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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

**This Weekend in Worship...** *celebrate the Risen Christ with Holy Communion!*

**Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** – Join Rev. Cindi as we begin **A Way Forward** sermon series with **“Do no harm: failing forward”** inspired by Reuben P. Job’s book, *Three Simple Rules* with a focus on John 20:19-29 & Acts 3:12-19.

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** – This weekend, Rev. Seong & the Ignite Music Team welcome Scott Zwick who will share a message of inspiration! *New sermon series, Word for the Church*, will start on April 15. **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening!**

**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! **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE, \$15 each.** Here’s the scoop:

**Schedule for Tablescapes on April 8:**

**12:30 PM**, Start Decorating Tables @ OC  
**2:30 PM**, Table Showcase & Pictures  
Silent Auction Begins  
**3 PM**, Start of Event / Desserts Served  
**3:30 PM**, Entertainment!  
**4 PM**, Silent Auction Ends  
**4:30 PM**, End of Event

**Silent Auction Item suggestions (by Mar 25):** gift baskets, framed photos, quilts, jewelry, specialty items. *There will be Silent Auction Tables as well as a “Treasure Corner” for free-will donations.*

**Tickets are \$15 each.** You may reserve your seat by calling the Church Office.

## CALENDAR:

**April 7** / 6 PM Worship Service / *Holy Communion* / 7:30 to 9:30 PM Women's Event: Worship Together @ The Sanctuary (Rev. Cindi on Prayer Team)

**April 8** / *Holy Communion* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 9 AM Beginning & Belonging (GA) / 9 AM Great Figures of the New Testament Sunday School Class (RM 006) / 9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Fellowship Time / 2:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tablescapes (OC) / 6 PM Ignite! / 6 PM Children's Church

**April 9** / 12 PM Bible & Bag / 1 PM Hearts for Mission (Donna's House) / 1 PM Home Communion (Rev. Cindi) / 5:15 PM *Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting* (OC) / 5:45 PM *Al Anon* / 6:45 PM Program Committee Chairs (CP) / 7 PM Education (Lib), Evangelism (CP), Mission (FH), Worship (CR)

**April 10** / 9 AM Quilters (QR) / 9:30 AM Bible Study (CP) / 1 PM Home Communion (Rev. Seong) / 6 PM *Backpack Program Board Meeting* (OC-WR) / 7 PM Christian Social Witness (CP) / 7 PM *NAMI Mental Health Support Group* (OC-MR)

**April 11** / 6:30 AM UMM Breakfast / 7:30 AM Word & Table / 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal / 5:45 PM MYTT / 6 PM Praise Team / **6:30 to 8:30 PM Confirmation RE-Visited (OC-MR)** / 6:30 PM Youth Choir / 7 PM Chancel Choir (Sanct) / 7 PM Friendship Bible Study (FH) / 7 PM Youth Worship / 7:15 PM Youth Groups / 8:15 PM Ignite! Music Team

**April 12** / 6:30 AM Walk & Talk (OC-park on west side) / 6 PM Prayer Team (CR) / **6:30 to 8:30 PM Confirmation RE-Visited (CP)**

## Mark Your Calendars:

**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

**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; new Sunday School classes & studies including Financial Peace University and 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)**. 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.
- **Confirmation RE-Visited** – Is it time to RE-affirm & RE-claim your faith in God, Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit? This is a great opportunity **for adults** to RE-visit the *Confirmation* journey. Whether you are new to the Christian faith and/or “been around for a while,” you will enjoy learning & growing with others! **TWO SESSIONS HELD from 6:30 to 8:30 PM: Wednesdays @ OC (Meditation Room) on April 11, 18 & 25. Thursdays @ Church (Chapel Parlor) on April 12, 19 & 26. Sign-up in the Church Office & get a FREE devotional book!**
- **Financial Peace University** – FPU is coming soon to First UMC! Sign-up to experience financial peace in your life! Call the Church Office at **402-564-8463** for more information!

**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)

- **Care Team invites YOU to check out the \*NEW\* Care Corner in Chapel Parlor.** The Care Team “board” will have a list of what’s needed most by our **Teams – Transportation, Visitation, Prayer, Grief Response,**

**Health & Wellness and the Specialized Care Teams.** Check it out & sign-up for a task or two! 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!

## **More Announcements**

✓ **THANK YOU for the donations for UMCOR weekend & “Fill-the-Truck” – over 214 lbs taken to Illinois!**



**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.

✓ **MMDC “Personal Dignity Kits” Needed!** Year after year PDKs are the #1 kit requested from MMDC and we have seen the demand double from 15, 906 in 2015 to 36,456 in 2017. In the last three years we have sent out \$1,156,960 worth of PDKs with each kit valued at \$14. PDKs are sent all over the Midwest and internationally to help people maintain basic hygiene, an essential component of human dignity. PDKs contain: bath hand towel, bath washcloth, bomb, nail/toenail clippers / adult toothbrush / shampoo/ deodorant / bar soap / razor with guard / toothpaste. All items are placed in a one gallon plastic bag. PDKs are being shipped to Puerto Rico to help with Hurricane relief. Please bring your items to the church office.

✓ **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.

✓ **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.

## **Community Connection!**

• **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!*

• **Free Health Screenings** – Free Screenings for oral, head and neck cancer on Monday, **April 9 from 5 PM to 7 PM** at the Columbus Otolaryngology Clinic (4508 38th Street, Suite #152). For appointment or more information call 402-562-8666. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcomed.

• **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](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. 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](http://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.