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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...Jesus Christ is Lord – how will you offer your praise?

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, Rev. Cindi will continue with the sermon series “**Wilderness Lessons**” with a focus on “**The Mourning Period**” and a reflection on Deuteronomy 34:1-12.

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) – This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite in the series “**Love Does**” (from book by Bob Goff) with “**Follow Me**” from Luke 18:18-22. **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening.**

Effective Monday, September 24 – Key codes will be changed at the Church and the Outreach Center. If you need a code, please contact the church office and fill out a request form.

Puerto Rico Mission 2019 - Anyone who will be entering 9th grade NEXT Fall 2019 to any age adult is welcome to come to an informational meeting about a mission trip to Puerto Rico. The mission will involve Hurricane relief and relational contacts. Meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 23** or **Sunday, Sept 30** after the 10:30 service to find out the details. There is NO obligation to attend.

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 19 @ 7:15 PM** in the Outreach Center (Meditation Room);

talk to Rev. Cindi for more info. An **Evening Men's Bible Study** meets on **Thursdays @ 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 ASAP.**

Prayer & Healing Service / Care Team Meeting – The monthly Prayer & Healing Service has moved *back to the Church*. At **6:30 PM**, all members & friends are invited & welcome to attend this 30-minute service in the Conference Room / Prayer Chapel (located near the offices). The service features scripture & reflection, time for prayer and an optional anointing of oil. *The Care Team will meet following the service (around 7 PM); all are invited & welcome to attend the Care Team meeting to discuss opportunities to help out – we especially need help on the Transportation Team & Visitation Team. Come, CARE with us!*

Forward in Unity Town Hall Meeting –

Sunday September 30, 2018

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Trinity UMC Grand Island

On Feb. 27, 2019, will United Methodists wake up united, divided or in limbo?

You've read stories and heard the news about The United Methodist Church's upcoming special session of General Conference to address concerns around human sexuality. The special called 2019 General Conference, set for Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis, will focus on moving the denomination past its decades-long struggle with issues around homosexuality. Proposed plans offer a way to stay together and ways to split.

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. *FUMC would like as many as possible to attend this meeting. Sign up through the bulletin tear-off sheet AND/OR in the church office to ride in a van and/or carpool.*

Blessing Box – **THANK YOU** for supporting our blessing box! We are still 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 (Is a HUGE treat for a box)
2. Boxed meals
3. Canned Fruits
4. Peanut Butter and Jelly
5. Toilet Paper
6. Individual snack items (crackers or pop tarts)
7. Microwavable Meals
8. Pudding & Applesauce

Are you ready for a Spooktacular Halloween? First UMC will be hosting the *First Annual Trunk or Treat Extravaganza* on October 28 from 3 – 5 pm. Prayerfully consider volunteering your “Trunk” to help our little ones “Trick or Treat” in a safe and fun environment. There is a sign up form in the Gathering Area or contact Sandy Martensen. Prizes will be awarded to the **MOST CREATIVE TRUNK**. Fun for all, adults as well as children.

UMW - UMW is beginning to prepare for Souper Soups which will be held on **Thursday, November 15**. If anyone has a yard sign, please return them to the church office so that the signs can be updated and sent out with accurate information. Please return signs as soon as possible so Jane Schneider can move forward with this. Thank you!

CALENDAR: <https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457>

Mark Your Calendars:

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

September 24 *UMM Rally with Bishop @ First Faith UMC, Grand Island / Prayer & Healing Service*

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

October 1 – Church Council Meeting @ Church

October 14 – Strategic Planning Session @ OC

October 22 – Network Church Conference meeting @ Osceola UMC

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.*

- [**Fill My Cup - Women's Retreat**](#) – September 22

- [**Kids Safety Day**](#) – September 22
- [**Little Annie Fundraiser**](#) – September 23
- [**Human Trafficking Presentation**](#) – September 26
- [**Good Life Counseling Parenting Class**](#) – October 6
- [**8th Annual We Can Run, Walk & Roll**](#) – October 6
- [**Diabetes Awareness Day**](#) – October 9
- [**For the Transformation of the World**](#) – October 27