provide transportation to & from worship on the weekends and/or to medical appointments; make hospital visits and/or visits to homebound members; help to

coordinate health & wellness activities. Care 101, 202 & 303 trainings available as scheduled. Talk to Rev. Cindi, Dee Kinkaid and/or Martha Davidson for more info.

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!

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!

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!*

Miscellaneous Items

Neighborhood block party – Mark your Calendars!! We are hosting a Block Party at our Outreach Center on Sunday, September 24th from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm. Food Vendors, Inflatables, Dunk Tank, Games, Music, And Outdoor Ignite Worship Service. We are in need of a few items for this year’s block party. If you have non-plug in generators, carnival games, plastic kiddy pool, or rubber ducks. If you have one that the church can use for the night please contact Sarah Borgman.

Sunday School Registration – Sunday School is starting up in a couple of weeks! Sarah Borgman will be out in the gathering area this weekend to sign up children for Sunday school.

Noon connections schedule – Sunday, August 20 is Columbus Days. We will meet in Chapel – Parlor following church. We will walk over to Frankfurt Square buy our lunch and eat at a picnic table together. (If it’s really hot we will go to Dusters). Sunday, September 17th at noon we will be on Marilyn Zehring’s Deck. Chicken and dessert will be furnished bring a vegetable or salad.

Young Adult Bible Study – Rev. Seong is leading a new bible study that will discuss “purpose driven life, what on earth am I here for” by Rick Warren. They

meet every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Rev. Seong Lee's house (128 South Rose Ln). The next meeting dates are August 1, 15, 29 and September 12.

Community Connection!

UMW – The Great Plains UMW Annual Conference is right in our backyard! Come join this gathering of women as we share fellowship, provide mission, and gain information focused on women, youth and children. You can register online at Great Plains UMW or by paper form find additional forms in the church office. Registration deadline is August 21. On **September 29-30, 2017** at First UMC, 309 E 7th Street, York, NE. Hope you can join us.

Praying our way forward – The Great Plains Conference and the United Methodist Church are seeking your participation in calling on the Holy Spirit for discernment for our denomination and for the Bishops' Commission on a Way Forward. The Great Plains Conference has been urged to focus on this issue in a prayer initiative titled "Praying Our Way Forward" from September 3-9. As a conference, our goal is to ensure people are praying daily for the commission and for the denomination, a secondary goal is to have at least one person praying all 24 hours of those days. On **September 3** from 9am to 10am, we will be praying in the sanctuary!

Mission Academy – Come together with mission-minded people to discuss connecting with your neighbors in disaster response, emotional and spiritual care, spiritual growth in mission, serving cross culturally with grace, and more. On **September 10-13** in Aurora, NE.

Celebrity Bowl –A – Rama – Build houses by bowling down pins! On **Sunday, September 10** from 1 to 6 PM at Westbrook Lanes, grab your buddies for an afternoon of bowling fun to support Habitat for Humanity of Columbus, Ne. \$350 per team of 5 players. 3 games of 9 pin no tap, hot beef dinner, pin prizes, and split the pot. Register by August 28 to Jamie Snyder: 402-910-4182 or rsnyder4@neb.rr.com.