

On Wednesday, November 23, 2016 3:54 PM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

First UMC / Email Blast

The Church Office wants to thank you for subscribing to this Email Blast. We are currently in transition in the Church Office – please bear with us as we get our communications out! Welcome Administrative Assistant, Meka Kick, and our Program Coordinator, Erin Landon.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you were receiving the Circuit Rider (newsletter) via email, please re-subscribe by emailing your request to: programcoordinator@columbusfumc.com Thanks!

HANGING OF THE GREENS! Volunteers Needed! Two Locations, One Purpose: Decorate for the Season! **Sunday, November 27** from **3 to 5 PM** – downtown and/or Outreach Center. Childcare available upon request @ OC. Soup Supper following at Outreach Center @ **5:30 PM** followed by Ignite service @ **6 PM**.

Make Your Own Advent Wreath. On **Sunday, November 27** from **7 to 7:45 PM**, families are invited to make their own Advent Wreath at our Outreach Center in lower level – Craft Room & Aldersgate Rooms. No RSVP. Cost is \$5 to \$10 donation.

United Methodist Women's Christmas Brunch. South Korean Christmas Traditions and Music with Pastor Seong and Younee Lee. **Saturday, December 3** from **9:30-11 AM**. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for family group, kids are free! Tickets are available at services or in the church office. We will be collecting In Kind donations for Epworth's Christmas Store. Items include: small gift cards (\$5-10) to places like Walmart, Walgreens, Runza, Subway or McDonalds; Non-alcohol mouthwash, Men's shampoo and/or conditioner, Men's body wash and Men's socks, stocking hats, gloves. *All children, women and men are invited & welcome to attend this year's Christmas Brunch!*

CALENDAR:

Nov. 24 ~ Happy Thanksgiving from your Church Family!

Nov. 25 ~ Church Office & Outreach Center CLOSED for holiday

Nov. 27 ~ Hanging of the Greens (see above); **3 to 5 PM**, at the Church and our Outreach Center. Soup Supper @ **5:30 PM**; **Families Make Your Own Advent Wreath**, from **7 to 7:45 PM** in lower level of our Outreach Center.

Check out this weekend's bulletin insert about our Advent Special studies & activities!

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

2017 Calendars are now on sale from the Senior High Mission Team. The calendars can be purchased from team members or in the church office for \$8 each.

Wednesday night meals are needed. Every week 40+ people have supper in the Youth Underground at the Outreach Center. You may sign up to provide all of the meal or just a portion of it. Please check out the binder in the chapel parlor to sign up to help or talk to Sarah Borgman. Monetary donations for the meals are also accepted.

Camp Fontanelle Christmas Camp. December 16 – 18, 2016. Do you know of a youth between the ages of 9 and 14, who would benefit from a weekend filled with fun? Some of the activities that the campers will get to participate in include: zip lining, activities at the Petting Barn, hiking, and Jumping Pillow. There will be singing around a fire, roasting marshmallows and maybe even tubing if the weather is right. Sign up fast, because this camp's maximum is only 40 campers!

Evangelism Information:

Thank you to all who helped with and attended the Soup Cook Off/Halloween Party on Oct. 30. A special thank you goes out to Doug Kallesen and Dave Rinehart for their work on the wonderful Church website. Congratulations to Betty Osborn who won *The Golden Spoon* with her minestrone soup! We raised \$191 for Camp Fontanelle. Be watching for the next social event planned by the Evangelism committee.

MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

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.

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. For more information, please contact Denise Kracl at (402) 615-1020 or huskergirl29@yahoo.com.

Community Connection!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Sponsored by Columbus Rescue Mission with the help of ADM Cares Program & Hy-Vee. **Thursday, November 24** from 11 AM to 1 PM at Hy-Vee, 3010 23rd Street, Columbus. Meals can be delivered. VOLUNTEERS are welcome & needed! Call the Mission @ (402) 563-1096.

Free Lunch & Learn Book Review. Sponsored by Columbus Community Hospital “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” **Wednesday, November 30** from 11:30 – 12:30, located on the Third Floor Conference Center.

Free Lunch & Learn Managing Stress During the Holidays. Sponsored by Columbus Community Hospital. **Monday, December 12** @ Noon light lunch will be provided. Located on the third floor conference center Platte & Pawnee Rooms. Pre-registration requestd by Wednesday, December 7. Contact the Hospital at 402-562-3380 or register online at www.columbushosp.org.