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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship... *I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!*

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) — This weekend, Rev. Cindi will complete the sermon series “**Wilderness Lessons**” with a focus on “**The Devil’s Temptations**” and a reflection on Matthew 4:1-11. *We are celebrating the baptism of Charles Jeffrey Kuehler at 10:30 AM, and Fifth Sunday Singers are making a come-back to the Church!*

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.**

Fifth Sunday Donuts / This Sunday, September 29, stop by the Gathering Area between services & grab a donut (or two) and some coffee & fellowship with one another. *Don't forget to sign-up for one of our small group opportunities!*

2018 Annual Church Conference Reports are Due in office by October / If you are a committee chair or co-chair please make sure all reports are turned in to Sandy Martensen (programcoordinator@columbusfumc.com) by October 1. We have a deadline to get information turned in to the conference and it is quickly approaching! Thank you!
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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, Sept 30** after the 10:30 AM service to find out the details. There is NO obligation to attend. *Sarah Borgman is currently recovering at home from a concussion so Rev. Cindi will be leading this meeting.*

Effective Immediately! / Key codes have been changed at the Church (and the Outreach Center is in process). If you need a code, please contact the church office and fill out an application form.

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! An **Evening Men's Bible Study** meets on **Thursdays @ 8 PM at the Outreach Center**; talk to Pastor Joe for more info.

UMM / Grow Men will be hosting their “**Annual Steak Fry**” on Wednesday, October 3 @ 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Meet other church men, enjoy some “man food.” The only obligation is to let us know you plan to attend. Contact Rich Rohde by calling 402-948-0196 or e-mail rich.rohde@yahoo.com by Sept. 30. **All men are welcome!**

Forward in Unity Town Hall Meeting /

Sunday September 30, 2018 / 3:30 – 5:30 PM / Trinity UMC Grand Island

(those attending are planning to eat a meal after the gathering to discuss – plan to participate in these conversations)

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 by contacting the Church Office by Friday @ 5 PM Thank You!***

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/month/2018-10-01>

Mark Your Calendars:

September 30 – Fifth Sunday Donuts (between services in Gathering Area) / *Forward in Unity Town Hall Meeting @ Trinity UMC, Grand Island*

October 1 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Chapel Parlor)

October 3 – Grow Men Steak Fry @ 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

October 4 – FREE Meal Night for College Students @ OC

October 11 – *Epworth Village Heart of the Matter Fundraiser @ York*

October 14 – Strategic Planning Session @ 3 to 5 PM (Outreach Center)

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.*

- [Center for Survivors Drive Thru Coffee](#) - October 2 & 9
- [Good Life Counseling Parenting Class](#) – October 6
- [8th Annual We Can Run, Walk & Roll](#) – October 6
- [Center for Survivors Chili Feed](#) – October 7
- [Diabetes Awareness Day](#) – October 9
- [Peace Lutheran's Salad Luncheon](#) – October 11
- [For the Transformation of the World](#) – October 27

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