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**Happy Thanksgiving from
Columbus First UMC Office &
Outreach Center. Closed
Thursday and Friday.**

This Weekend in Worship... *How are we called as Christians to claim God's Kingdom values AND to find kindness in our lives?* The **Student Day** special offering will also be collected – be generous!

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, Rev. Cindi will conclude the sermon series “**Kingdom Issues**” with a focus on **Trusting** and a reflection on Matthew 6:25-34.

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) –This weekend join Pastor Joe @ Ignite as he concludes the series “#BeKind” with **Respond to Kindness with Kindness** from Matthew 5:43-48, Psalms 106:1-8 and Proverbs 21:21. **Remember to stay for a light meal & fellowship in the evening.**

Hanging of the Greens / Sunday, November 25 – help to decorate our Church Sanctuary & gathering areas (beginning at **11:30 AM** with soup lunch). Decorate our Outreach Center at **4 PM**. *All are welcome & invited to participate!*

Sunday School Christmas Program / This year's Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on **Sunday, December 16** at the **10:30 AM** service. MYTT will begin practices on Sunday evening (after Ignite). Parents, please plan to have your students in Sunday School classes to participate this year!



***NEW* TACO TUESDAY** / Check out Taco Tuesday – meet the pastors **EVERY Tuesday** at **El Tapatio** 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! **Advent Conversation begins on Tues. Nov. 27 with Rev. Cindi.**

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 up to four 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!*

Hearts & Stars / Join us in this year's **Hearts & Stars for Missions** projects! **STARS** go toward supplies for UMCOR Cleaning Buckets. **HEARTS** represent children in our community who are in need – on each heart is the age & gender of the child and the items their parents have suggested for gifts (total for the gifts should be \$30 to \$35). Gifts need to be wrapped & returned to the Church by **Dec. 9**. This is important: **SIGN** the tablet next to the tree with the number that you have taken. Each family unit will receive a Gift Card for groceries, Golden Book Christmas Story and a bag of Cuties! Thank you for your support! ***At the Church, tree is located in the Gathering Area; at our Outreach Center, there will be a tree with "ornaments" soon in the Wesley Room.***

Make-An-Advent Wreath / **THIS COMING Sunday, November 25** -- right **AFTER** the Ignite Service at our Outreach Center (around **7 PM**), join Rev. Cindi in the Community Room to make your own Advent Wreath. Individuals **AND** Families welcome to participate! *Devotions are available too!*

UMW Christmas Brunch / This year's Annual UMW Christmas Brunch will be held on **Saturday, December 1** from **9:30 to 11 AM**. There will be excellent "brunch" food, special music by Lillian Hudnall, special offering for "Alice's" UMCOR Water Well Project and a make & take Advent Calendar! Tickets are only \$3 each OR 4 tickets for \$10. Invite your friends for a great time!

Advent Bible Studies / As the **Advent Season** is upon us, **Prepare the Way** by participating in one of our many studies!

- **Sundays**, 9 to 10 AM – Sunday School Classes
- **Sundays**, 4 to 5:30 PM @ OC – starting on 12/2
- **Mondays**, 12 to 1 PM @ OC – Bible & Bag
- **Tuesdays**, 9:30 AM @ Church – Tues Morning Bible Study (studying Esther, starting on 11/27)
- **Tuesdays**, 11:30 to 1 PM @ El Tapatio - Taco Tuesday (Advent reflections)
- **Wednesdays**, 7:15 to 8:15 PM @ OC – Kidz Korner, Youth Groups, Advent LIVE (for adults in Meditation Room, starting 12/5)
- **Thursdays**, 8 to 9 PM @ OC (and/or off-site location) – Men's Bible Study

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.*

Prayer & Healing Service / The monthly **Prayer & Healing Service** is returning to the **Third Monday at 6:30 PM at our Outreach Center** in the Meditation Room. The next service will be held on December 17. *All are invited & welcome to come, to pray & to receive an optional anointing of oil.*

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

Mark Your Calendars:

November 25 – *Student Day Special Offering*

November 28 – Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for Sarah Borgman @ OC

November 30 – *Nebraska Brass Concert @ First UMC*

December 1 – Annual UMW Christmas Brunch / **Advent Begins / Holy Communion**

December 2 – **Advent Begins / Holy Communion** / Fair Trade, Christmas Edition (Gathering Area) / First Sunday Potluck

December 7 – *Clark-Hash Wedding Rehearsal*

December 8 – *Clark-Hash Wedding in Sanctuary*

December 9 – *Christmas Tree Hearts & Stars Due*

December 9 – AAA- Actively Aging Adults Caroling @ Cecil & Janet Jones House

December 14 - Circuit Rider Due

December 17 – Prayer & Healing Service @ OC / “Handling the Holidays”

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.*

Thanksgiving Dinner served at 1C Church on Thanksgiving Day from 11 to 2 PM. All are invited & welcome to attend.

- [Phil Stacy Concert](#) – November 29
- [Bowling Fundraiser for Suicide Awareness & Prevention](#) – December 1