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BEFORE WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND:

MOVIE NIGHT / Children & youth: check out the OC on **Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 PM** (no afterschool hours or meal). Movies are: “23 Blast” and “Ralph Wrecks the Internet.” Popcorn served – bring a beverage with a lid. Pillows and/or blankets optional. Oh, and Sarah says to bring a friend.

CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES / No foolin’ – the April Circuit Rider deadline is on **Friday, March 15**. *If you need some space (and more time), please contact Program Coordinator Sandy Martensen 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**

This Weekend in Worship:

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, the First UMC Youth will be leading worship! Listen to the **Story of Lepers Healed, Even When it Hurts** with Luke 17:11-19. *Youth are greeting, ushering, lecturing & sharing in the services!*

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) / - This weekend join @ Ignite as Pastor Joe talks about “Imitating, With All Your Heart” through Philipians 3:17-4:1 and Psalm 27. **After the Alternative Service, please join in Fellowship and a light meal of sloppy joes.**



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.

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.

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.**

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 in Chapel Parlor – watch for more details.**

Walk to Jerusalem Continues / **WE MADE IT TO JERUSALEM!** Now we are heading back to the United States! The American Heart Association notes that every hour of brisk walking could increase some people's live expectancy by two hours. Work in activity throughout your day and strive for 150 minutes a week or thirty minutes of activity five days a week. *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!"**

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 Church / Great Plains Annual Conference **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.**, will be leading conversations on **Saturday, March 23** from **10 to 12:30 PM** in response to the 2019 Special General Conference. All are invited & welcome to attend. This will be held at First UMC Outreach Center / 3602 16th Street. Help us to provide hospitality to our guests by serving as greeters, hosts and/or providing refreshments. For more info, please contact the Church Office.

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.

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**:

- **April 14** – “Healthcare Decisions” by Lisa Weber

CALENDAR:

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

Mark Your Calendars:

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 18 – UMM Annual Dinner & Program Meeting

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 on Way Forward (10 AM – 12:30 PM)

**March 31 – UMCOR Weekend / Fifth Sunday Donuts / 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 14

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