

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016 2:19 PM, Program Coordinator
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First UMC / Email Blast

Star Campaign for Mission and Ministry obligations for 2016 / End of Year!

We are getting closer & closer to reaching our goal! Thank you for your support as we meet our Mission Share goal for 2016. The Church will be closing its books on Dec. 31, 2016. Remember that any money received by the church after Dec. 31 must be reported as 2017 giving for tax purposes – the only exception is for checks that are mailed and bear a 2016 postmark.

Pick Up Your Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes will be available for pick-up in the Chapel Parlor this weekend and/or next week in the Church Office. Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year!

Christmas Day Brunch

Join us for a Christmas Day Potluck Brunch right after the 9:00 AM Worship Service on Sunday, December 25, located in the Fellowship Hall.

CALENDAR:

Dec. 21 ~ 7:30 AM Word + Table- special Christmas week service featuring Holy Communion; Advent Lunch Study at 12:00 in the Chapel Parlor

Dec. 23 ~ Church & Outreach Center open till 12:00 PM

Dec. 24 ~ Children & Family Service at 5:00 PM; Carols & Lessons Service at 7:00 PM; Carols, Candlelight & Communion at 11:00 PM

Dec. 25 ~ 9:00 AM Worship Service; Potluck Brunch following worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Dec. 26 ~ Office closed for the holiday

Dec. 30 ~ Office open till 12:00 PM

Dec. 31 ~ 6 PM Worship Service w/ Communion

Jan. 1 ~ 9 AM Worship Service w/ Communion; 6 PM Ignite Service @ OC w/ Communion

Jan. 2 ~ Office Closed

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Nativity Scenes- We have 8 nativity scene sets that can be given away for free will donations. Please pick those up in the church office. The office also has angels and Baby Jesus from last year. If a child was not able to attend those weeks they can stop in the office and pick one up. **If students need to fill this year's nativity set, please talk to Jane Galley and/or Church Office; we still have figures available.**

Adult Leader Needed - Wednesday Night Kidz Korner needs adult leaders. If you are interested in helping some amazing children in grades 1-4 learn more about God, contact Sarah Borgman at the church to get the details on how you can help.

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.

Youth Rally - See Sarah Borgman to get your ticket for this amazing Youth Rally sponsored by the Great Plains Conference. Expect games, music, worship, lots of laughs, and to grow closer to God. We will leave for Salina, KS, on Jan 14th and return Jan 15th. Talk to Sarah for more details.

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!

Tune- Up for Life – Columbus Wellness Center is doing Free Health Screenings for the community of Columbus on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. They offer Blood Pressure screening, Body Composition screening, Bone Mineral Density screening, Colorectal Cancer screening, Flexibility screening, Hearing screening, Strength screening, and Vision screening.