

On Wednesday, September 5, 2018 5:13 PM, Cindi Stewart
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Congratulations to Sandy Martensen! She is transitioning from the "Front Desk" Administrative Assistant position to the position of Program Coordinator. Please pray for the Church in a time of staff transition and as we seek to fill the Administrative Assistant position.

First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...come, now is the TIME to WORSHIP on Rally Day weekend! Let's worship & celebrate what God is doing thru our Church!

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) — This weekend, Rev. Cindi will begin the *NEW* sermon series "**Wilderness Lessons**" with a focus on "**The Grocery List**" and a reflection on Exodus 16:2-15 (and 17:1-7). *What lessons can we learn from our ancient brothers & sisters who wandered in the wilderness with Moses?*

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM — This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite in the series "**Love Does**" (from book by Bob Goff) with "**Audacious Love**" from 1 John 4:7-12. **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening.**

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 ASAP.**

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**. [there is also a meeting in Norfolk on Sunday, September 16]. 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. Sign-up in the Church Office to ride in a VAN and/or to carpool.**

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:

September 5 – 7 PM, Chancel Choir (sanctuary) / 7:15 PM, Parenting ♥ 4:13 Support Group (OC-MR) / 8 PM, Fifth Sunday Singers / Women's Choral Group (meeting at Lisa Weber's 3774 30th Avenue)

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

September 8 – Date Night (4 to 6 PM – childcare provided upon request; talk to Sarah B).

September 9 – Rally Day & Community Block Party

September 10 – Program Committees @ 6:30 PM, committee chairs; 7 PM, committees – all meet in Fellowship Hall

September 16 – *Camp Fontanelle BBQ*

September 22 – *Annual Peace Conference @ Kearney (more info in church office)*

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

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

October 14 – Strategic Planning Session @ OC

October 22 – Network Church Conference meeting @ Osceola

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.*

- [**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