

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018 4:42 PM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

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

**Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – This weekend in worship, join Rev. Cindi with **Jesus Says I AM / Way, Truth, Life** from John 14:1-14

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – This weekend, Rev. Seong will focus on John 12:20-33, “**Are you able to follow the *laying down* Messiah?**” Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

## **UMCOR/Cleaning Bucket Weekend: MARCH 17 & 18**

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



### **MMDC Crayons Needed!!**

With an unexpected number of requests for student school bags MMDC is in need of brand new 24-count crayons. 4,177 bags were sent to Central America and Watseka, IL. Midwest Mission is quickly running out of crayons. Please

bring your donation to the office.

**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!

**#letgo 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. All ages are welcome to attend.

**FUMC Lenten Lunches – Wednesdays @ 12:05 PM in Fellowship Hall.** \$5 each person. Last one on **Wednesday, March 21.**

**Healing Service.** On **Monday, March 19**, the Prayer & Healing Service will be at **6:30 PM** at our Outreach Center (Meditation Room).

**Holy Week Services.** Prayerfully participate in our special Holy Week services.

**March 25 : Palm Sunday / Children invited to participate**

**March 28 : Word + Table Service at 7:30 AM, Church Sanctuary; 20-minute service with reflection on psalm; prayer & communion.**

**March 29 : Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM, Church Sanctuary.**

**March 30 : Good Friday Service – Noon @ St. Luke’s UCC and 7 PM in Church Sanctuary.**

**March 31 : Saturday Evening Service (Early Easter) – 6 PM, Church Sanctuary.**

**April 1 : Sunrise @ 6:30 PM followed by Breakfast @ Church / 8 & 10:30 AM Easter Celebration Services @ Church / 6 PM Ignite Alternative Praise Gathering @ Outreach Center.**

## **CALENDAR:**

**March 14 / 5 PM Youth Meal (OC-YU) / 7 PM Chancel Choir (Sanct) / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) / 7 PM Youth Worship (OC-WR) / 7:15 PM Youth Groups (OC-YU) / 7:15 PM Family Lenten Practices (OC-MR)**

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

**March 16** / *Circuit Rider Due*

**March 17** / *Peanut & Stretch Offering* / *UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Weekend* / 6 PM Worship Service

**March 18** / *Peanut & Stretch Offering* / *UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Weekend* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / **11:30 AM Youth Baked Potato Bar** / 4:30 PM #letgo Bible Study – “The Greatest Showman” @ OC (Meditation Room) / 6 PM Children’s Church / 6 PM Ignite!

**March 19** / 12 PM Bible & Bag / 7 PM Care Team

**March 20** / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP) / 9:30 AM Quilters (OC-QR) / 6:45 PM Administrative Committee Chairs (CR) / 7 PM Finance (CR) / 8 PM Board of Trustees (CP) / 7 PM Serendipity Group (207)

**March 21** / 9:30 AM Good Morning Circle (CP) / 12:05 PM Lenten Lunch (FH) / 1:30 PM Eve Circle (CP) / 5 PM Youth Meal / 5:30 PM Friendship Circle (CP) / 7 PM Youth Worship / 7:15 PM Youth Groups; *plus choirs & music teams as scheduled.*

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**March 16** – *Circuit Rider Due*

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

**March 21** – Lenten Lunch @ 12:05 PM – Rev. Annika Lister Stroope / Federated

**March 28** – *Scholarship Packets Due to Office*

**April 1** – Easter Sunday

**April 7 & 8** – Holy Communion in Worship

**April 23** – Conversation on Racism by Dr. Karlos Hill

**May 6** – Graduation Recognition / Peace Pole Dedication

**June 23** – First UMC Habitat for Humanity Work Day

## **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.

**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).

**Easter Family Fun Day at Camp Fontanelle** – On Palm Sunday **March 25 from 2 to 5 PM** take some time out to dye your Easter eggs at Camp Fontanelle (bring your own boiled eggs). Other activities including hiking and games on the campgrounds, Easter egg hunts by age group, and Easter egg climbing. That's right, you've got to climb the tree to get these eggs in your basket. The Zipline Egg Drop will zip you down and back across 700' of total cable. The challenge will be to drop an egg in a certain area and win a prize.

**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

**Eggsperience** – Columbus Community Hospital is having their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter egg hunt on **Tuesday, March 27 at 6 PM** on the hospital's front lawn. This event is for children ages 2 to 7. Have your picture taken with the Easter bunny between 5:30 – 6 PM. In the event of inclement weather, look for an update on our Facebook page or at [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

**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.