

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:45 PM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

**\*\*\*THURSDAY\*\*\*Moving Chairs** – We are in need of some volunteers to help move the old Fellowship Hall chairs over to the Outreach Center **Thursday morning starting at 9:00 AM**. If you are able to volunteer or have a truck please contact the office at 402-564-8463.

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

**Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – On Sunday, celebrate Scouting & Camping with **Jesus Says I AM / The Light of the World** from John 8:12-20.

**Sat @ 6 PM and Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – This weekend, Rev. Seong will focus on John 3:14-21, “**Are you able to follow the *lifting* Messiah?**” Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

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

•**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.

•**#letgo intergenerational Bible study**. **Sunday, March 18 & 25** from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at our Outreach Center (Meditation Room). *The Greatest Showman* themes: let go of vanity, dreams & pursuing more. Intergenerational Study; all are welcome to attend.

**Fill the Truck for MMDC-** Disaster relief needed for Hurricane survivors (especially Puerto Rico). Help us fill the truck on **UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Weekend (March 17-18)** with cleaning bucket items. Let's weigh down the truck! We can do it together! Bring any of the following items next weekend to a worship service: (16 items are needed to fill one bucket)

1. Cash—\$65 to purchase one cleaning kit
2. 5 gallon round buckets with resalable lids—new if possible
3. Liquid laundry detergent (50 oz or 25 oz only)
4. Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz that can be mixed with water—no spray cleaners)
5. Dish Soap (16-28 oz)
6. Air Freshener (aerosol or pump)
7. Insect repellent spray (6-14 oz aerosol or spray with protective cover)
8. Scrub brushes (plastic or wooden handles)
9. Cleaning wipes (No terry towels, only hand wipes or reusable wipes)
10. Sponges (Scotch Brite, Dobie all purpose pad, Lysol multipurpose, Scrub Daddy original, Melamine Foam Kitchen wash sponge)
11. Scouring Pads (no stainless steel, Brillo or Soss. Nothing with soap in them)
12. Clothes Pins
13. 100 foot or 50 foot clothesline
14. Heavy duty trash bags (24 roll 33-45 gallon size)
15. Dust Masks
16. Kitchen dishwashing gloves (durable— multiple uses)
17. Work Gloves (cotton with leather palms or all leather)

**Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser** – On **March 18th** the Youth will be having a baked potato bar fundraiser following 10:30 service downstairs in

Fellowship Hall. Please come and support our youth as they raise money to go on a mission trip this summer!

## **CALENDAR:**

**March 8** / 6:30 AM Walk & Talk (OC- park on west side) / 6 PM Alpha / 6PM GriefShare / 6 PM Prayer Team / 7 PM *CCC Choir Concert*

**March 10** / 6 PM Worship Service / *Blood Pressure Checks*

**March 11** / *Day Light Savings Time – Spring Forward / Blood Pressure Checks / Scouting & Camping Sunday* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 6 PM Children's Church / 6 PM Ignite!

**March 12** / 12 PM Bible & Bag / 1 PM Hearts for Missions / 6:45 PM Program Committee Chair Meeting / 7 PM Education, Evangelism, Mission, and Worship Committee Meeting

**March 13** / 9:30 AM Bible Study / 9:30 AM Quilters / 7 PM Christian Social Witness / 7 PM Serendipity Group

**March 14** / 12:05 Lenten Lunch / 5 PM Youth Meal / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study / 7 PM Youth Worship / 7:15 PM Youth Groups

**March 15** / 6:30 AM Walk & Talk (OC-park on west side) / 6 PM Alpha / 6 PM GriefShare / 7 PM SPRC Training (Chapel Parlor)

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**March 8** – Moving Chairs to OC @ 9:00 AM

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

**March 14** – Lenten Lunch @ 12:05 PM – Rev. Cindi Stewart preaching/First UMC host

**March 16** – *Circuit Rider Due*

**March 18** – *UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Weekend*, Youth Baked Potato Bar

## *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)

**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!
- **OC Cleaning** – We are looking for a volunteer to help keep our Outreach Center clean. With our Outreach Center being used more often we need to make sure that our facility is being cleaned. Once a month we would like a volunteer to come in and help with vacuuming, moping, and dusting. If you are willing to help please contact the church office at 402-564-8463.

### **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).

•**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

•**Destination Imagination** – The Destination Imagination program is a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in science, technology, engineering, fine arts, and mathematics. For the first time ever, Destination Imagination teams will showcase their challenge solutions for the public! Come enjoy some dinner and entertainment! Destination Imagination is having a soup supper fundraiser on **April 5, 2018 from 5 PM to 8:30 PM** at the 1C Sanctuary and the Broken Mug. Help our Destination imagination program thrive and continue to grow! In order to finance trips to Globals, as well as a provide funding for future growth, we are asking for donations to help meet our final goal of \$15,000.

• **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 live worship, fellowship and light refreshments. To learn more find ‘Worship Together’ on Facebook.

• **Healthy Lifestyle Class** – On **April 24 from 6 to 8:30 PM**  
Columbus hospital is having a healthy lifestyle class that is free to the public. Session topics include carbohydrate counting – what is a carb, fat and calories – do they make a difference, weight loss – how much and strategies for success, importance of increasing physical activity, setting goals for success, and healthy snacks. To register call 402-562-4462 or go to [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

• **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.