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First UMC/ Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...*how are we called as Christians to claim God's Kingdom and values and to find this kindness in our lives?*

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – On this Confirmation weekend, Rev. Cindi will talk about the series “**Kingdom Issues**” with a focus on *Cherishing* and a reflection on Matthew 6:19-23.

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) –This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite as he digs into the series “#BeKind” with *Kindness in the Old Testament* from Matthew 5:43-48, Psalms 58:8 and Proverbs 19:17. **Remember to stay for a light meal & fellowship in the evening.**

SOUPER SOUPS COMING SOON!/UMW wants to **THANK** everyone who prepared soups, baked pies & other baked sale goodies, set-up & served for this year's **Souper Soup!** [If you get this before 7 PM on Nov. 15, we're still serving].

Homemade Pie Orders / Thank you to all that ordered, this is a wonderful fundraiser for our youth! At last count, the youth will be making **399 pies** this weekend! Pies will be ready for pick up at the church in the FH around 6 pm on Saturday night. [Parent & youth helpers: Fri, 4 to 10:30 PM and Sat, 7 AM to 8 PM – or when tasks completed].

Confirmation Sunday, November 18 / First UMC will be confirming **nine** students on **Sunday, November 18**. The worship service will *last a few minutes longer on the 18th*, and the students invite congregation members to join them in donating the following to local agencies: gently used coats **AS WELL AS** *NEW* socks, hats & gloves! Watch for the laundry hampers to collect these items! Thank you on behalf of Confirmation Class 2018.

Grief Share / On **Sunday, November 18**, beginning at **12:30 PM** in the Lower Level of the Church, “Surviving the Holidays” will be offered for those grieving. Please RSVP to the Church Office by calling (402) 564-8463.

Prayer & Healing Service / The monthly **Prayer & Healing Service** is returning to the **3rd Monday at 6:30 PM at our Outreach Center** in the Meditation Room. *All are invited & welcome to come, to pray & to receive an optional anointing of oil.*

“Can You Help Us Help Them?” / The Columbus Rescue Mission needs supplies to help fill their Thanksgiving baskets. ***Last Call!*** We have been collecting: canned pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, boxes of stuffing mix and canned vegetables. If you care to share ~ please leave the items in the box by the West Entrance. Thank you for sharing your blessings with the Mission.



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bout it?*

***NEW* TACO TUESDAY** / Check out Taco Tuesday – meet the pastors **EVERY Tuesday** at **El Tapitio** from **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!

Spaghetti Fundraiser for Sarah Borgman / First UMC wants to show its support & prayers for Sarah Borgman, our Christian Education & Youth Coordinator, who suffered a severe concussion on Sun. Sept. 23. She is improving each week, and she is now able to work a few hours each day. On **Wednesday, November 28**, we will be having a **Spaghetti Fundraiser** from 5 to 7 PM at our Outreach Center to help with Sarah’s medical expenses. *Thank you to the Thursday Evening Bible Study members for coordinating the meal!*

Nebraska Brass Quintet / A Nebraska Brass Christmas will be held on **November 30 @ 7:30 PM**. You can purchase tickets in advance and First UMC will get a portion of all presold

tickets! What a wonderful event to kick off the Christmas season! Tickets can be purchased in the office. Adults \$12; Seniors \$10; and Children are FREE!

Can you help? / We have a family in need of a twin mattress and a couple of dressers. Contact Rev. Cindi @ the church office if you can help out!

PBJ4JC / **Peanut Butter and Jelly for Jesus Christ Holiday Giving Drive for the Food Pantry and Backpack Program.** As a way to honor Baby Jesus, the Lamb of God, we are extending an invitation to our Sunday School children, youth, and entire congregation to help feed the hungry children in our community by bringing offerings of Peanut Butter and Jelly as gifts to Baby Jesus during this Holiday Season. These gifts will be shared with the Backpack Program and Food Pantry. (There will be gift boxes or bags in Sunday School rooms or near the Sanctuary) **FYI: The Backpack program requires plastic jars.** *Jesus commanded us to feed his lambs; and He also informed us that whenever we give to those in need, we have given to Him.*

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

Mark Your Calendars:

November 15 – *Circuit Rider Due*

November 15 – Souper Soup Day

November 16 & 17 – Pie Baking Days! Youth Fundraiser (Fri, 4 PM to 10:30 PM & Sat, 7 AM to 8 PM)

November 18 – Confirmation Sunday / GriefShare (FH)

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.

- [Festival of Trees](#) – November 15, 16, 17 and 18
- [Annual Cookies ‘N More](#) – November 15
- [Jam the Van](#) – Through November 16
- [Phil Stacy Concert](#) – November 29
- [Bowling Fundraiser for Suicide Awareness & Prevention](#) – December 1