

On Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:19 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship... *Holy Week begins!*

Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – This weekend in worship: **Jesus Says I AM / The Vine** from John 15:1-14

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – This weekend, Ignite will focus on Mark 11:1-11, **“Are you able to follow the *servant King*?”** Remember to stay afterward for snacks & fellowship!

THANK YOU for the donations for UMCOR weekend & “Fill-the-Truck” – last call for items as Norm is heading Illinois on Monday morning!



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.

REACH OUT! Outreach Center Neighborhood - On **March 27, at 1:00 PM** volunteers are needed at the Outreach Center to help deliver Easter service information, OC information, and a little gift to people in the neighborhood around our Outreach Center. This will only involve taking door hangers to houses and leaving the gift on the door. *Anyone who delivers information can get a FREE ticket to the movie on Tuesday night – sign-up in Church Office.*

The Movie Behind the Song: “I Can Only Imagine” - On **March 27, at 7:00 PM** the movie “I Can Only Imagine” will be showing at the Columbus Theater. The movie is based upon the true story about the writing of this amazing song that is performed by Mercy Me. Tuesday movie tickets are just \$5. Let’s fill the movie theater for this powerful movie.

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 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.

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

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.

Post-Easter Plans – During the 50 Days of Prayer (from Easter to Pentecost), we will be offering some **Special Small Group Opportunities** for spiritual growth! Watch for more information on **how to pray during the 50 Days of Prayer; Financial Peace University; Confirmation ReVisited** (for ADULTS). If you are interested in being a part of a small group, contact the Church Office ASAP.

• **Adult Sunday School Class** - The Kaleidoscope adult Sunday School class that meets downstairs in room 006 at 9:00 a.m. will be starting a new, 24 week study, “Great Figures of the New Testament” **on Easter Sunday (April 1)**. Professor Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School will teach us through a series of video sessions about Jesus and many of the other central characters of the New Testament. We will learn about them not only through scripture, but also from secular sources. Ms. Levine’s deep knowledge of the Bible, New Testament times, history, and culture will give us a deeper understanding of these people so important to our faith. One thing we have discovered in the Kaleidoscope class is that when we gain some knowledge of the culture and politics of the time, we can find insights in scripture that we would otherwise overlook. This will be an exciting and informative series. Each session will deal with one person or group, so if you must miss a Sunday you won’t return in the middle of a session. We always welcome newcomers to our class and would invite you to join us.

• **First Annual Tablescapes “Pieces of Home” – Sunday, April 8 @ our Outreach Center.** This is a fun way to raise funds for our “Piece by Piece” Capital Campaign! **Please sign-up by Sunday, March 25.** Here’s the scoop:

- Round Table or Rectangle Table and Chairs (Your Choice of table & # of Chairs)
- Coffee & Water / GROW Men to serve
- Primary Theme: *Pieces of Home*

YOU Provide:

- Your Table’s Personal Theme
- Table Covering
- Decorations
- Table Service
- Dessert to Serve & “Favors”
- Guests for your table

- Silent Auction Items (see below)

Helpful Hints:

- Decorate with items from your home
- Invite family members & friends
- You can: pre-pay for your table and/or sell tickets to your guests (Tickets are \$15)
- Be creative & have fun!

CALENDAR:

March 22 / 12 PM AWARE (OC-WR) / 1:30 PM UMW Reading Group (CP) / 6 PM Alpha (FH) / 6 PM GriefShare (Lib) / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR)

March 24 / 6 PM Worship Service / *Children are invited to wave palm branches!*

March 25 / *Tablescapes “Pieces of Home” Registration Due* / **Palm Sunday / Fair Trade Items** / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship Service / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / **4:30 PM #letgo Bible Study – The Greatest Showman (OC- MR)** / 6 PM Ignite! (OC) / 6 PM Children’s Church (OC)

March 26 / 12 PM Bible & Bag (OC-WR) / 1 PM Hearts for Mission (Donna’s House) / *5:45 PM Al Anon / 6 PM UMM Annual Dinner Meeting & Program (Central City UM Church 2601 18th Ave) / 7 PM Church Council (CP)*

March 27 / 9 AM Quilters / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP) / 12 PM OPS Meeting (OC- WR) / **1 PM canvassing the Outreach Center Neighborhood** / *7 PM NAMI Mental Health Support Group (OC-MR) / 7 PM “I Can Only Imagine”-pack the theater night*

March 28 / *Scholarship Packets Due to Church Office* / 6:30 AM UMM Breakfast (FH) / 7:30 AM Word & Table (Sanct) / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal (OC) / 5:45 PM MYTT (OC) / 6 PM Praise Team (Sanct) / 6:30 PM Youth Choir (OC) / 7 PM Chancel Choir (Sanct) / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) / 7 PM Youth Worship (OC) / 7:15 PM Youth Groups (OC) / 7:15 PM Scrap/Scan (OC-Craft Room) / 8:15 PM Ignite! Music Team (OC)

March 29 / Maundy Thursday / 6:30 AM Walk & Talk (OC – park on west side) / 11:30 AM Red Cross / 12 PM AWARE (OC) / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR) / 7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Mark Your Calendars:

March 27 – 1 PM canvassing the Outreach Center Neighborhood / 7 PM “I Can Only Imagine” Pack the theater night

March 28 – Scholarship *Packets Due to Office*

March 29 – 7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

April 1 – Easter Sunday

April 7 & 8 – Holy Communion in Worship

April 23 – Conversation on Racism with 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:

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- **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.
- **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.
- **Eggsperience** – Columbus Community Hospital is having their 7th 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.
- **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. *Rev. Cindi will be a part of the Prayer Team for this event!*

•Columbus & Living Water Rescue Mission Annual Ladies

Brunch – We would love to have you join us Saturday morning **April 14, 2018** for our Annual Ladies Brunch. It will be at Trinity Lutheran Church (2200 25th Ave) from 9:30 -11:30 AM with child care provided. Our theme this year is “Breaking the Chains” and we have a great morning planned with an inspiring drama presented by the youth from Trinity Lutheran Church and testimonies of the LORD’s work in the lives of 3 graduated Healing Heart Disciples. The brunch is free and we would like to invite the women to come and enjoy food, fellowship, music, and fun door prizes. For more information please call Pam, Nancy or Trisha at Columbus Rescue Mission at 402-563-1096.

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

•**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.

•**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. Junius 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

•**Spring Training Event** – Missouri River District Lay Servant Spring Training event is **Saturday, May 5** from 8 am to 4:30 PM at First United Methodist Church in Fremont Nebraska (815 N Broad St. Fremont, NE). There are three classes to choose from, there is the Lay Servant Basic Course it is designed to increase participants' understanding of servant leadership, spiritual gifts, spiritual practices, and learn the value of involvement in a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. The Lay Servant basic course book is Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book, cost is \$11.00. The second class offered is the Planning worship class. This course is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning. The course book for this class is The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together Participant's Book, cost is \$12.99. The third class that is being offered is Preaching (advanced course). This course includes types of sermons from exegetical to topical to children's sermons as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper. The course book for this class is From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon Participant's Book. Cost is \$6.00. You are able to find the books on Amazon.com or on Cookesbury.com

•**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.