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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **Before Worship:**

**Flood Relief /** Our **Outreach Center** is currently hosting Sheep Dog Impact Assistance from and will soon be hosting members from Great Plains Disaster Response Team from Kansas! For **this week**, we need **MEALS** for **Saturday and Sunday, April 6 & 7**. Please contact Sandy Martensen on Friday before NOON to sign-up. **We also need some SHOWERS for these folks** – please let Sandy know which days you have available. *We are looking for some church members to serve as volunteers to assist in these efforts to offer food & hospitality – talk to Sandy for more info!*

**This Weekend in Lenten Worship:** We break the bread & share the cup in remembrance of Christ!

**Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church)** – This weekend, we continue the “**My Story. God’s Glory**” sermon series with “**To Serve**”/ *Story of James & John* from Mark 10:35-45. We will be singing “God of Grace & God of Glory” and enjoying the Chancel Choir at 10:30 AM.

**Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) / -** This weekend join @ Ignite with “Preparing” *With All Your Heart*” through Philippians 3:3b-11 and Psalm 26:1-6. **After this Alternative Service, please join in Fellowship and a light meal.**

**First Sunday Potluck** / On **Sunday, April 7** at 11:45 AM, the Care Team will be providing fried chicken for the main dish. Members & guests are invited to bring a side dish to share. The Care Team will have information available on their programs & ministries! Want to get involved? Sign-up!

**The Lenten Journey** / Check Out Sunday School Classes, weekly Bible studies & new offerings during the season of Lent. **Lenten Lunches** are held every **Wednesday at 12:05 PM** at First UMC with worship & soup lunch with our ecumenical partners: Grace Episcopal, St. Luke's UCC & Federated Church. Cost is \$5, and each worship service & meal is held in the Fellowship Hall. *Last one: Wednesday, April 10 with Rev. Edward Yang preaching & First UMC is hosting the meal.*

**Walk to Jerusalem Continues** / **WE MADE IT TO JERUSALEM!** Now we are heading back to the United States!

*Make physical activity part of your routine*

- *Having a partner, family member or friend to be active with may make you more likely to enjoy activity.*
- *Incorporate more activity by washing the car yourself, parking further away from your destination, or walking your mail to the nearest mail box instead of placing it in your home mail box.*

*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.

**Worship Concert Series: Kevin & Heidi Cheng** / On **Friday, April 12**, we are going to be welcoming Kevin & Heidi Cheng in concert at **7 PM** in First UMC Church sanctuary. They are from Central City, NE, and they provide violin and piano

music. *Free Will Offering will be taken.* Sponsored by Worship Committee. [If you are on Facebook, please find the event on our church's page & SHARE – thank you].

**FREE Event: Spring Fling** / Check out First UMC's Outreach Center on **Palm Sunday, April 14** from **2 to 4 PM**. There will be spring & Easter games & activities for children & youth. FREE event for the community. **We need volunteers to help set up games & tables (like the Trunk or Treat event) – sign-up with Sandy ASAP.**

**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: Sunday, April 14** – “Healthcare Decisions” by Lisa Weber.

## **CALENDAR:**

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2019-04-01>

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**April 4** – *Healthy Congregations Program Training*

**April 7** – **Holy Communion / First Sunday Potluck**

**April 8** – Program Committee Meetings

**April 11** – *Healthy Congregations Program Training*

**April 12** – Worship Concert Series: Kevin & Heidi Cheng @ 7 PM

**April 14** – **Palm Sunday / Spring Fling / Care Team's Chat & Chew**

**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.*

**Columbus Rescue Mission 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Brunch** – April 6

**Spring Diabetes Event** – April 8

Community Diaper Drive – April 13