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First UMC / Email Blast

Announcements! The Staff at First UMC wants to introduce **Hazely Jo Hula** daughter of administrative assistant Randi Conrad who was born @ 36 weeks to Randi & Brian in Omaha on Thurs. Jan. 10 @ 12:02 PM; she was 4 lbs. 13 oz. Randi will be out of the office until around February 25. *Special Thank You to **Nancy Hanna** who will be volunteering in the Church Office on Mondays and Thursdays to help out with answering the phone, selling Scrip gift cards & other duties!*

SPRC Chair Tim Owens & Rev. Cindi would also like to announce that **Lisa Nielsen has been hired to provide some *temporary assistance* working with Sarah Borgman with Christian Education & Youth Ministry responsibilities (10 hours) as well as with some office duties (5-10 hours). She will be assisting First UMC at both locations: Sunday morning Sunday School (Church); Tuesday afternoons (Church); Wednesday afternoons (Outreach Center) and Fridays (Church). *Welcome, Lisa!***

This Weekend in Worship:

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – As Rev. Cindi continues the sermon series “Let It Be,” we will reflect on “Use the Good China” (*Be Extravagant*) focusing on John 2:1-11. Peanut and Stretch will be available during Children’s Time with donations going to Epworth Villages Little Jewels Daycare Center. It is also Human Relations Weekend with a special offering envelope in the bulletin.

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) –This weekend join @ Ignite as Pastor Joe talks about “Greater Gifts, *Gifted for Others*” through 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and Psalm 36:5-10. **Remember to stay for a light meal after worship.** Peanut and Stretch will be available during Children’s Time with donations going to Epworth Villages Little Jewels Daycare Center. It is also Human Relations Weekend with a special offering envelope located on the information table.

Walk to Jerusalem / Did you know walking is mentioned 247 times in the Bible? One of the single most important things we can do for our bodies is to be active. For most of us the simplest form of activity is walking. Join us as we embark on “The Walk to Jerusalem,” an imaginary walk from Columbus, Nebraska, to Jerusalem, Israel, along with many other churches in our community! **The walk begins Sunday, January 27 and ends at Easter.** If you are limited on your ability to walk, you can track your miles with 20 minutes of an activity equaling one mile. We also have a Facebook group that you can join to track your miles! Check out “First UMC Heart & Sole!” Let’s get **100 participants** from First UMC! Sign-up in worship this weekend OR by calling First UMC Church Office at 402-564-8463.

Membership to Discipleship Class / 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! Talk to Rev. Cindi for more information. **Class will begin sessions on January 24 and continue thru February. RSVP your spot by calling the Church Office.**

United Methodist Church: Commission on a Way Forward / With Special General Conference coming Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis, we invite our church members & friends to be informed. **Overview of Proposals for General Conference** sheets are available in the Church Office and will be located near the nametags downtown (and on the information table at our Outreach Center). **Great Plains Annual Conference Delegates** may be emailed at: gcdellegates@greatplainsumc.org **Additional resources** are available: www.greatplainsumc.org/cowf

Lunch and Learn / Join the members of Christian Social Witness for a special 4 week opportunity to learn about some of the current issues we are facing with time for discussion. Lunch will be provided starting at 11:45 followed by the sessions at 12:15. We will adjourn no later than 1:45 p.m. In order to prepare enough food please make a reservation through the church office for the whole series or certain dates. **Feb. 3—Immigration.** What is really happening in the United States concerning immigration and how does the United Methodist Church stand on this issue. **Feb. 10—Racism.** Does this issue really affect Columbus, NE. **Feb. 17—LGBTQ** A deeper look at this issue and how it pertains to all of us. **Feb. 24-- Sexual Violence--** As parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles we need to know what to look for with our youth as well as how to support them.

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

Mark Your Calendars:

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

- [What the Health?- Jan. 22](#)

[2019 Healthy Lifestyle class- Jan. 22](#)

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