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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship... students, administrators & school staff are invited to pick-up a **School Bag Blessing Tag!**

Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM — This weekend, in the “*Back to the Neighborhood*” sermon series, Rev Cindi will share “**True Meaning of Love**” with a focus on *LOVE* & reflect on Mark 12:28-34. *Won't you please, won't you please? Please won't you be my neighbor?*

REMINDERS: *the Saturday Evening Worship service has moved to our Outreach Center (3602 16th 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 new associate pastor of outreach ministries & our summer guests!

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM — This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite in the *NEW* sermon series “**Love Does**” (from Book by Bob Goff) with “I’m With You” from Matthew 1:18-23. **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening.**

Video Tech Training – **Sunday August 26 at 9:15 AM** in the Sanctuary! This is for confirmation class members and other youth to volunteer on Sunday mornings.

Prayer & Healing Service – The monthly **Prayer & Healing Service** is NOW going to be on the **Fourth Monday @ 6:30 PM**, and this service is returning to the Church & will be located in the Prayer Chapel / Conference Room. Come & experience the presence of the Holy Spirit as church family members gather for prayer and an optional anointing of oil.

FUMC Red Cross Blood Drive - Power in the blood...give the gift of LIFE. **Monday, August 27 from 12 to 6 PM.** For an appointment, call Connie Jensen at 402-563-4123 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Summer Office Hours / Staff Change – Thru August 31, our Church Office hours will be: **Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM to 5 PM / Friday, 7:30 AM to 12 PM.** We are sad to announce that **Erin Holtzen's last day** with First UMC will be on Friday, August 31; she has served as Program Coordinator since November 2016. We want to celebrate the gifts that Erin has shared us; she will be working in the human resources department for Preferred Sands in Genoa starting on Sept. 1. **Please share your appreciation for Erin's work with an email or note or a visit to the office!**

Small Groups – It is time to **SIGN-UP** for **Small Groups** in the Gathering Area at the Church and/or on the easel in Wesley Room at our Outreach Center! ***NEW*** Groups are starting soon! **Craft Club** will be meeting on **Wed. Aug. 29** from 7:15 to 8:15 PM at the OC (lower level); project is fall wall hanging. The **parenting ♥4:13 support group** (for parents of children & youth) will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 5 @ 7:15 PM** in the Outreach Center (Meditation Room); talk to Rev. Cindi for more info. An **Evening Men's Bible Study** will be starting on **Thursday, September 6 @ 8 PM at the Outreach Center**; talk to Pastor Joe for more info.

UMM – UMM Rally with Bishop Saenz on **Monday, September 24** from **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at **First Faith UMC, Grand Island**. Helping men grow in Christ so others may know Christ. There will be a meal, entertainment, and our main speaker Bishop Saenz. All for just \$5. **RSVP to the Prairie Rivers District Office 308-384-0603 or prairierivers@greatplainsumc.org by September 1.**

Forward in Unity Town Hall Meeting – You're invited to a **Forward in Unity Town Hall Meeting**. The Prairie Rivers District is having their gathering on **Sunday, September 30** from **3:30 to 5:30 PM** at **Trinity UMC, Grand Island**. You've read stories and heard the news about The United Methodist Church's upcoming special session of General Conference in February 2019 to address concerns around human sexuality. Join Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. as he addresses the recent recommendation by the Council of Bishops and leads discussions on this important subject. You're invited to come listen, learn and, most importantly, share. **First UMC would like as many people as possible to attend this meeting. Watch for sign-ups for carpooling options!**

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

CALENDAR: <https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2018-08-01>

Mark Your Calendars:

August 26 – Video Tech Training (9:15 AM) for Confirmation Class members & others

August 27 – **First UMC Blood Drive 12 to 6pm** / Prayer & Healing Service (6:30 PM in Prayer Chapel / Conference Room)

September 9 – Rally Day & Community Block Party

September 16 – *Camp Fontanelle BBQ*

September 24 – UMM Rally with Bishop @ First Faith UMC, Grand Island

September 30 – Forward in Unity Town Hall Meeting @ Trinity UMC, Grand Island

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.

- [**Ai Chi Water Exercise Group**](#) – August 29, September 5, 12
- [**The Nelson Home Dedication**](#) – August 30
- [**Go Big Red Tailgate**](#) - August 31
- **15th Annual Tune - up for life** – September 8
- [**Columbus Cancer CARE Foundation's 4th Annual Blue Jean Benefit**](#) – September 13
- [**Fill My Cup - Women's Retreat**](#) – September 22
- **Bible Exploration Trip** – September 17-20