

On Thursday, July 5, 2018 9:52 AM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

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Starting on **Saturday, July 7**, the **Saturday Evening Worship Service** will be moving to our Outreach Center (3602 16<sup>th</sup> Street). Worship will be held in the Wesley Room (east side of the building). Please note that the handicap-accessible entrance is located on the WEST side. Members and guests are invited to check-out this new venue for the Saturday evening service.

*In May, the Church Council voted on the Worship Committee's recommendation to move the service after months of discernment through surveys and conversations. This decision will remain in effect through December, and then will be re-evaluated. Please direct any questions to Scott Zwick, Sandy Fricke and/or Rev. Cindi.*

**This Weekend in Worship...celebrate our connection with Christ & with each other!**

**Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM** — This weekend, join Rev. Cindi in the *Who We Are* sermon series with “*called: for such a time as this*” from Esther 4:1-17 with a focus on Esther! *Also, Marilyn Zehring will be sharing the inspirational highlights from this year's Great Plains Annual Conference.*

**REMINDER:** *the Saturday Evening Worship service is moving on 7/7 to our Outreach Center (3602 16<sup>th</sup> Street) in the Wesley Room. Handicap-accessible parking is located on the west side of the building.*

Thank you for wearing a **NAME TAG** to welcome our pastoral intern, new associate pastor of outreach ministries & our summer guests!

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM** — This weekend, our pastoral intern Rachel Shepherd will be preaching from Isaiah 55:6-13, “Trust Issues: God's Exhortation to Receive God's Grace.” **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening.**

**Summer Office Hours-** Our Church Office hours have changed until **Friday, August 31:** Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM to 5 PM / Friday, 7:30 AM to 12 PM

**Summer Sunday School** – Age 2 to Kindergarten will meet in room 005, and students in Grades 1-6 will meet in Room 210 for Bible Story, crafts, activities & much more!

**Forks & Fellowship** – We are starting some \*NEW\* fellowship groups in the Church. Check out “Forks & Fellowship” & get acquainted with people in the church family. Sign-up in the Gathering Area for a “fork” time – breakfast, lunch, dessert and/or supper!

**Splash!** – Summer Youth Group will be meeting on **Wednesday, July 11** from **7 to 8:15 PM**. Activity: Putt-Putt Golf; meet at OC.

**Help Wanted / Volunteer Opportunities** – First UMC is looking for a volunteer to help remove the pop cans from the cage and deliver to CMI or Road Runner two times a month. The money earned from the cans helps the *mission work* of the church. Contact the church office for more information.

**Christmas in July** – beginning **July 1** take a star off of one of the Christmas trees

located at the downtown church and at the Outreach Center. This year the stars are to

help supply the **Outreach Center** and the **Blessing Box** with materials needed. Some

items include: *Dish Soap, Dish rags, Sponges, Sandwich bags, Freezer bags, Lysol Spray,*

*Garden Hose Reel, Reusable “to go” containers, Wal-Mart Gift cards to buy supplies,*

*Cash Toward purchase of vacuum cleaner, Cash Toward purchase of fans, Cash Toward*

*purchase of space heaters, Cereal, Boxed meals, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter and Jelly,*

*Toilet Paper, Individual snack items, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Deodorant,*

*Microwavable Meals, Pudding & Applesauce.* Please bring items and/or cash donations

to the church office.

**Camp Fontanelle Information Gatherings** - *God is on the Move* at our Camp! Anne and Doug Kallesen invite you over to our house to hear about it...how the ministry has doubled and how to prepare for the expected continued growth. Our kids are experiencing God’s love there! Short video, information, and dessert. Please let us know which night you can come... **Tuesday, July 10 or Wednesday, July 11**. We will start at 7:00 PM and finish at 8:30 PM. Call or email: 402-563-1570. [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dkallesen@neb.rr.com)

**CALENDAR:** <https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2018-07-01>

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

*Christmas in July (all month)*

**July 7** – *Burrows & Reeves Wedding* / Saturday Evening Service moves to OC

**July 10 & 11** – Camp Fontanelle Information Gatherings (@ Kallesens)

**July 11** – Splash (Putt-Putt Golf, 7 to 8:15 PM)

**July 14** – *Pearson & Goehring Wedding*

**July 18** – Care Team Retreat (5:30 to 8:30 PM with meal)

**Community Connection!** – *Please check-out the Community Bulletin Board located outside of the Church Office! Click on the hyperlinks to go to learn more about the events listed below.*

**Blessing Box** - Our blessing box is in need of a few items. Please drop them off at the Church on the landing in the donation chest. Some of the items that we are in need of include:



- 1. Cereal**
- 2. Boxed meals**
- 3. Canned Fruits**
- 4. Peanut Butter and Jelly**
- 5. Toilet Paper**
- 6. Individual snack items**
- 7. Toothpaste & Toothbrushes**

## 8. Deodorant

## 9. Microwavable Meals

## 10. Pudding & Applesauce

**Now taking Donations for Military Care Packages** - Place all donations for the youth to make care packages for our military in the donation tubs located at the church (narthex) and the Outreach Center (east entry door). Items Needed: white tube socks, sunglasses, hats, bar soap, travel size toiletry items, Tylenol, Advil, foot powder (not aerosol), toothbrush, combs, gum, nuts, sunflower seeds, beef jerky, canned meat, ramen noodles, snack size crackers or candy, unused stationary or cards, pens, envelopes, magazine, books (not too thick), hand held travel games, game books, frisbee, deck of cards, flip flops, etc. **All donations are needed by July 24.** Monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart, HyVee, or Super Saver are greatly appreciated.

**Comfort Closets** – A Thrivent Community Event. Did you know that there are children in our school systems who come to school on a daily basis without the basic necessities that we often take for granted, such as clothing that fits, basic school supplies, having their hair and teeth brushed, and nourishment to get them through their morning? Many items, the teachers themselves provide these basic needs. Through a Thrivent Community event, we are putting together Comfort Closets for elementary schools in Columbus and Schuyler to help alleviate this burden on our schools and teachers. We are asking for donations from you to supply these closets. Items needed but not limited to are: *pencils & pens, rulers, erasers, notebooks, folders / binders, backpacks, scissors, dry shampoo, glue sticks, markers / crayons, socks / underwear (children's size 5- adult size 14, tennis shoes (new or lightly used), toothpaste & toothbrushes, handi wipes, refillable water bottles, deodorant, granola bars / healthy snack foods, hairbrushes / ponytail holders or barrettes, belts (new or lightly used), leggings (new), hats and warm gloves, small containers of soap / shampoo / conditioner.* Please drop off donations at the church office by August 3.

- **Bible Exploration Trip -**  
<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/event/266148878/2018-09-17>