

On Thursday, November 2, 2017 4:14 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...

Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – This weekend in worship, we will celebrate *All Saints & Holy Communion*. We are beginning a new sermon series, **thanks-living**, *pursuing a lifestyle of gratitude* with “With All the Happy Saints” with our focus passage of Matthew 5:1-12.

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – Join Rev. Seong as he begins a sermon series on the **Parables of Jesus**. Bring a friend & ignite your faith!

First Sunday Potluck – Don’t miss out on the first Sunday potluck this **Sunday, November 5** after the 10:30 service. Come enjoy some good food and hang out with your church family & friends.

Medicare Seminar – On **Sunday, Nov. 5** around 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall we will be having a seminar on Medicare. Terry Taylor of Taylor Advisory Group will be speaking to us about updates and changes with Medicare supplements.

Veterans Day Presentation- Veterans Day is **Saturday, November 11**, and again this year we will have a presentation during our weekend worship services on **November 11 & 12** to remember our veterans. Last call: 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.

Youth Pies – The youth are selling pumpkin, pecan, or apple pies for \$10.00. **Orders will be taken until November 12**. Pies will be ready for pick up or delivery on the evening of November 18 in the church Fellowship Hall. Call the office (402) 564-8463 or contact Sarah Borgman if you would like to order a pie.

WANTED: Chancel Choir Accompanist – The Chancel Choir of the Church is looking for an accompanist to rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM, and to play for choir presentations on the first & third Sundays of the month. This is a paid position. For more information, please contact Rev. Cindi and/or Chancel Choir Director Sarah Cunningham. *Feel free to forward this information to others.*

CALENDAR:

November 2 / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR) / 7 PM Serendipity Group (Zehring Home) / 7 PM Nominations & Lay Leadership Committee (Lib)

November 3 & 4 / *Creating a Discipleship Pathway – Livestream Event @ our Outreach Center; Fri from 8:30 to 5 PM and Sat from 8:30 to Noon.* Cost is \$10 and includes soup lunch on Friday.

November 4 / 9 AM E-Cycle (Parking lot @ Church) / 6 PM Worship – Communion

November 5 / All Saints / Daylight Savings (Fall Back) / 8 & 10:30 Worship – Communion / 9 AM Sunday School / 11:45 First Sunday Potluck (FH) / 12:30 Care Team Medicare Seminar (FH) / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children's Church

November 6 / 1 PM Home Communion / 7 PM Serendipity Group (OC – MR)

November 7 / 1 PM Home Communion / 6:30 PM Serendipity Group / 7 PM SPRC Meeting (CR) / 7 PM Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Group (Lib)

November 8 / 3:30 PM Afterschool Program (OC-CmR) / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal (OC-YU) / 7 PM Worship (OC-WR) / 7:15 PM Kidz Korner & Youth Groups (OC-YU) / 7:15 PM Five Love Languages (OC – MR)

Mark Your Calendars:

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

November 11 & 12 – Veterans Day Presentation / Stewardship Campaign: Thanks•Living

November 18 & 19 – Youth Pie Baking & Selling!

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

Altar Guild / Pew Duty: to serve by setting up the altar for the week. Pew Duty serves by making sure the pews are ready for service each week. Talk to Church Office for more information!

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 Wed: Parent Support (Meditation Room)

2nd Wed: Five Love Languages (Meditation Room)

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

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

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

Blessing Box @ Outreach Center / 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 of the **Blessing Box** 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.

Community Connection!

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 402-563-3.

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.

Pancake Feed –Boy Scout Troop 212 is having their annual pancake feed will be held on **Tuesday, November 7 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.** Located at Federated Church (2704 15th Street). They will be making buttermilk pancakes from scratch along with sausages and beverages. Free will donation.

Annual Soup Supper – Peace Lutheran Church annual soup supper is on **Friday, November 10 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** The menu that will be offered is chili, ham & bean, chicken noodle and desserts. Adults are \$6, Seniors 65 & up \$5, 6-11 years old \$4, and youth 5 and under are free. Proceeds benefit church youth program. There will also be women's guild craft and bake sale.

Hospice Memorial Service & Open House – You are cordially invited to attend a Hospice Memorial Service & Open House **Sunday, November 12,** from 1:30 to 3 PM. Located in the third floor conference center at Columbus Community Hospital. A short program and welcome begins at 1:30 but feel free to join when you can.

Harvest Dinner - Immanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting our Annual Harvest Dinner, **November 12** at the Immanuel Family Life Center (1470 23 Avenue) from **11:30AM to 1:30PM.** The cost is \$10 for adults, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free. Our menu is turkey and all the trimmings. Proceeds will be applied to the Youth Mission Trip and Camp Luther

Summer Camp! Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Immanuel church office at 402-564-0502.

Festival of Trees - Columbus Women's Club is having their 38th annual Festival of Trees will be held in the lower level of the Library on **Thursday, November 16** from noon to 8 pm, **Friday and Saturday November 17 & 18** from noon to 4:30 pm and **Sunday November 19** from 1:30 to 4:30. Advance tickets are selling for \$5. They are available from Club members, Art Editions, Tooley Drug and the Columbus Arty Gallery. Tickets at the door are \$6. All tickets include cookies and a beverage.

Holiday Open House – Kick off the holiday season early by attending the 16th annual holiday open house. Hosted by Columbus Community Hospital Volunteers on **Friday, November 17 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM** in the third floor conference center. Holiday entertaining and serving items include: Pepper Jellies and Dip Mixes, Children's Christmas Books, Holiday Jewelry, Holiday Home Décor, Women's Shawls and Mittens, Holiday Baby Clothes and Accessories, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Stocking Stuffers, Teacher Gifts and Hostess Gifts and much more! Refreshments will be served including coffee, hot apple cider, and home-baked cookies!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets - Living Water Rescue Mission is preparing to give out Thanksgiving baskets to the poor. We will need all the fixings to put in the baskets. As you shop, would you please consider a Thanksgiving Basket fixings and a card for another family? The shopping list includes a turkey, aluminum roasting pan, 5 lbs of potatoes, 2 cans of sweet potatoes, 2 cans of corn or beans, 1 box of dressing, 1 can of turkey gravy, 1 can of cranberry sauce, 1 can of pumpkin pie filling and a pie crust. The cost of all this at the time of this letter is around \$40.00. If you would prefer to give a cash donation, please call 402-563-1096. Thank you to ADM Cares for their help in providing this.

Prairie Rivers District Mission Trip Opportunity – PLEASE SIGN-UP ASAP!!! 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. 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. ***PLEASE SIGN-UP ASAP!!!***