

On Thursday, October 13, 2016 7:48 AM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

**PRAIRIE RIVERS DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE TO MEET BISHOP SAENZ!** District Laity, you are invited to meet the new Bishop Ruben Saenz on **Thursday, October 13**, from **6:30 to 8:30 PM** at Trinity UMC, 511 N. Elm St., Grand Island, NE.

**INFO MEETING FOR 2017 MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW UMC, ALASKA!!!**

Willow United Methodist Church, our Faith Partner, recently contacted the Mission Committee to see if it church would send a VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team to cut and distribute firewood and help host Vacation Bible School. The VIM mission would last approximately 7 days. We are asking for a dates during the last two weeks of July, 2017. The approximate cost would be \$800 for airfare and approximately \$400 to cover rental cars and most meals. We need 10 people to form a team. The team is limited to 15 participants.

An informational meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 16, 2016** from **9:30 to 10:30** or contact Denise Kracl at (402)615-1020 or [huskergirl29@yahoo.com](mailto:huskergirl29@yahoo.com).

## **CALENDAR:**

**Oct. 15 & 16** ~ Get ready for **Peanut & Stretch Special Offering** this weekend!

**Oct. 20 ~ Front & Center Issues:** "Christian Reflections on the Death Penalty" - **9:30 AM** at the Outreach Center (donuts & coffee served) OR **5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall (Light Supper served). RSVP to the Church Office by October 16, please!

**Oct. 20 ~ Mental Health First Aid** is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. First UMC & Federated are partnering with Colegrove Counseling Center to offer a Mental Health First Aid training on Oct. 20 from **8 AM to 5 PM** at Federated. For more info or to sign-up, please talk to Rev. Cindi Stewart ASAP.

**Oct. 23 ~ Confirmation Retreat @ Church, 12 to 4 PM.** At 4 PM, parents & families will join the confirmands & participate in conversations & rehearsal.

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE INVITES YOU ON OCTOBER 30 - HALLOWEEN PARTY & SOUP COOK OFF!

The Evangelism Committee invites you to a **Halloween Party and Soup Cook Off** on **Sunday, October 30**, 2016. The Soup Cook Off will take place at Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. after the Sunday Service. The soups can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall anytime Sunday morning. All other guests are asked to bring a fall-flavored dish, bread or dessert for fun. Each guest at the Soup Cook Off will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite soup with cash donations and all proceeds will benefit Camp Fontanelle. A soup champion will be crowned! In addition, there will be:

- For Children: parade of costumes at 12:15 for everyone to enjoy; games, crafts & face painting!
- For Adults: opportunity to take a virtual tour of our website & social media sites.

### **YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

- **Craft Fair Vendors Needed!** For the second year, there will be a Craft Fair for the youth on Sat. Nov. 12 from 10 to 2 PM at our new Outreach Center – more space & more opportunities! For more info, talk to Sarah Borgman!
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE / KIDS KORNER** – As we continue to grow our Wednesday evening programming, check out the 7-Week Kid's Bible Study starting October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 16<sup>th</sup>. Kids in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join the fun. *Still room for more!*

### **MUSIC & WORSHIP:**

- As the **Ignite, Alternative Praise Gathering** begun on Sunday nights at 6 PM at our Outreach Center, we are inviting church family members to participate with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service AND your witness. Share this news with others & INVITE people that you know to check it out!

### **MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

- **Calling All Soup Day Signs!** If you have been keeping a Soup Day sign in your home – thank you for keeping it safe! It is now time to change the date on that sign so if you could return it to the Church as soon as possible, we will get it dressed for this upcoming Soup Day. Appreciate your help!
- **Treasured Recipes: *The Salad Edition Cookbook - second printing in process!*** Please call the church office (402) 564-8463 and reserve yours today for only \$12.00 each. “In-house” costs were estimated around \$5 each – that leaves \$7 per cookbook for Disaster Relief! Be generous & remember that these cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries & Christmas!
- **Car Decals** are for sale in the church office by the Evangelism committee; stop and see if you would like to purchase one for \$7.00. This is another great way to get our name out in the public.
- **DISHES!** Please come to the Chapel Parlor and check out the dishes to see if anything on the cart is yours or a neighbor's!

## **Community Connection!**

- **Peace Lutheran Women’s League SALAD LUNCHEON – Thursday, October 13** from 11 to 1 PM. Cost is \$6 per guest.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Event**

**Date: Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Location: Ag Park - Columbus**

**Open to residents of Platte County and Columbus Only & No Businesses!**

**Acceptable Waste Materials: oil based paints, varnishes, stains, poisons, fertilizers, banned materials, insecticides, and other lawn materials.**

**Not Acceptable Materials: No sharps or needles, NO PCB’s, No radioactive waste, and no oil.**

**\*\*\*Latex paint will be accepted until limit is met\*\*\***

· **6<sup>th</sup> Annual We Can Run, Walk & Roll!!!** On Saturday, October 15 @ 10 AM at Memorial Stadium, Pawnee Park. 5K & 1 Mile Event. Sponsored by Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus Wellness Center & Wiggles & Giggles. Register online:

<https://register.chronotrack.com/r/20738>

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· **“Worship In The Barn”** Saturday, October 15, 7:30–9:30 PM

Crabtree Family Farm (15 minutes from Columbus)

An evening of worship for women from across the community. Live Music-Testimonies-Fellowship-Sip Espresso coffee and cider. For more information search “Worship in the Barn” on Facebook or call Hanna 367-8410.

· **Precious H.E.A.R.T.S. Interfaith Memorial Service** will be on Sunday, October 16 @ 1:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Columbus Community Hospital.

· **POWER OF PREVENTION-** Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Columbus Community Hospital. Register before October 5 @ 1-877-348-4329 or [www.bluehealthadvantageNE.com](http://www.bluehealthadvantageNE.com)

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- **St. Anthony Church Bazaar & Dinner** – Sunday, October 23 @ Ag Park, Columbus. Dine In or Carry Out from 11 to 3 PM. Adults, \$10 and Children (5-10), \$5 and (4 & under), Free
- **Monroe United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner & Bazaar** ~ Sunday, November 6, 11:00 am-1:30 pm, Monroe City Auditorium. Take out is available!
- **BIG PALS, LITTLE PALS 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Thon.** Sunday, November 6 @ Westbrook Lanes, 1:30 to 3:30 PM. To participate: 1. Form a 4-member team & raise \$100 for entry fee. 2. Your business, organization, church group can sponsor FOUR Big & Little Pals to bowl by making a \$100 donation. For more information call (402) 563-1081 or email: [bigpals@megavision.com](mailto:bigpals@megavision.com)

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*Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1*