

On Thursday, February 22, 2018 3:59 PM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

**This Weekend in Worship...** *the Lenten journey continues!*

**Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – On Sunday, join Rev. Cindi as the *Jesus Says I AM* sermon series with **I AM / The Shepherd** from John 10:11-18. Do we recognize the voice of the Shepherd?

**Sat @ 6 PM and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – This weekend, Rev. Seong will focus on Mark 8:31-38, “Are you able to follow the suffering Messiah?” Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

**Finance Committee Pancake Feed** – The Finance Committee wants to say “Thank You” for your commitment to paying 100% of mission shares in 2017. The Pancake feed will be on **Sunday, February 25** from **9 AM to 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

**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!*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck / Care Team Fair** – on **Sunday, March 4**, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck will be hosted by the Church Council members. There will also be a **Care Team Fair** featuring blood pressure checks, displays from caring ministry teams and “tips” for internet/social media safety! Sign-up to come, CARE with us!

**FUMC Lenten Lunches** – FUMC hosts Lenten Luncheon again on **Wednesday, March 14**. Let’s show that good ole Methodist hospitality! Can you help provide a roaster of soup (Scrip available), or are you able to help set up, serve, and clean up? Please contact Patti Luebbe if you can help! 402-564-4310.

## **CALENDAR:**

**February 22 / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR) / 6 PM GriefShare (Lib) / 6 PM Alpha (FH)**

**February 24 / 6 PM Worship Service**

**February 25 / *Fair Trade Items for Sale* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service / 9 AM to 1 PM Finance Pancake Feed / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 4:30 to 5:30 PM “Let Go: Star Wars” (OC-MR) / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children’s Church**

**February 26 / 12 PM Bible & Bag (Mark 6) / 7 PM Church Council**

**February 27 / 9:30 AM Bible Study / 12 PM OPS Meeting / 7 PM Serendipity Group (207)**

**February 28 / 12:05 Lenten Lunch (FH) / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal (OC-YU) / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) / 7 PM Youth Worship (OC-WR) / 7:15 Youth Group (OC-YU) / 7:15 PM Craft Club (OC-CrR)**

**March 1 / 6 PM Alpha / 6 PM GriefShare / 6 PM Prayer Team**

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

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

**February 28** – Lenten Lunches at 12:05 PM @ First UMC / St. Luke’s UCC

**March 4** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck / Care Team Fair

**March 5** – Youth Pizza Ranch Tip Night Begin at 5 PM – Mission Trip Fundraiser

**March 10 & 11** – Scouting & Camping Weekend

**March 16** – *Circuit Rider Due*

**March 18** – Youth Baked Potato Bar Begin at 11:30 AM

## *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 3 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.

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

- **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

• **Women's Retreat** – On **Saturday, March 24 from 9 AM To 4 PM**, women of all ages are invited to come to spring cleaning your spiritual bloomers women's retreat at First Faith United Methodist Church (4190 W Capital Ave Grand Island). The cost is \$25, which includes lunch, and some take away items. Please call the office to register at 308-384-5620.

• **Prairie Rivers District Advanced Lay Servant**

**Training** – This class redefines the word “stewardship” to mean more than meeting the annual budget. *Afire With God* urges ministers and congregations to become stewards-in-action of all that God has entrusted to us. This text examines how being a good steward goes beyond one's financial commitment and becomes the way we live out the gospel. Order your books through Cokesbury.com or UpperRoom.org. You must have your books in order to attend the class. The class is held at Stromsburg United Methodist Church (401 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Stromsburg, Ne) on **March 23 and 24, Friday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 and Saturday 8:30 AM to 4 PM**. Cost is \$10 payable upon arrival to Stromsburg UMC. Includes snacks and Saturday Lunch. Another \$10 payable to Great Plains UMC – Prairie Rivers District (mail in your registration). **Register by March 9**. If you have any questions please contact Jeanie Leeper through email [jleeper@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:jleeper@greatplainsumc.org) or contact Mary Plock at 402-366-5473.

• **2018 Cooking Classes** – Columbus Community Hospital will be putting on cooking classes starting in January of 2018. The list of classes is: 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.