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First UMC / Email Blast

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: *Mystery*** in the **road less traveled** series so let's continue the journey together with Acts 9:36-43. **In worship services, we will be celebrating the Festival of the Christian home & the special women in our lives.**

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 ***Listen to Me*** through John 10:22-30 & Psalm 23. *After this service, please join us for a light meal & fellowship.*

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 available **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.*

Care Team's Chat-n-Chew / Check out the next Chat-N-Chew on **Sunday, May 19 at 4:30 PM** in the Meditation Room at the OC. Rev Cindi will be present info on the benefits of spirituality and music for one's mental health. There will be popcorn and sparkling water for treats.

UMM Walk or Bike Ride / Ride or walk on morning of **Saturday, May 25** in Columbus—open to all. To register, contact Rocky Plettner (402-640-4590 cell, rg1plett@gmail.com) or Doug Kallesen, or go to <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/files/ummen/ummen19-bikeride-walkregistration04.09.19.pdf> Pledges support UMM missions – Camp Fontanelle, Upper Room Prayer Line, scholarships for Christian service – please help in some way!

Summer Church Office Hours / Summer hours will be in effect from **June 3 through August 30**. The summer schedule would be Monday – Thursday from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm, and Friday from 7:30 am – 12 noon.

Vacation Bible School / VBS will be **June 3 – 7** beginning at **8:15 – 11:30 AM** in the mornings, First UMC will be hosting this year. If you would like to help, please fill out the volunteer card and return to Sarah or Sandy. Volunteers are needed with **snacks, crafts, recreation, science, group leaders / helpers, Bible story, and music!** If you are only able to help one or two days, we'd love to have you! If you would like to volunteer but can't, we are always looking for financial help. **Grab a gift card to support our little ones learn more about Jesus Christ through VBS!**

CD Bulletin Ministry / For those volunteers who deliver bulletins and/or CD's each week, we have relocated where you pick them up! They will now be located in the Conference Room and ready on Tuesday morning. Thank you!

Max Becker FUMC Blood Drive / From Kyle Jensen: I would like to express my thanks to all of you and everyone at **First United Methodist Church** for your commitment to the *American Red Cross Blood Services*. On behalf of the patients we serve, we thank you for holding your blood drive. Your gifts of time, effort, and support are much appreciated! **Most units ever collected and more lives potentially saved through a Monday's First United Methodist Church blood drive!!** Thanks Max for making a difference and hope others realize now that blood donations are always needed and not just after a disaster. Appreciate everyone's help organizing the blood drive which includes mom (Connie), Miki, Sara, Pastor Cindi, volunteers and donors!! Below are the official numbers from Max's In Honor blood drive Monday.

55 pints of blood collected for a goal of 45. Your blood drive potentially saved 165 lives!

Drive Date: May 6, 2019

Presenting Donors: 53

Units Collected: 55

Deferrals: 4

Donors unable to complete a donation: 1

Double Red Donations: 14

First Time Donors: 1

First United Methodist's next blood drive is scheduled for **July 1** from 12 – 6pm. Hope all the donors will consider donating again with the next blood drive as we know the need is always there. Donors will also receive t-shirts while supplies last for a way we can thank for their time and donation!

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

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

May 13 – Program Committees meet

May 18 – Peanut & Stretch Weekend (NOMADS)

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May 20 – Prayer & Healing Service

May 21- Administrative Committees meet

May 22 – Summer Youth Splash begins (family game night @ OC)

May 25- UMM Bike/Walk

May 29 – June 1 – 2019 Annual Conference in Topeka, KS

Community Events:

[Cooking Classes \(Breakfast on the Go!\)](#) – May 14

[Aging Mastery Program](#) – May 15, 22, 29

[Educational Series on Dementia](#) – May 23

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