

On Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:47 AM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...

Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM – This weekend, the sermon series “More” has a bonus with “more faith” from Luke 2:22-40. In what ways will you grow your faith as we look forward to the new year?

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – This weekend’s message comes from Ecclesiastes!

Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

Taste of Alpha: new Alpha Course begins **Thursday, January 11 at 6 PM** with the “**Taste of Alpha**” **Dinner Party** in Fellowship Hall. Come find out why over 400 people have met new friends, deepened their faith, and had a lot of fun attending Alpha at First United Methodist Church. Oh, and then there’s the food...a great meal every week! Come on the 11th to learn what an Alpha evening is like, then decide if you’d like to sign up for the 10 week session on the basics of the Christian Faith in friendly and informal atmosphere. Come if you are single or married, young or “mature”, always in church or hardly ever (or never) in church, have lots of questions or know it all, don’t like to talk or love to ask questions...you get the idea. Everyone is welcome. **Please call the church office (402) 564-8463 to make a reservation.** Childcare will be available upon request.

CALENDAR:

December 27 / 5:30 PM Dinner & Movie Night for Summer Tutoring

December 30 / 6 PM Worship

December 31 / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 9 AM Fifth Sunday Donuts (GA) / 9 AM Sunday School / 6 PM Ignite! / 7 PM Youth Lock-In (OC-YU)

January 1 / Church and Outreach Center Closed / Happy New Year's Day!

January 3 / 5 PM UMW Executive Team (Lib) / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal / 6:30 PM Grow Men (FH) / 7 PM Youth Worship / 7:15 PM Youth Groups / 7:15 PM Parents: New Year's Goals for Better Family Living (OC-MR)

January 6 / Communion / Epiphany / 6 PM Worship

Mark Your Calendars:

December 31 – Fifth Sunday Donuts in Gathering Area! / Youth Lock - In

January 6/7 – Mission Weekend/ First Sunday Pot Luck

January 11 – Taste of Alpha Dinner Party

More Announcements

Nativity Pieces/Scenes – Children, did you miss one of the nativity pieces this year? After worship this weekend, you can complete your set!

Youth Meals – The Youth are in need of meals for 2018. We provide a meal to over 50 kids each Wednesday night at the Outreach Center. If you are able to donate food please look at the Youth meal sign-up sheet in chapel parlor. The youth would also take gift cards to help supply the food each week. Please call the church office at 402-564-8463 if you have any questions.

“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.

Call to Action – Attention, Congregation! **Have you ever wanted to take action regarding issues but were unsure how to make your voice heard?** Or wondered if it does any good? Every voice counts and matters. The Christian

Social Witness Team is compiling a list of people's email addresses that would like information on how to take Action. The **“Call to Action” list** will provide you with information on how to contact organizations, or law makers, to voice your opinion on topics. Emails will contain information regarding topics and explain, when, how and who to contact. If interested in receiving information and being part of the “Call to Action” list please contact Delanie Hudnall, djhudnall@columbushosp.org.

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.*

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

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!

[Community Connection!](#)

Spaghetti Feed – Sunday, January 7 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Peace Lutheran Church (2720 28th Street) in Columbus is putting on a free will donation spaghetti feed. The donations will go to sponsor Global Passion Ministries – NE to help pay for their Medical Mission Trip to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua in February 2018.

Faith-N-Art Exhibit – Today, art is more important than ever! We see many references to art in the Bible specifically in the Old Testament. Many people in the church today have wonderful talents in the Arts. We are interested in helping area churches with talented artists to share the art with the community. The idea of Faith-N-Art Exhibit was developed to invite local churches to provide artwork in all shapes and forms. The artwork does not have to be religious in nature. We hope to fill the SIP Coffee Shop **on January 16 – February 28** with wonderful art pieces. If you would like to show your artwork please call the church office at 402-564-8463

2018 Cooking Classes – Columbus Community Hospital will be putting on cooking classes starting in January of 2018. The list of classes is: January 16 (Super Soups), February 20 (Sinful Sweets), March 20 (Beneficial Herbs and Spices), April 17 (In A Pinch- Homemade Mixes and Substitutions), May 15 (South American Flair), June 19 (Cooking with Beans), July 17 (Healthy Carb Cooking), August 21 (Garden Fresh Delights), September 18 (FODMAP Cooking), October 16 (Cooking for a Healthy Heart), November 20 (Holiday Spectacular), December 18 (Cooking with Whole Grains). Class time will be 5:30 – 7 PM in the Multipurpose Room at Columbus Wellness Center. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Register today by calling 402-562-4462

National Diabetes Prevention Program – You can make a change for life. Join the lifestyle change program to prevent type 2 diabetes. Free information session is **Thursday, January 18** from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Prairie Room at Columbus Community Hospital. This is a yearlong program with 16+ Thursday sessions for the first 6 months. Sessions are once or twice a month for the remaining 6 months. For more information, contact our diabetes educators: Alicia Mueller 402-562-3322 and Joan Plummer 402-562-4462.

Healthy Lifestyle Class – Sessions are **January 23**, April 24, July 24th and October 23 from 6-8:30PM. These sessions are free to the public. To register call 402-562-4462 or go to www.columbushosp.org. Session topics include

carbohydrate counting, fat and calories, weight loss, importance of increasing physical activity, setting goals for success and healthy snacks.

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!!!**