

On Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:19 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...*Peanut & Stretch Offering for our Outreach Center!*

Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – As we celebrate **thanks-living, pursuing a lifestyle of gratitude**, we will reflect on Luke 17:11-19, “With Unexpected Surprises.”

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – Join Rev. Seong with his sermon series on the **Parables of Jesus** with “Parable of the Bags of Gold” from Matthew 25:14-30. Bring a friend & Ignite your faith! Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

Church Conference – On **Monday, November 20 @ 7 PM** at our Outreach Center in the Community Room, celebrate the Mission & Ministry of several of our area United Methodist Churches. District Superintendent Rev. Lance Clay will be guiding & leading us in some moments of worship, reflection & celebration!

Holiday Grief Share – On **Tuesday, November 21 @ 6 PM** in Room 006, Holiday Grief Share will be presented. This is an opportunity for those who are grieving to come together and to listen, to share and to find comfort as you prepare for this holiday season. RSVP to the Church Office by Mon. Nov. 20 to reserve your spot.

“Piece by Piece” Capital Campaign – The Capital Campaign Team wants to challenge the church family members to **PRAY @ 3:12 PM/AM** each day for the Church and the Campaign. The time is from 2 Corinthians 3:12, *Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.* Please pray for hope, courage, boldness and faith! For more information about being a part of the “Piece by Piece” Prayer Team, talk to Lois Smith and/or Rev. Cindi Stewart.

Hearts & Stars for Missions – Pick-up your **Hearts & Stars** on the Christmas Tree located downtown in the Gathering Area and/or at our Outreach Center in the back of the Wesley Room.

Hanging of the Greens – **Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 AM** we will be putting up nativity sets, stringing the lights, trimming the trees, getting in the Spirit of the season. Come and help decorate our Church for the Advent/Christmas season. We will enjoy soup for lunch; please bring cookies or sandwiches to share. All ages are welcome to participate. *Decorating at our Outreach Center will be on November 26 @ 7 PM.*

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.*

Advent Studies & Activities:

- Starting **Tues. Nov. 21** Tuesday Morning Bible Study (*Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*) from 9:30 to 11 AM.
- Starting **Mon. Nov. 27** Bible & Bag: Women's Bible Study (*Pauses for Advent*) from 12 to 1 PM.
- Starting **Tues. Nov. 28** Serendipity Group – all are welcome (*Because of Bethlehem*) @ 7 PM.

UMW Annual Christmas Brunch – Please come join us at FUMC Fellowship Hall **Saturday, December 2 from 9:30-11 AM** for a morning of food, fellowship and celebration of the season. Music provided by the CHS New World Singers and Holiday Activity with Tammy Hempstead of Accent Floral. Tickets are \$3 for an adult, \$5 for a family, and kids are free. Tickets will be available at church services or in the church office. We will also have a free will offering for Epworth's new "Little Jewels" daycare.

First Sunday Potluck & Make Your Own Advent Wreath – On **Sunday, December 3, at 11:45 AM**, enjoy potluck lunch with church family members & friends! Around **12:30 PM**, make an Advent wreath with your family – please RSVP to church office at 402-564-8463 (only cost is \$5.00 for a holder).

Connections – Connections is sponsoring a trip to Omaha on **Friday, December 8**. They will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:30 am and returning by 5 pm. The trip will include the Poinsettia Tree at Lauritzen Gardens, Christmas at Union Station, lunch at Spaghetti works in the Old Market with a stop at Cheesecake Factory on the way home. For more information or to make a reservation contact Marilyn Zehring at 402-564-0756 or mbzehri@megavision.com.

Couples Christmas Party – Couples are invited to come celebrate the Christmas season on **Friday, December 8** from **7 to 9 PM** at the Outreach Center. Please wear festive sweaters!

CALENDAR:

November 17 / *Circuit Rider Due* / 5 PM Youth Pie Baking – Youth Lock in at Church

November 18 / 8 AM Red Cross Blood Drive / 8 AM Youth Pie Baking / 6 PM Worship / *Peanut & Stretch Offering*

November 19 / *Peanut & Stretch Offering* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship/ 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 12 PM Noon Connections @ Dusters/ 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children's Church

November 20 / 6:15 PM Prayer & Healing Service / 7 PM Church Conference @ OC

November 21 / 9:30 AM Bible Study / 6 PM Holiday Grief Share (RM 006) / 6:45 PM Administrative Committee Chairs/ 7 PM Board of Trustees, Finance Committee

November 22 / No Youth Groups and/or Evening Meetings

November 23 / **Happy Thanksgiving** / Church Office Closed

November 24 / Church Office Closed

Mark Your Calendars:

November 17, 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

December 3 – First Sunday Potluck & Make your own Advent Wreath

December 8 – Couples Christmas Party @ OC

December 17 – Sunday school Christmas Program @ 10:30 Service / Pastor's Open House 4 PM @ 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

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)

Community Connection!

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 PM. 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!

ERT Training – ERT Training will be held on **November 18 from 9 AM to 5 PM**, AT Central City Fairview. Participants will need to register online at the conference website. There is a \$25.00 cost, which covers the workbook, T-shirt, and lunch. Safe Gatherings certification is a pre-requisite to receiving the ERT badge.

Center For Survivors- The center is now in its 27 year of serving our families and individuals in six counties. We have served over 1,000 individuals in 2016. One in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime, and one in seven men will experience severe physical violence by their partner. Churches have been vital in providing our center resources for families and individuals impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. We have many families and individuals on our Christmas wish lists that are in need of new winter clothing. If you would like to adopt a family, for our Christmas wish list program, please call 402-564-2155 or email outreach@centerforsurvivors.net. Our need list is in the office at First United Methodist Church. Some of the items include garbage bags, laundry detergent, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, cereal, soups, diapers, Ziploc bags, and gift cards.

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. ***PLEASE SIGN-UP ASAP!!!***