

Sat 6 pm / Sun 8 am / Sun 10:30 am

\* (congregation, please stand as you are able)

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We are called by Jesus to be in ministry and mission to this world.

**All: But we wonder if we are going to be able to do this mighty work.**

One: As we have listened to Jesus' words of teaching, seen the healing ministry, so we must place our trust in Him, so that we may go and serve.

**All: Lord, prepare us this day to truly be the disciples you have us be.**

Introduction & Welcome to Mission Sunday

Faith Promise

Opening Prayer

Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Opening Song #2130 "The Summons"

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come before you as your people, aware of our broken world where many do not have enough. We recognize how often we fall short of giving enough of ourselves; our energy, our time, and our resources to your work. We blame our busy schedules. Forgive us for tightly holding on, and trying to be in control, instead of letting go and trusting your lead. Work in us. Help us embrace your work so that our whole lives might become a ministry. AMEN.

Silent Prayer & Words of Assurance

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed.

AMEN.

Children's Time (sing # 2095 "Star-Child" children move forward on vs. 5)

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:34-40



## Mission Weekend

Song of Prayer #2172 "We Are Called"

Message Celebration of Mission Work

Joys & Concerns

Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Let's pray together:

**All praise to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in whom we live and breathe and have our being! You are the only one worthy of worship. May your will be accomplished as we go to work in your Kingdom. Lord, we are in this place today as a people who have benefited from the mission of your kingdom. Before we knew you, someone told us about you. Someone, maybe even several people, shared the light and love of Christ with us. Now we look to share you, Jesus, the Light of the World in the midst of a world filled with darkness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and equip us to be the Church, indeed to be Christ to the world. You provide for us and we will never be in want. We confess our own bent towards sinning, and thank you for the grace you grant us by the power of the cross. Help us extend that same grace toward our neighbors. Protect us from all evil and keep us strong in times of temptation. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray our family prayer: "Our Father who art in Heaven..." AMEN.**

Offering / Offertory

\*Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, were the whole realm of nature ours to give, it would be an offering far too small. Nevertheless what we have we give back to you in Jesus' name. Receive our gifts as an act of worship. Amen.

Holy Communion

\*Closing Song #593 "Here I Am Lord"

\*Benediction

Now, may the Holy Spirit's encouragement and Christ's once and for all act of giving and worship empower us to continue our worship in acts of giving – of our thoughts, our prayers, our resources, and our whole selves. May our giving be an act of worship that fills us with joy and confidence in our faithful God to share the blessings we have so richly received. AMEN.

**Provides Financial Support for additional groups:**

Hearts for Mission

Backpack Program

Epworth Village

Christian Social Witness

**Promotes Christmas Projects**

Hearts = Holiday Spirit Co-op

Stars 2017 = sweatpants

for Willow UMC in Alaska

**Collects UMCOR School Kits**

(2017, 48-50 bags + extra supplies collected)

### Future Mission Trips:

2018

Hurricane Relief – (tentative)

MMDC – Oct. 14-19

2019

Hurricane Relief – (tentative)

MMDC – Oct. 20-25

2020

Alaska – TBD

MMDC – TBD

### Want to Get Involved?

Missions Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM (sanctuary) and 7:10 PM (fellowship hall) for meeting! All are invited & welcome to participate!



### First UMC Mission Committee:

**Provides Financial Support**  
(through Faith Promise)

**Leads Mission Sunday**

**Provides Free Holiday Meals**  
(for elementary students)

**Participates in Change the World Day/ Church Has Left the Building**

**Promotes Christmas in July**  
(2017, sex trafficking survivor kits)

**Holds Annual Salad Luncheon**  
(fundraiser for projects)

**Participates in Habitat for Humanity Work Day**

**Supports Back-to-School Tutoring Program**  
(late July / early August)

**Provides Rescue Mission Meal**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May)



### PRAYER FOCUS / For the New Year & Its Possibilities

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** *Those who have been hospitalized recently:* Mary Nickels; *those who have had surgery: those who are grieving; those facing cancer & illnesses;* *those in church leadership:* Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.; Prairie Rivers District Superintendent Lance Clay, Prairie Rivers District Office; Hastings Grace United Methodist Church; and the UMC in Willow, Alaska. ***Those in the Military:*** Members: Aron Alt, Tim Hiemer, Christina Kretchman, Ryan Pickinpaugh, Nicole Schacher and Kollin Forney. Family & Friends of Members: Jason Juracek, Josh Kantor, Shawn A. Peterson, Bob Sheets, Brian Stoltenberg, J.D. Riesland, Bailey Ball, Kyle Eiler, Columbus NG 128th Engineer Battalion. ***Those in the Peace Corps; those serving as missionaries.***

**SUNSHINE CORNER** includes our XYZ members (90 years +) and our homebound, assisted living & care center residents. We ask that you drop them a card, pay them a visit, give them a phone call and/or pray for them. This week, we remember:

**Lloyd Lutjens**  
4715 38th St. #317  
Columbus, NE 68601



2018 Altar Flower Calendar is available for sign-up in the gathering area.



Here is the **QR Code** that will take you directly to FUMC website where you can read the circuit rider on-line, and look at the calendar!



Worship Notes:

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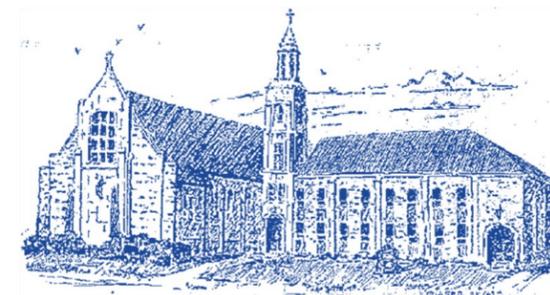
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# WELCOME!

Columbus First United Methodist Church

## January 6 & 7, 2018

### Thank you for worshipping with us this weekend!

As we worship, we express our gratitude to God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer. Thank you for signing the attendance register. *Quiet sacks are located in the back for our young disciples.*

**Beginning & Belonging** / If you are interested in learning more about the mission & ministry of First UMC and/or joining the church, check out the "Beginning & Belonging" class in the Gathering Area on the first Sunday of the month from 9 to 10 AM. For more information, talk to Rev. Cindi.

**Mission** / To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Vision** / To be a center for Christian growth & outreach.

### Church & Office

2710 14th Street  
Office Hours: M-F, 8 to 5 PM  
(402) 564-8463

Worship: Sat @ 6 PM,  
Sun @ 8 & 10:30 AM



### Outreach Center

3602 16th Street  
Office Hours: T-TH, 10 to 5 PM  
(402) 564-8362

Ignite Worship: Sun @ 6 PM

### Our Mission & Ministry Staff

**Rev. Cindi Stewart**, Senior Pastor  
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**TODAY**— Commit to participating in at least one mission activity this year!