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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 **GROWTH & RELIGION: TUNNEL VISION** in the **road less traveled** series so let's continue the journey together with Acts 11:1-18.

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM (OC) / - This weekend at Ignite, join Pastor Joe in looking at how Jesus is **MARKED BY A LOVING GOD**. We will discuss John 13:31-35 & Psalm 148:7-13a. *After this service, please join us for a light meal & fellowship.*

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!

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 / *May is Mental Health Month* First UMC's Care Team is expanding its focus from 2018 and raising awareness about the connection between physical health and mental health, through the theme #4Mind4Body. We are exploring the topics of animal companionship, spirituality and religion, humor, work-life balance, and recreation and social connections as ways to boost mental health and general wellness. **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.

Prayer & Healing Service / The next **Prayer & Healing Service** will be on **Monday, May 20 @ 6:30 PM** at our Outreach Center (Meditation Room). What happens at the service? There is a brief time for scripture and reflection, and then the rest of the time is spent lifting up names of those who are in need of prayer. Those who wish to have an anointing of oil may do so. *Conversations that take place are confidential. All are invited & welcome to attend.*

Summer Splash! / This summer, children & youth (K-12) are invited to **Splash** starting on **Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** (no meals served). First Splash will feature "family" game night with Gaga Ball, board games, dodge ball & more!

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 PM, and Friday from 7:30 AM – 12 PM.

Blast Off with 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 learning more about Jesus Christ through VBS!**

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

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

May 18 – *Peanut & Stretch Offering for NOMADS*

May 19 – *Peanut & Stretch Weekend for NOMADS / Care Team's Chat-n-Chew*

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

June 2 – First Sunday Potluck hosted by Christian Social Witness serving Chicken from Pizza Ranch

June 3-7 – Vacation Bible School @ First UMC

Community Events:

ERT training canceled / The Aurora ERT class has been canceled as they need to have at least five people for a class to be a go. Please consider getting this training! We are just beginning the summer severe weather season, if damage is caused by tornadoes, flooding, or other natural disasters, you can be one of the first to help! UMCOR's ERT's are recognized globally by most disaster response organizations, including Red Cross, the United Way, and the National Guard. Thanks. Great Plains Disaster Response

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

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

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