

On Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:39 AM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

**This Weekend in Worship...** *the Lenten journey continues! Join us in worship for Holy Communion!*

**Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – On Sunday, join Rev. Cindi as the *Jesus Says I AM* sermon series with **I AM / The Bread of Life** from John 6:26-40. Are you willing to be filled with the Bread of Life?

**Sat @ 6 PM and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – This weekend, Rev. Seong will focus on John 2:13-22, “**Are you able to follow the *cleaning* Messiah?**” Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

**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!

**Lent 2018 / “Above All”** – Easter is ONE month from today! How is your Lenten journey going? Read your devotional each day! You are invited & welcome to join in our Lenten activities!

•**#letgo intergenerational Bible study. Sunday, March 4** from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at our Outreach Center (Meditation Room). *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* themes: let go of control & power. Intergenerational Study; all are welcome to attend. On **Sun. March 18 & 25**, the focus will be on *The Greatest Showman* (Vanity, Dreams, Pursuing More).

•**FUMC Lenten Lunches – Wednesdays @ 12:05 PM in Fellowship Hall.** First UMC 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:**

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

**March 2 / *World Day of Prayer***

**March 3/ 9 AM Alpha Retreat (OC)**

**March 4 / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 9 AM Beginning & Belonging (Gathering Area)/ 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 11:45 AM First Sunday Potluck / 4:30 to 5:30 PM #letgo Bible study (OC-MR) / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children's Church**

**March 5 / 12 PM Bible & Bag (Mark, chapter 6) / 5 PM Pizza Ranch Tip Night – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**

**March 6 / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP) / 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl (Lib) / 7 PM Serendipity Group**

**March 7 / 12:05 PM Lenten Lunch / 5:30 UMW Executive Team / 5 PM Youth Supper (OC-YU) / 7 PM Youth Worship with Communion (OC-WR) / 7:15 PM Youth Groups (OC-YU) / 7:15 PM Parents of Youth: The Easter Experience (connecting the Easter Story with children & youth)**

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**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 7** – Lenten Lunches at 12:05 PM @ First UMC / Federated & Grace Episcopal hosting

**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 pick-up a “You are Invited” packet with information & registration form and/or contact the Church Office for more information.
  
- ✓. **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](mailto: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!**

• **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

•**Worship Together** – on **Saturday, April 7 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm** The Sanctuary women of all faith will gather together to unite, uplift and connect through the power of prayer and worship. The evening will include lice worship, fellowship and light refreshments. To learn more find 'Worship Together' on Facebook.

•**Make the Difference** – A Wichita Christian Men's Gathering on Saturday, **April 28 from 8 AM to 4 PM** at Calvary United Methodist Church (2525 N. Rock Rd. Wichita KS). You are invited to hear Rev. Dotson, Coach Hogan speak. Along with some personal testimonies of how the positive affirmation of men has impacted lives. Also you will be able to explore questions in your small group and will be challenged to go back into the world and reproduce your experiences. To register go to [www.makethedifference.care](http://www.makethedifference.care)

•**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.