

On Thursday, October 12, 2017 3:35 PM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...

Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – This weekend we will celebrate the mission & ministry of United Methodist Women! Focus passage: Matthew 25:35-40. On Sunday, welcome our guest speaker, Teresa Tuchscherer, as she shares about “Women’s Prison Ministry.”

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – Join Rev. Seong as he begins a new sermon series from the **Book of Proverbs**. This weekend, *Valued Work* from Proverbs 24:30-34; 6:6-11. Ignite your faith at our Outreach Center!

Connections will be **Sunday, October 15** at Dusters. Talk to Marilyn Zehring for more info!

Experience a Healing Service / On **Monday, October 16 @ 6:30 PM** at the Outreach Center (Meditation Room), church family members will gather to pray on behalf of the needs of individuals, the Church, community, nation & world. All are invited & welcome to attend this monthly healing service. If you would like for those in attendance to pray on behalf of one of your requests, please contact Rev. Cindi Stewart, Rev. Seong Lee and/or Martha Davidson.

Blessing Box @ Outreach Center / According to *Feeding America*, 1 in 7 Americans struggle with hunger. Children and seniors are at a higher risk of food insecurity. You’ve probably heard about or seen “little free pantries” located around Nebraska. LFP’s or Blessing Boxes have been helping people that have “fallen through the cracks” and wouldn’t qualify for a mainstream pantry yet live paycheck to paycheck. Happily, First UMC Outreach Center can add their name to a list of organizations that are sponsoring a Blessing Box. Thanks to Will Whited and his Eagle Scout project, the Outreach Center is taking another step to help stop hunger in the Columbus community. The concept is a simple one: “take what you need, leave what you can.” We are asking our members to help to stop food insecurity in our own neighborhoods! Simply drop off a nonperishable item at the Outreach Center or add an item or two to our Blessing Box, located in the front

of the First UMC Outreach Center. Please consider donating to this wonderful program and watch our families flourish! If you have any questions, please call, text or e-mail Sandy Martensen (402-563-3107) at wmartensen@neb.rr.com.

“Piece by Piece” Capital Campaign / Our Capital Campaign Committee is pleased to share with you the details of our 2017-19 “Piece by Piece” Capital Campaign on **the weekends of October 21 & 22 and October 27 & 28**. The “Piece by Piece” Campaign addresses: 1) **repair & restoration** of stained glass windows; 2) **retirement of debt** on Outreach Center; and 3) **establishment of two endowments** that will address building & maintenance and expansion of missional giving. As we celebrate First UMC’s rich history, we also celebrate our current program of ministry as well as God’s VISION for the future of our Church. *How is God calling us to share our gifts to make a difference to be “a center for Christian growth and outreach”?*

Veteran’s Day Presentation / Veterans Day is **Saturday, November 11**, and again this year we will have a presentation during our weekend worship services to remember our veterans. If anyone has pictures to submit, please email a photo (and/or take to the church office) and include the vet’s name, branch served & years of service. Email to Meka: frontdesk@columbusfumc.com

CALENDAR:

October 14 / Prairie Rivers District UMW @ OC / UMW Weekend / Peanut and Stretch Offering / 6 PM Worship

October 15 / UMW Weekend / Peanut and Stretch Offering / 8 & 10:30 Worship / 9 AM Sunday School / 12 Noon Connections @ Dusters / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children’s Church

October 16 / Circuit Rider Due / 6:30 PM Prayer and Healing Service / 7 PM Serendipity Group @ OC (Kitt)

October 17 / 6:30 PM Serendipity Group (Borgman) / 7 PM Board of Trustees & Finance Meeting

October 18 / 3:30 PM Afterschool Program / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal / 7 PM Worship / 7:15 PM Kidz Korner & Youth Groups / 7:15 PM Organize Life- Bullet Journal

Mark Your Calendars:

October 21 & 22 and 28 & 29 – “Piece by Piece” Capital Campaign

November 4 & 5 – All Saints Weekend / *Daylight Savings – Fall Back!*

November 11 & 12 – Stewardship Campaign: ThanksLiving

November 20 – Church Conference @ Outreach Center

November 25 & 26 – *Student Day Offering*

November 26 – Hanging of the Greens @ Church and Outreach Center

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

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!

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!

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)

5th: Scrap / Scan – getting your family memories in order (Craft Room)

Welcome to New Outreach Center Community Partnership! First UMC would like to extend a warm welcome to **Habitat for Humanity** who will be having an office on the east entrance of our Outreach Center. We celebrate this community partnership!

Square Dancing Lessons - Have you ever wanted to learn how to square dance? Check it out on **Sunday, October, 15** from **4:30 to 5:30 pm** at the VFW. These lessons are completely free. They are a great physically, mentally, and they are also great exercise.

Community Connection!

Precious H.E.A.R.T.S – Precious H.E.A.R.T.S. Interfaith Memorial Service on **Sunday, October 15** at 1:30 PM. Located at Columbus Community Hospital 3rd Floor Conference Center. Family, extended family and friends of individuals who have experienced a pregnancy loss are welcome to attend the Precious H.E.A.R.T.S. (healing, embracing, and remembering through sharing) service. The service will be conducted by Pastor Dan Odom of First Baptist Church in Columbus. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Bazaar and Dinner – St. Anthony Church Bazaar and Dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 22** at the Agricultural Park in Columbus, Ne. A Polish sausage, turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 AM to 3 PM. Adults \$10.00, children (5-10), \$5.00, children (4 & under) no charge. There will be games for all ages, music, and auction at 3:30 PM & raffle drawings at 6 PM.

Healthy Lifestyle Class – Tuesday, **October 24th from 6 PM to 8:30 PM**. Session topics include: carbohydrate counting – what is a carb, fat and calories – do they make a difference, weight loss –how much and strategies for success, importance of increasing physical activity, setting goals for success, healthy snacks. This is free to the public. Located at Columbus Wellness Center in the Multipurpose Room (3912 38th St.) To register call 402-562-4462 or go to: www.columbushosp.org.

Creating a Discipleship Pathway – Join other churches from around the Great Plains conference in learning how to move from the membership model to a disciple making congregation. Dr. Phil Maynard, Director of Excellence in Ministry Coaching, will provide a day and a half workshop for churches of any size to begin thinking through and designing an individual discipleship system for implementation. Each church will leave with a discipleship system idea and a timeline to launch that idea. This Launch Pad will allow you to be on retreat with your pastor and your team to worship and work together on ideas to help disciples others for Jesus Christ back home. **On November 3 from 8:30 am to 5 pm and November 4 from 8:30 am to noon**. This worship will be held in two different locations as well as livestreamed for pastors and teams around the Great Plains. Columbus First UMC Outreach Center is one of the livestream locations! Cost is \$10 per person (and includes Friday's lunch).

E-Waste Event – On **November 4 from 9 AM to 1 PM** at First United Methodist Church. Bring in your used or broken electronics to be recycled properly. Items accepted are: TV's, computers, printers, scanners, phones, fax machines, VCS's, radio equipment, etc. Charges for TV's are 19 inch or smaller, \$10; 20 inch or larger, \$20. If you have any questions call 402-563-9223.

Homes Wanted & Needed – Great foster parents are willing to work in partnership, are committed to provided care and support, are willing to complete training and ongoing education, are willing to open their hearts and homes. If you have ever thought about foster care, wanted to know more about it, or just did not

know where to start, let us take some time to share about this rewarding and needed service. Call and speak to a foster parent, recruiter, and trainer to find out about the role YOU can play and the difference YOU can make one child at a time. To speak with **the foster care program at Epworth Village** contact Heather Hultgrien (402) 710-3650, hhultgrien@epworthvillage.org.

Big Pals ~ Little Pals – Did you know that Big Pals ~ Little Pals has 17 children on their waiting list? Now is a good time to add to your life and to a child's life too. Please become a Big Pal to a child that needs your friendship. Call 402-563-1081 or find us online at www.bigpals.org. Please support the Big Pals ~ Little Pals Bowl – A – Thon on **Sunday, November 5**, to raise money for local youth who need a caring mentor in their lives. It's a fun and easy way to make a valuable contribution to our youth. You can get involved by forming a team to bowl, sponsoring a Big & Little Pal match to bowl, or contributing prizes. Call 402-563-1081 for more information. Big Pals ~ Little Pals need you to bowl for our kids!

Columbus & Living Water Rescue Mission Celebration

Banquets! – Mark your calendars for **November 6** located at American Legion, 2263 3rd Ave. **Seating starts at 6 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 PM.** Special music by The Wissman Family. One of the ways you may help the ministry is by sponsoring a table or tables for the banquets evening meals and cost. In this way all the evening's offering from a sponsored table goes to the ministry. Individuals who sponsor a table will be recognized on our banquet programs. The cost to sponsor a table is \$125, and you may sponsor as many tables as God puts on your heart. We need your RSVP! The evening meal and event are free due to the generous Table Sponsors. Your RSVP, however, is our way of getting a count for how many meals we will be serving. Please call 402-563-1096 to RSVP.

Prairie Rivers District Mission Trip Opportunity – The people of Prairie Rivers have responded greatly to the hurricane relief through the building of flood buckets and monetary donations. Through your help those who have had their lives disrupted by the storms have experienced the love of God in their time of need. Many thanks for all you have done. Now your church has an opportunity to help further the relief by joining a Prairie Rivers District mission team. The Prairie Rivers District is forming a district wide missions team to go to Texas this coming January to help with the recovery work from Hurricane Harvey. Please join Pastors Russ Anderson and Martin Leeper **January 28** –

February 3. The exact location is yet to be determined. This mission opportunity is for laity and clergy alike. More information about this trip will be discussed at the Fall Update meeting, or call Pastor Russ at 308-382-1952, or Pastor Martin at 402-741-2362 for more information. The Prairie Rivers District will help with some of the expenses keeping the cost per person low. The expected cost per person is \$200 (housing, food budget, fuel cost sharing, ect.). Volunteer in Mission (VIM) team training events will be held throughout the district for those wishing to join the mission team. Please look for information on when and where they will be held. An Early Response Team (ERT) training is set for November 18th at Central City Fairview, 9 AM – 5 PM. An ERT recertification training has been set for November 4th at Grand Island Trinity, 9 AM – 12 PM. Registration for both is online at the conference website. Participants will need to be Safe Gathering certified.