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First UMC / Email Blast

United Methodist Church / Thank you, Church, for your prayers for the Special General Conference on **Feb. 23-26** in St. Louis. By now, many of you have read many different news stories about the events that took place. Friends, First United Methodist Church in Columbus, NE, is a church full of people with different opinions and viewpoints. We consider this a strength as it allows us to focus on our church's mission and ministry from many different perspectives. We are not perfect. We strive to live out our vision to be a center for Christian growth & outreach, not only for our community but for the world. Our mission continues to challenge us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The one thing that we agree on is that each individual person matters to Jesus Christ, his Church and to us. And, no matter how you or the world identifies you, always remember that you are welcomed and loved here. Rev. Cindi & Pastor Joe

This Weekend in Worship: Church, let's come to the table of God's grace & celebrate sharing of the Bread & Cup!

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, hear powerful *Stories of Transformation* through Luke 9:28-36, the Transfiguration Story. *We will also celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women in worship!*

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) / - This weekend join @ Ignite as Pastor Joe talks about "See All The People, The Astounded Crowd" through Luke 9:28-43 and Psalm 99:28-43. **After the Alternative Service, please join in Fellowship and a light meal.**

First Sunday Potluck / This **Sunday, March 3**, come to the First Sunday Potluck, beginning at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall. The main dish is: Chicken Pot Pie. Bring a dish to share & invite others to join you as we worship & fellowship together.

Walk to Jerusalem Has Begun / Did you know...regular physical activity such as walking can help your brain health and memory? It increases your heart rate, which promotes the flow of blood and oxygen to your brain. It can also stimulate the production of hormones that can enhance the growth of brain cells. Among older adults, it can help protect mental function. *(it's not too late to sign up)* 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: "First UMC Heart & Sole!"

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Journey / Join us on **Ash Wednesday** with our ecumenical partner churches:

- **Ashes to Go** / From 7 AM to 9 AM, stop by the parking lots at Federated, St. Luke's UCC and/or First UMC's Outreach Center (west parking lot), for Imposition of Ashes & a quick prayer.
- **Ash Wednesday Community Meal & Service** / At our Outreach Center, there will be a soup supper served from **4:30 to 6:45 PM**, and then the **Ash Wednesday Service** will be at **7 PM** (Outreach Center, Wesley Room). There will be Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. All are invited & welcome to participate.
- **Check Out Sunday School Classes, weekly Bible studies & new offerings** during the season of Lent. Watch for more details in the March Circuit Rider and/or in the bulletin.

Care Team's Chat & Chew / First UMC Care Team and Healthy Congregations are sponsoring the following events, all of them will be at **4:30 PM at our Outreach Center**:

- **March 10** – "Home Safety Awareness" by Chris King
- **April 14** – "Healthcare Decisions" by Lisa Weber

Power of Prayer / First UMC's Prayer Team has moved from *Thursday evenings @ 7 PM to Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM*. If you would like to participate in a*NEW* Prayer Team starting at the Church, please let Martha Davidson and/or Rev. Cindi know ASAP.

United Methodist Women Mini Mission Study / UMW is hosting a Mini Mission Study on **Saturday, March 16** from **9:30 AM to 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall. The theme is "Thirsting for Justice: The Politics of Water."



Youth Weekend & Baked Potato & Ice Cream Sundae Bar

/ The youth will be sharing in worship on Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17 featuring powerful stories and performances! The Baked Potato & Ice Cream Sundae Bar has been rescheduled for **Sunday, March 17**, the YOUTH will be hosting a Baked Potato & Ice Cream Sundae Bar from **11:30 AM to 1 PM**. FREE WILL OFFERING with

proceeds going to the Puerto Rico Mission Team.

Confirmation Reunion / The Evangelism Committee wants to invite **ALL** sophomores & juniors in high school to a **Confirmation Reunion** with games, activities & worship at Ignite on **Sunday, March 24** beginning at **4:30 PM**.

“Favorite Things” Tablesapes Fundraiser / The Second Annual **Tablesapes** will be held on **Sunday, March 31** from **2:30 PM to 4 PM** featuring beautifully decorated tables & desserts, entertainment & silent auction items. To donate items, please contact Cindy Rohde and/or Mary Plettner, this year’s event co-chairs. Registration forms are located by the nametags and/or in the Church Office.

CALENDAR:

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2019-03-01>

Mark Your Calendars:

March 2 & 3 – Holy Communion / 150 Years of UMW Celebration

March 3 – First Sunday Potluck hosted by UMW

March 6 – Ash Wednesday / Soup Supper Served @ OC / Ash Wed. Service @ OC

March 10 – Chat & Chew: Home Safety Awareness / 5th & 6th Game Day / Youth Lock-In

March 13 – Lenten Lunches Begin!

March 15 – Circuit Rider Due

March 16 – UMW Mini Mission

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.

Food Thoughts – March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Bump & Beyond – March 4 & 18

Food, Fitness & Fun – March 7, 14, 21 & 28

CCC Choir Concert – March 7 @ 7 pm in Sanctuary

Pasta for Paws – March 15

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