

On Friday, February 9, 2018 1:41 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship... *celebrate YOUTH in mission & ministry!*

Sat @ 6 PM, Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – This weekend, we will experience worship through the eyes of our YOUTH! Celebrate worship with them!

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – This weekend, Rev. Seong will focus on Mark 9:2-9, “How can we listen to Jesus?” Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

Youth Weekend – Soup’s On! Our YOUTH will be in worship leadership this weekend, **February 10 & 11!** Following the 10:30 AM worship service on **Sunday, February 11**, the youth will be serving a soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Come support the Youth Mission Team with five kinds of soup & dessert! Free will donation.

*****HELP!!!! Fill the Truck for MMDC -** Disaster relief needed for Hurricane survivors...especially Puerto Rico. Help us fill the truck with **cleaning bucket items**. We will collect for 4 weeks ending on February 10 & 11. Let’s weigh down the truck! We can do it together! Bring any of the following items to the church office: (16 items are needed to fill one bucket)

- Cash—\$65 to purchase one cleaning kit **OR** 5 gallon round buckets with resealable lids—new if possible, Liquid laundry detergent (50 oz or 25 oz only), Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz that can be mixed with water—no spray cleaners), Dish Soap (16-28 oz), Air Freshener (aerosol or pump), Insect repellent spray (6-14 oz aerosol or spray with protective cover), Scrub brushes (plastic or wooden handles), Cleaning wipes (No terry towels, only hand wipes or reusable wipes), Sponges (Scotch Brite, Dobie all purpose pad, Lysol multipurpose, Scrub Daddy original, Melamine Foam Kitchen wash sponge), Scouring Pads (no stainless steel, Brillo or SOS; nothing with soap in them), Clothes Pins, 100 foot or 50 foot clothesline, Heavy duty trash bags (24 roll 33-45 gallon size), Dust

Masks, Kitchen dishwashing gloves (durable– multiple uses), Work Gloves (cotton with leather palms or all leather)

UMW Fudge!!! - United Methodist Women will be selling fudge before & after each service this weekend, **February 10 & 11**. Proceeds go toward youth and Leap of Faith scholarships!

CALENDAR:

February 8 / 6 PM Alpha / 6 PM GriefShare / 6 PM Prayer Team

February 10 / 6 PM UMW Selling Fudge / 6 PM Worship

February 11 / **8 – 11 AM, UMW Selling Fudge / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 11:30 AM Youth Soup Luncheon Fundraiser / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children’s Church**

February 12 / 12 PM Bible & Bag / 1 PM Hearts for Mission (Donna’s House) / 6:45 Program Committee Chairs / 7 PM Worship, Education, Evangelism, and Mission Committee Meetings

February 13 / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP) / 7 PM Christian Social Witness (Library) / 7 PM Serendipity Group (RM 207)

February 14 / *Ash Wednesday* / *Valentine’s Day*** / 7:30 AM Word + Table (with imposition of ashes) / 1:30 PM Brookestone Chapel / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study / 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service **at Federated** (with imposition of ashes)**

Mark Your Calendars:

February 10 – Youth Sunday; Soup Lunch Fundraiser

February 10 & 11 – UMW Selling Fudge in Chapel Parlor

February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Word + Table @ 7:30 AM; Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 PM at Federated

February 21 – Lenten Lunches Begin at 12:05 PM @ First UMC / First UMC Host

February 25 – Finance Pancake Feed Begin at 9 AM downstairs in Fellowship Hall

More Announcements

● **Blessing Box** – The Blessing Box @ OC is in need of toiletries, school supplies, pens, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, and paper products. Please drop off any donations at the Outreach Center. The supply box is right inside the east door entrance.

● **Tabletop Fundraiser “Pieces of Home”** – **Sunday, April 8** at 2 PM at the Outreach Center. Please watch for more information & reserve your table(s) today!

● **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.

● **FUMC Lenten Lunches** – FUMC hosts Lenten Luncheon on **Wednesday, February 21** and **Wednesday, March 14**. Let’s show that good ole Methodist hospitality! Can you help?

- Provide a roaster of soup (Scrip available)
- Provide 50 sandwiches (Scrip available)

- o **Help setup and serve**

Please contact Patti Luebbe if you can help! 402-564-4310

● **Finance Committee Pancake Feed** – As a thank you for getting all of our mission shares in this year, finance committee is having a pancake feed on **Sunday, February 25** from **9 AM to 1 PM**.

● **“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.*

Lent 2018 / “Above All” – Watch this section for the upcoming Lenten activities & events.

- ***NEW*** Lenten Devotional: Would you like to participate in this year’s church family Lenten Devotional? Please submit your devotional, a reflection on your relationship with God, Christ & Spirit, by **Sunday, February 4**. *More information in the church bulletin.*
- **Sign-Up for Lenten Bible Studies, Small Groups & Activities!** Check out the Bulletin Insert for more info!

Discipleship & Leadership Opportunities: – Want to **VOLUNTEER / SERVE** in the Church? Watch this ***newly added*** section for opportunities! Email Erin Landon for more info:

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- **Watch the bulletin for Care Team’s “28 Ways to Show You Care!”** insert that highlights the ways that you can demonstrate your love & care for others during the month of February!
- **Got a Vehicle & a few Extra Minutes?** The Care Team is looking for a few folks to assist in providing **transportation** for our church family members to get to: 1) worship services; 2) medical appointments; and/or 3) grocery store. If you are willing to help, please contact Martha Davidson, Bob Williams and/or 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!

•**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: 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

•**Short Stacks for a Tall Cause** – You're invited to an Applebee's flapjack fundraiser event to support Habitat for Humanity of Columbus, NE on **February 11** from 8 am – 10 am. Tickets are \$8 for ticket purchases contact Lori Peters at (402) 942-4582 or email her at info@hfhcolumbusne.org.

•**Sammy's Superheros Foundation** – On May 10 there will be a community-wide day of giving people in the Columbus area will have the chance to contribute to the community's goal of raising around \$100,000 in a single day by contributing to the 36 nonprofit(s) of their choice.