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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **This Weekend in Worship...**

**Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – The conclusion of the sermon series, *Worn Yet Wonderful*, will remind us of how Jesus is faithful to complete the work in us! This weekend: *Faithful to Complete* from Philippians 1:3-11.

**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: *Love Your Enemies* from Matthew 5:38-48.



**School Bag Blessing!** Students, Teachers, Administrators & School Staff: it is time for the “**School Bag Blessing**” so bring those school bags to worship this weekend, **August 26 & 27** to be blessed & to receive something special to attach to your bag!

**✝ Confirmation Journey Continues...** Our Eighth Grade Students are getting ready to start the “retreat” portion of their journey! For more information, please contact Rev. Cindi ASAP – (402) 276-3450.

**ONE MORE 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. **Time slots available on Thursday, August 31**. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Personal Photos (digital) may be submitted; please talk to the Church Office for more information.

## **CALENDAR:**

**August 26 / 6 PM Worship Service**

**August 27 / Fair Trade Items / 8 & 10:30 AM Service / 9 AM Registration (GA) / 12 PM Confirmation Retreat (LIB) / 6 PM Ignite! & Children's Church (OC)**

**August 28 / 7 PM Church Council (CP)**

**August 29/ 12 PM OPS Meeting (OC – WR)**

**August 30 / 7:15 PM Youth Groups “MOVIE NIGHT” / 8 PM Ignite! Music Team**

**August 31 / 12 AWARE / 2 PM Photo Directory**

**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](mailto: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

**Sunday School Registration** – Sunday School is starting up in a couple of weeks! Sarah Borgman & Education Committee members will be out in the Gathering Area this weekend to sign up children for Sunday school. Sign-up today!

**Special Thank You** – The First UMC church office received a beautiful thank you from Linda Audiss of Crisis Navigators: “I want to let you know how grateful I am to you for providing me a lovely office space and the opportunity to meet numerous loving, kind individuals from your church. The Outreach Center is such an “outreach” to this community of God’s love, acceptance and peace. I am officially moved into my new office at the “old hospital” along with two other employees from Region IV. I will miss all of you, but will try to stop by on occasion. God Bless, Linda Audiss.” *Our Outreach Center provided an office space for Crisis Navigators after the Rainbow Center @ Boulevard Place closed its doors – what a testimony to our dedication to reach out in the Columbus Community.*

**Noon Connections Schedule** – **Sunday, September 17** at noon, Connections will meet on Marilyn Zehring’s deck. Chicken and dessert will be furnished; bring a vegetable or salad. On Sundays, October 15 and November 19, Connections will be meeting at Dusters.

**Neighborhood Block Party** – Mark your Calendars!! We are hosting a **Block Party** at our Outreach Center on **Sunday, September 24** 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 kiddie pool, or rubber

ducks. If you have one that the church can use for the night please contact Sarah Borgman.

## *Community Connection!*

**Cub Scouts** – Pack 212 is havening their cub scout registration at **7:00 PM** on **August 29**. The fee to sign up is \$25 there will be refreshments and snacks.

**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!

**Books Are Fun** – Books & Gifts at great savings! Located at the Columbus Community Hospital on **Friday, September 8** on the 3rd Floor Conference Rooms from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. All Major Credit Cards, Cash, Checks and Post-dated checks accepted.

**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](mailto:rsnyder4@neb.rr.com).

**St. Isidore Church 2017 Annual Bazaar** – On **Sunday, Sept. 10** from 11 to 6:30 PM. Live entertainment all afternoon, face painting, games,

redemption booth, now cones and cotton candy booth. Dinner for six couples with Fr. Joe hosted by bazaar committee.

**Prairie Rivers District Advanced Lay Servant Training** – Lay Servant Ministries include teaching, leading, guiding, and reaching out to others to demonstrate and proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ. Order your own books through cokesbury.com or upperroom.org. You must have your books in order to attend the class. Located at Trinity United Methodist Church, 511 N Elm St. Grand Island Ne 68801. On **September 15 and 16**, Friday evening from 6:30 PM to 9 PM and Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Cost is \$10 payable upon arrival to Trinity UMW. Includes snacks and Saturday lunch. \$10 payable to Great Plains UMC – Prairie Rivers District. Register by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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. On **September 29-30, 2017** at First UMC, 309 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street, York, NE. Hope you can join us. Registration deadline was August 21; check for availability.