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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### **Before Worship this Weekend:**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **This Weekend in Worship:**

**Sat @ 6 PM (OC) and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM (Church)** – This weekend, Rev. Cindi will be focusing on **LOVE: Defined** in the **road less traveled** series so let's continue the journey together with Acts 9:10-20. **In worship services, we will be recognizing our Graduating Seniors, and at the 10:30 AM service, scholarships will be awarded.** Enjoy special music by Emily Cunningham and Chancel Choir.

**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 **Follow Me** through John 21:1-19 & Psalm 30:1-5,11-12. **After this Alternative Service, please join in Fellowship and a light meal.**

**First Sunday Potluck** / Join your friends this weekend for the **First Sunday Potluck** at 11:45 AM following worship in fellowship hall! Bring a side dish to share. SPRC members is providing fried chicken from Hy-Vee!

**First UMC Methodist Blood Drive:** / **First UMC's May 6<sup>th</sup> Honor Blood Drive** is 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 *and don't forget to take a selfie & to post!*

**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.*

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

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/74025457/month/2019-05-01>

**May 4-** Care Team's Mental Health First Aid Training @ OC / Bishop's Regional Gathering @ OC / Hough-Cunningham Wedding @ Church

**May 5-** *Beginning & Belonging* / High School Senior Brunch & Reception / First Sunday  
Potluck / *Graduation Party @ OC*

**May 6** – Max Becker Honor Blood Drive / *Home Communion* / Pizza Ranch Tip Night for youth

**May 7** – *Home Communion*

**May 8** – Family Bowling Party (last regular youth group)

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