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This Weekend in Worship:

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, we will reflect on what it means to “Let it Be ACTIVE” through Missions focusing on Matthew 25:34-40. Join Rev. Cindi, Pastor Joe and Missions Committee members in a special service celebrating what God is doing through the Church!

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) – This weekend join @ Ignite as Pastor Joe talks about “Greater Gifts, *Being Needy*” through 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a and Psalm 19:1-6. **Remember to stay for a light meal after worship.**

Walk to Jerusalem Starts on Sunday / 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.

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 AM followed by the sessions at 12:15 PM. We will adjourn no later than 1:45 PM. 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.

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 from 7 to 8 PM (Chapel Parlor) 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: gcdelegates@greatplainsumc.org Additional resources are available: www.greatplainsumc.org/cowf

Finance Committee “Thank You” Pancake Feed / Congratulations, First UMC, for paying 100% of our Conference Mission Shares for 2018. We are celebrating with a **Pancake Feed on Sunday, February 10 from 9 AM to 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fellowship with the church family & celebrate!

CALENDAR:

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2019-02-01>

Mark Your Calendars:

January 24 – *Membership to Discipleship Class Begins*

January 26 & 27 – *Mission Weekend*

January 29 – *OPS Meeting*

February 2 – *UMW Fudge making day / Fresh Expressions Vision Day (off-site)*

February 3 – Communion / First Sunday Potluck / Lunch & Learn: Immigration / UMW
Packaging Fudge day

February 7 – College Age Kids Free Meal Night @ OC

February 8 & 9 – Prairie Rivers District Basic Lay Servant Training / Once Upon a Prom
Dress Set-Up (Fri) & Event (Sat) @ OC

February 10 – Finance Committee’s Pancake Feed / Lunch & Learn: Racism

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

- [Annual Pancake Supper & Bake Sale – Jan. 30](#)
- [Faith Builds Church Leader Luncheon – Jan.31](#)
- [National Diabetes Prevention Program – Feb.6](#)
- [Food, Fitness & Fun – Feb.7](#)
- [Once Upon a Prom Dress Day – Feb.9](#)
- [A Night to Shine – Feb. 9](#)

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