

On Wednesday, November 22, 2017 3:41 PM, Program Coordinator <ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **This Weekend in Worship...*Student Day Special Offering!***

**Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – Got Thanksgiving leftovers? As we celebrate **thanks-living**, *pursuing a lifestyle of gratitude*, we will reflect on John 6:1-15, “With Leftovers.”

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – This week, the **Parables of Jesus Series** will focus on “Parable of the Sheep & the Goats” from Matthew 25:31-45. You may be singing, “I Don’t Wanna Be a Goat, Nope!” Bring a friend & Ignite your faith! Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

**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.*

**Hearts & Stars for Missions** – Pick-up your **Hearts & Stars** for Missions on the Christmas Tree located downtown in the Gathering Area and/or at our Outreach Center in the back of the Wesley Room. You are also invited to bring all sizes & colors of mittens to place on the trees! Thank you! **Stars** need to be returned by Dec. 3 / **Hearts** need to be returned by Dec. 10. / **Mittens** need to be returned by Dec. 14.

**“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.

**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.*

### Special Advent Studies & Activities:

Started **Tues. Nov. 21**, Tuesday Morning Bible Study (*Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*) at 9:30 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.

Starting **Wed. Dec. 6**, Wednesday Evening Line-Up at Outreach Center (*Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* – three-week version) @ 7:15 PM.

Starting in **Sunday School Classes**, *please check with your class leaders!*

**Daniel Christian Concert** – Award-winning Singer-Songwriter Daniel Christian will be coming to the Outreach Center for a concert on **Friday, December 1 at 7 PM**. There will be a free will offering! Come & invite your friends!

**UMW Annual Christmas Brunch** – Please come join us at First UMC Fellowship Hall on **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 Adults, \$5 for 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](mailto:mbzehri@megavision.com).

**Couples Christmas Party** – “Couples” of all ages (engaged and/or married and/or just together) 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 and bring a snack to share!

**Blue Christmas Service** – For some, the holiday season is a lonely time for those who are alone and/or grieving the losses they have experienced in their lives. There will be a **Blue Christmas Service** held on **Thursday, December 14** at **6:30 PM** at Federated Church. This service is being sponsored by Federated, First UMC, Grace Episcopal & St. Luke’s UCC.

## **CALENDAR:**

**November 22 / No Youth Groups and/or Evening Meetings**

**November 23 / **Happy Thanksgiving** / Church Office & Outreach Center Closed**

**November 24 / Church Office & Outreach Center Closed**

**November 25 / *Student Day Offering*/ 6 PM Worship Service**

**November 26 / Fair Trade Items (CP) / *Student Day Offering* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 11:30**

**Hanging of the Greens @ Church / 6 PM Children's Church / 6 PM Ignite! / 7 PM Hanging of the Greens @ OC**

**November 27 / 12 PM Bible & Bag / 7 PM Church Council (CP)**

**November 28 / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP)**

**November 29 / 7:30 AM Word + Table / 5 PM Wednesday Night Mal / 7 PM Youth Worship / 7:15 PM Youth Groups / 7:15 PM Craft Club @ Church (FH)**

**November 30 / 6:30 AM Walking Group @ OC / 12 PM UMW Reading Group @ Traditions / 6 PM Prayer Team / 7 PM Serendipity Group @ Zehring House**

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**December 1 – Daniel Christian Concert @ OC**

**December 2 – UMW Christmas Brunch**

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

**December 8 – Couples Christmas Party @ OC**

**December 14 – Blue Christmas Service @ Federated Church**

**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](mailto:ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com)

**Altar Guild / Pew Duty:** Help to set-up the altar for the week. Pew Duty helps to make 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**

**Bruce Gilmore's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Bruce Gilmore is turning "90" and there will be an Open House on **Sat. Dec. 2** from **2 to 3:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. The family invites church leaders & friends to attend. PLEASE RSVP to the Church Office so that we can get a number to the family.

**Harold Ritter's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** The family of **Harold Ritter** would like to invite members and friends of the Columbus First United Methodist Church to celebrate his 90th Birthday on **Saturday, December 9**, from **2 to 4 PM** in First United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall! No gifts, please!

### **Community Connection!**

**Masquerade Jewelry Sale** – CCH Volunteers are having a Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Sale held on **Friday, December 1** at the Columbus Community Hospital on the third floor conference center from 9 am to 3 pm. Proceeds raised will fund medical equipment purchases for Columbus Community Hospital.

**Digestive & Colon Health-** How is your digestive and colon health? Is it as healthy as you think it is? Find out and join us on **Tuesday, December 5 from noon to 1pm** in the third floor conference room for a free Lunch & Learn educational seminar. Dr. Jeremy Albin of Columbus General Surgery will be discussing digestive and colon health, what preventative measures are needed to maintain digestive and colon health, what warning signs to look out for if problems start to arise and how to treat any digestive and colon health issues. Pre-registration requested by Friday, December 1. To register, contact 402-562-3380 or register online at [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

**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.

**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!!!**