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First UMC / Email Blast

United Methodist Church / **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**: 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:

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, the first weekend of Lent reflect and *Be Quiet! Story of Man with Impure Spirit* Listen to Mark 1:21-28, a “*Story of a Man with an Impure Spirit*”

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) / - This weekend join @ Ignite as Pastor Joe talks about “God’s Generous Heart” through Romans 10:8b-13 and Psalm 91:1-2,9-16. **After the Alternative Service, please join in Fellowship and a light meal.**

The Lenten Journey / 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. **Would you like a FREE Lenten Devotional? Each person who signs up for at least ONE Lenten study may choose a book.**

Walk to Jerusalem Has Begun / WE MADE IT TO JERUSALEM! Now we are heading back to the United States: *How much activity do I need? At least 150 minutes a week or five days of 30 minutes of any activity which gets your heart beating faster counts. Tight on time this week? Break your activity down into ten minute chunks of time instead of one block of 30 minutes. (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!”**

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.” UMW has a new Facebook Page! **UMW @ First UMC & Outreach Center Columbus, NE**



Youth Weekend & Baked Potato & Ice Cream Sundae Bar / The youth will be sharing in worship on **Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 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” Tablescapes Fundraiser / The Second Annual **Tablescapes** 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.**

Proceeds will go toward the Mission & Ministry obligations for 2019.

Noon Connections / The **Connections Group** will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 17** to support the Youth Baked Potato & Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Daffodil Days / Daffodil Days is an opportunity for everyone to join the American Cancer Society in saving lives, celebrating lives and leading the fight for a world without cancer. Dollars raised through Daffodil Days support groundbreaking research, patient services, and other lifesaving programs. Through the daffodil, the first flower of spring, this campaign brings a symbol of hope to cancer patients and those affected by the disease. Daffodils will be sold before and after each service in mid-March.

CALENDAR:

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

Mark Your Calendars:

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

March 11 – Program Committee Meetings / Education, Evangelism, Mission, and Worship

March 13 – Lenten Lunches Begin!

March 14 – The Art of Marriage Begins! (New Bible Study – meeting in Chapel Parlor)

March 15 – Circuit Rider Due

March 16 – *UMW Mini Mission*

March 19 – **Administrative Team Meetings** – Finance and Board of Trustees

March 22 & 23 – **Youth will be making Enchiladas** (orders due on March 8)

March 23 – **Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. speaking about the Way Forward** (10 am – Noon)

March 31 – *UMCOR Weekend* / **Second Annual Tablescapes Fundraiser**

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

[Pasta for Paws](#) – March 15

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