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First UMC / Email Blast

Youth Rummage Sale / The youth rummage sale is continuing to take items for sale until 6 PM today. If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop off all items at the Outreach Center for Sarah Borgman to take care of. Support our youth by doing some *shopping of your own* tomorrow beginning at **8 AM!**

This Weekend in Easter Worship:

Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church) – This weekend, following Easter, I believe that our task is to *keep on keepin' on!* The spiritual disciplines that we have embraced during the Lenten season shouldn't be *done*; in fact, as Christians, we should always be learning and growing. We will be revisiting Dr. M. Scott Peck's book *The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values & Spiritual Growth* (1978) with the sermon series **road less traveled**. In the book, there are important themes that challenge people to embrace the divine presence in their lives. These themes fit *perfectly* with the Post-Easter scripture passages from the *Acts of the Apostles*, so let's continue the journey together with Acts 5:27-32

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) / - This weekend at Ignite, we will look at how Jesus is asking us to Live and how a Loving God prepares us to go out and serve others. We will discuss Living how Jesus asks with **Believe in Me** through John 20:24-31 & Psalm 149:1-5. **After this Alternative Service, please join in Fellowship and a light meal.**

SQUARE is in the Church / The Finance Committee is happy to announce that church members will be able to make *payments* for pledges, Scrip gift cards and other services using their **debit and/or credit cards** through Square, Inc. This will be able **BEFORE** and **AFTER** all worship services (please speak with those selling Scrip) and **DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS** at the Church. *We will welcome people to pay the fees for using this service, yet we are grateful to offer this for those who primarily use their debit and/or credit cards for purchases.*

Walk to Jerusalem Concludes! / WE MADE IT! The miles have been counted and our congregation has walked a combined 19,775.2 miles! Thank you to everyone that participated in this great event. We hope that you were able to make some healthy habits, including walking and reading devotions, or giving your time by visiting someone that may need a little company from time to time. We will keep our Facebook group “**First UMC Heart & Sole!**” Please stop by the page and leave a comment about WTJ, or if you have any other ideas about healthy habits, please leave a comment and stay in contact.

Disaster Response / THANK YOU to all of our faithful volunteers who have served at the Church in Action Distribution Center and/or in many other ways! To keep you informed, the CIA (Church in Action) Center will need **First UMC volunteers on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.** Our Great Plains Disaster Coordinator Hollie Tapley arrived on **Monday evening, April 22**, along with volunteers from Kansas, Arkansas and other places serving in our area. Please stay tuned for emails from Sandy Martensen our Program Coordinator noting the ways that you can help.

Mental Health First Aid Training / The Care Team along with the Healthy Congregations Team of First UMC will be hosting **Mental Health First Aid Training** on **Saturday, May 4** from **8 AM to 4 PM** at our Outreach Center (Youth Underground). This training allows participants to better identify mental health issues and to be educated about helpful resources. *Sign-up ASAP to participate. CEU's are available upon request.*

Regional Gathering with Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr / There will be a **Regional Gathering** of United Methodists on **Saturday, May 4** at **2 PM** in the Community Room of our Outreach Center (3602 16th Street). Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. will be sharing information following the Special General Conference in February. This was rescheduled from Sat. March 23. Please plan to attend. *Cookies & refreshments are requested. If you can assist, please sign-up in the Church Office.*

Methodist Blood Drive: / First UMC's May 6th Honor Blood Drive for Max Becker. Max is a preparatory member of Columbus First UMC, he's five years old and enjoys preschool, playing T-ball, and helping his dad work on his race car. Max is also a blood recipient – he needs transfusions throughout the year for a blood disorder called hereditary spherocytosis, a condition that affects red blood cells and can cause anemia. Help make sure blood is on the shelves this spring so patients like Max can continue doing the things they love. Make your appointment to give blood at this upcoming drive in his honor.

CALENDAR: [\[mychurchevents.com\]](http://mychurchevents.com)

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Mark Your Calendars:

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 – April 22, 29

Educational Series on Dementia – April 25

Lay Servant Training – April 27

YFFC Annual Banquet – April 28

Healthy Lifestyle Class – April 30

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