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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

**This Weekend in Worship** – *Happy New Year!*

**Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church)** – As Rev. Cindi begins the sermon series “Let It Be,” we will reflect on “*Fall on Your Knees: Be Present*” with Matthew 2:1-12. Join us as we celebrate Epiphany & Holy Communion.

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC)** – This weekend join @ Ignite as we *Resolve* ways to set God-focused goals for the new year and how God can help us keep pressing forward towards those goals as we study Philippians 3:12-16 & Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14. **Remember to stay for a light meal after worship.**

**December “Star” Campaign for Mission Shares** / We are excited to announce that we were able to meet our **Mission & Ministry Goals IN FULL for 2018**. Thank you to all who shared in our “Piece by Piece” Capital Campaign, Branching Out campaign for Camp Fontanelle AND the Star Campaign for Mission Shares! Your investment in First UMC and our extended mission & ministry made a big difference!

**MOVIE NIGHT: January 2** / On Wednesday, January 2, at 6:30 PM at our Outreach Center, the children & youth are going to have a **MOVIE NIGHT!** Two different movies will be shared – students are invited to bring beverage in a sealable container, please! **Students are invited to bring a pillow and/or blanket too!**

**Nebraska Wesleyan Choir: January 3** / On Thursday, January 3, we will be welcoming the Nebraska Wesleyan Choir to First UMC for a concert at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Please plan to attend as they present “JOY” and help us to ring in the New Year!

**Cocoa & Candy Canes: January 5** / On **Saturday, January 5**, we will be having “Cocoa & Candy Canes” as a special treat during the worship service! Those attending are invited & welcome to bring leftover “goodies.” We will be celebrating Epiphany & Holy Communion! Celebrate the New Year!

### **Epiphany Plans – Israel Presentation & First Sunday**

**Potluck: January 6** / On **Sunday, January 6**, we will be celebrating Epiphany & Holy Communion in worship services. At **9 AM**, Rebecca & Sarah Borgman will be sharing about their Holy Land Trip in Fellowship Hall.

At **11:30 AM**, the First Sunday Potluck will be hosted by Missions Committee. *We will be having special guest Lisa Maupin, Great Plains General Conference Delegate, who will be participating in a “Question & Answer” time.* Let’s give her a warm welcome!

**Membership to Discipleship Class PREVIEW** / On **Thursday, January 10**, there will be a PREVIEW of the “Membership to Discipleship” Class led by Rev. Cindi. Want to *grow* in your faith and move from being a **member** to being a faithful **disciple**? Check out this *\*NEW\** class to remind you of your commitment as a Christian disciple!

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

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

**January 2** – Children & Youth MOVIE Night @ 6:30 PM at Outreach Center

**January 3** – *NE Wesleyan Choir performance @ 7 PM in the Sanctuary*

**January 6** – *Epiphany / Holy Communion / Borgman’s Experiences from Holy Land / First Sunday Potluck / General Conference Delegate Lisa Maupin @ Potluck!*

**January 10** - *Preview of Membership to Discipleship Class*

**January 13** - *Unhanging of the Greens*

**January 17** – Griefshare group begins

**January 24** – *Membership to Discipleship Class Begins*

**January 26 & 27** – *Mission Weekend*

**February 2** – *UMW Fudge making day / Fresh Expressions Vision Day*

***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.*

**Fresh Expressions Vision Day.** The Great Plains Annual Conference invites YOU to participate in conversations about the “Fresh Expressions” movement. There will be several locations around the conference to participate – yet Pastor Joe, Rev. Cindi & others will be attending on **February 2** at Water’s Edge UMC in Omaha. See registration information to sign-up: [www.FreshExpressionsUS.org/event/VisionDayTopeka](http://www.FreshExpressionsUS.org/event/VisionDayTopeka)

- [Gallery Gift Gala](#) – Nov. 26 – Jan. 4
- [Walk with the Doc](#) – Jan. 15
- [What the Health?- Jan. 22](#)
- [2019 Healthy Lifestyle class- Jan. 22](#)

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