

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018 3:26 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship... *we begin the Lenten journey!*

Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – On Sunday, join Rev. Cindi as the *Jesus Says I AM* sermon series begins with **I AM / Gate** from John 10:1-10. As the Lenten Season begins, what is your posture entering through the gate?

Sat @ 6 PM and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – This weekend, Rev. Seong will focus on Mark 1:9-15, “Are you able to join the kingdom movement?” Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

Lent 2018 / “Above All” – Watch this section for the upcoming Lenten activities & events. **Sign-Up THIS WEEKEND for Lenten Bible Studies, Small Groups & Activities!** Check out the Bulletin Insert for more info! *Pick-up our Above All Lenten Devotional this weekend at worship services!*

Lost Keys – The office has found some keys that are on a blue fitnesswarx lanyard. If you have lost a pair of keys please call the office at 402-564-8463.

Connections – There is no Connections this Sunday, February 18. They will meet again on March 18.

CALENDAR:

February 14 / Ash Wednesday / *Valentine’s Day* / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study / 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service at Federated (with imposition of ashes & communion)

February 15 / 6 PM Alpha / 6 PM GriefShare / 6 PM Prayer Team

February 16 / *Circuit Rider Due*

February 17 / 6 PM Worship / *Peanut & Stretch Offering*

February 18 / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / *Peanut & Stretch Offering* / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 6 PM Children's Church / 6 PM Ignite!

February 19 / 12 PM Bible & Bag / **12 PM First UMC Blood Drive / 6:30 PM Prayer & Healing Service**

Mark Your Calendars:

February 19 – **First UMC Blood Drive - OC**

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

February 25 – Finance Pancake Feed Begin at 9 AM 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)
- 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.*

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!

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Feed – Troop 212 is having their annual chili and chicken noodle soup feed with homemade deserts. On **Tuesday, February 20** from 4:30 – 7:30 PM at the American Legion. Free will offering (suggested donation \$7 per adult, and \$5 per child). Proceeds help with the cost for summer camp for the Scouts.

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

•Columbus BIG GIVE – 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.