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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...

Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – It's Labor Day Weekend, and we will be celebrating Holy Communion! Come to worship & hear Rev. Seong lead us in a discussion of "Moses at the Burning Bush" from Exodus 3:1-15. Like Moses, we are called!

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM will hear inspiration from the new sermon series, *Kingdom Life Style* (Sermon on the Mountain). This weekend join Rev. Cindi with *Treasure in Heaven* from Matthew 6:19-21. Where are you storing up treasure? Celebrate Holy Communion at our Outreach Center!

Beginning & Belonging Class / On **Sunday, September 3** from **9 to 10 AM**, there will be an opportunity to learn more about the mission & ministry of First UMC and to find out how to join our church family! Meet Rev. Cindi in the Gathering Area!

First Sunday Potluck / They're BACK! Everyone loves a great potluck, and our church family is bringing them back! The Evangelism committee is helping to host the September potluck on **Sunday, September 3**, bring a dish to share & enjoy fellowship with one another! Feel free to invite your neighbors, family & friends to worship & to the meal.

CALENDAR:

September 2 / 6 PM Worship Service – Communion

September 3 / 8 & 10:30 Worship Service – Communion / 9 AM Beginning & Belonging (Gathering Area) / 11:45 AM Potluck (Fellowship Hall) / 6 PM Ignite! / Children's Church (during sermon)

September 4 / Church & Outreach Center CLOSED

September 5 / 1 PM Home Communion / 6 PM Young Adult Bible Study

September 6 / 3:30 PM After School Program / 5 PM Wednesday night meal / 7 PM Worship & Youth Groups / 7:15 PM Wednesday Night Line-Up – Parent Support (OC-Meditation Room)

Mark Your Calendars:

September 10 – Rally Day (“Hero Theme”)

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!

Miscellaneous Items

Wednesday Night Line-Up – Parents of Children & Youth, we have some activities at our Outreach Center from 7:15 to 8:15 PM each Wednesday! Join Rev. Cindi (and Guest Speakers) to learn & to grow!

1st: Parent Support (Meditation Room)

2nd: Five Love Languages (Meditation Room)

3rd: Organize Your Life / Using Bullet Journal (Meditation Room)

4th: Scrap / Scan – getting your family memories in order (Craft Room)

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Sunday School Registration – Sunday School is starting up on **Sunday, September 10**. Register today by calling the Church Office.

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!

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.

St. Isidore Church 2017 Annual Bazaar – On **Sunday, Sept. 10** from 11 to 6:30 PM. Live entertainment all afternoon, face painting, games, redemption boot, now cones and cotton candy booth. Dinner for six couples with Fr.Joe hosted by bazaar committee.

Part time job and Resource fair – Connect with Central Community College students on **Wednesday, September 13** from **10 am to 1 pm**. Free to all Businesses and Organizations RSVP to Lora by September 6th to lhastreiter@cccneb.edu 402-562-1210. A great way to showcase your job openings and volunteer opportunities to new and returning students.

Immanuel Lutheran church Annual Salad Luncheon - On **Thursday, September 14** at Immanuel Family Life Center from 11 AM to 1 PM. The cost is \$7.00.

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 5th.

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 7th Street, York, NE. Hope you can join us. Registration deadline was August 21; check for availability.