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This Weekend in Worship... *how is God calling us to embrace mission & vision for the future?*

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) — This weekend, the sermon series “**Uncharted Territory**” continues with a focus on *Mission & Vision* and a reflection on Joshua 1:12-18. *We welcome Rev. Rick Saylor to share with us a message to challenge us & then to lead us in Strategic Planning in the afternoon. Rev. Saylor is a retired pastor (and district superintendent) from Kansas. He currently serves as a consultant & coach!*

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) — This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite in the series “**Fight Fear**” with *Peace* from John 14:22-29 & Psalm 118:1-7. **Remember to stay for snacks & fellowship in the evening.**

While Sarah Borgman is recovering at home, please contact the Church Office for questions regarding Christian Education and/or youth and programs. Thank you for your patience!

Where is God leading First UMC in the future? / You are invited! **Strategic Planning Session** will be held on **Sunday, October 14** from **3 to 5 PM** at our Outreach Center (please use the EAST entrance) to talk about mission, vision, dreams & goals! Rev. Rick Saylor, retired pastor and district superintendent will be leading us in conversations, beginning with Sunday worship services and continuing in the afternoon session. Rev. Saylor now serves the Great Plains as a consultant and coach. His leadership & wisdom will guide us in our conversations about the future as a vital congregation!

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.



Wanna taco
bout it?

***NEW* TACO TUESDAY** / Check out Taco Tuesday – meet the pastors on **Tuesday, October 16** at **El Matador Cafe** at **11:30 AM to 1 PM** for dutch lunch and conversation. Feel free to invite a friend – and stop by over your lunch hour & schedule; we'll save some tacos (or tamales) for ya!

Outreach Center Cleaning Day / On **Saturday, October 20**, starting at 9 AM, you are invited & welcome to work on some cleaning projects at our Outreach Center! There are small projects & big ones – for every age and skill level!

Veterans Day / if you wish to have a picture of veteran on the slide presentation in honor of Veterans Day- please have pictures e-mailed to Randi at frontdesk@columbusfumc.com by November 2nd.

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.

SOUPER SOUPS COMING SOON! / 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!

NATIVITY SET / We are looking for a slightly used -- still in good condition --Nativity set to put outside at the Outreach Center this Advent Season. If anyone is willing to donate one, please contact the church office. Thank you!

CALENDAR: <https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2018-10-01>

Mark Your Calendars:

October 13 – *UMW Prairie Rivers District Fall Meeting in Wood River*

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

October 20 – Outreach Center Cleaning Day

October 22 – *Network Church Conference meeting @ Osceola UMC*

October 28 – Trunk or Treat @ OC

November 3 – Fall Fest Craft Fair @ OC

November 3 – *ERT Training*

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.*

Kruse Stained Glass (working on our stained glass windows) is having an Open House (Glass, Grapes & Green) this weekend, October 13 & 14, from 1 to 6 PM each day. Address: 88760 564 Ave, Hartington, NE 68739. They are currently working on our stained glass & you will be able to see the work in process!

- [Peace Lutheran's Salad Luncheon](#) – October 11
- [Gem & Mineral Society Rock Show](#) – October 13 & 14
- [Living Hopeful: A breast cancer survivor event](#) – October 15
- [YFEC Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser](#) – October 18 & 19
- [For the Transformation of the World](#) – October 27

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