

On Thursday, August 30, 2018 12:53 PM, Program Coordinator <ProgramCoordinator@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

Note from Rev. Cindi: This is our **Program Coordinator Erin Holtzen's** last Email Blast. She will complete her duties with us on Fri. Aug. 31. Thank you, Erin, for your dedication to First UMC – and God bless you as you begin your new job!

*Starting on Tues. Sept. 4, **Sandy Martensen** will be assuming the position of Program Coordinator. Please pray for the Church in a time of staff transition and as we seek to fill the Front Desk Administrative Assistant position.*

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This Weekend in Worship... may the Spirit bless the sharing of bread & cup through Holy Communion on this Labor Day weekend.

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, Rev. Cindi will share the conclusion of the *“Back to the Neighborhood”* sermon series with **“White Spaces In-Between”** with a focus on **patience & silence** and a reflection on Galatians 5:22 – 6:10. *It's such a good feeling to know you're alive, it's such a happy feeling you're growing inside...*

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM – This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite in the ***NEW*** sermon series **“Love Does”** (from Book by Bob Goff) with **“Feel Free to Fail”** from John 21:15-19. **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening.**

First Sunday Potluck – **THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 @ 11:45 AM.** Evangelism is hosting (meat dish: BBQ pork sandwiches) – bring a side dish to share! Invite a friend and/or neighbor to join us!

Return of Regular Office Hours – **Starting on Tuesday, September 4, our Church Office hours will return to: Monday – Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.** We will continue to be open during the lunch hour to serve the Church. *Thank you for allowing the Staff to experience summer office hours!*

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! 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.

September 9: Rally Day & Community Block Party – You are Invited to celebrate this year's Rally Day with our regular worship services & **Sunday School fall kick-off** at **9 AM**. We have classes for ALL ages (and nursery for the little-littles).

From **3 to 5:30 PM**, join your church family & friends for our **Community Block Party** at our Outreach Center. There will be carnival games, Boy Scout Maze, Inflatables, Musical Entertainment & Dunk Tank. **FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!** Plus Human Tractor Pull, Food Vendor and MORE! Mark your calendar to participate and/or sign-up ASAP to help to make this year's Block Party one to remember (and pray for NO RAIN, please).

Cookies Needed!! – Evangelism is in need of cookies for Central Community College's Resource Fair on **September 12**. If you're able to bake some cookies please drop them off in the office no later than 8:30 AM on Wednesday, September 12.

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 30 – 5:30 PM Nelson Home Dedication (*Habitat for Humanity*)

September 2 – First Sunday Potluck (Host: Evangelism)

September 5 – 7:15 PM Parenting ♥ 4:13 Support Group (OC-MR)

September 6 – 8 PM Evening Men's Bible Study Starts (OC)

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*

November 30 – Nebraska Brass Concert @ First UMC

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.*

- [The Nelson Home Dedication](#) – August 30
- [Go Big Red Tailgate](#) - August 31
- [Ai Chi Water Exercise Group](#) – September 5, 12
- **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
- [For the Transformation of the World](#) – October 27