



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Holy Week

April 2: Maundy Thursday

7 PM: Downtown

April 3: Good Friday

7 PM: Downtown

April 5: Easter Sunday

7 AM: Sunrise Service and Easter Brunch

9:45 AM: Downtown

11:00 AM: Outreach Center

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Wear your PJs, bathrobe, or slippers to church.

Loaded Pancakes served in Fellowship Hall

Free Will Donation accepted towards Sunday JAM supplies



Do you have a prayer request?

Contact Sue Overturf with your prayer chain requests.

sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com or call the church office (402) 564-8463.



What's Happening

Upcoming
mark your calendars

March 18/Lenten Lunch
@ First UMC Fellowship Hall 12 PM—1 PM
Host: St. Luke's UCC
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander

March 19/CPR and AED Training
Fellowship Hall 6 PM– 10 PM
\$10 Class Fee to be paid at the Door

March 25/Lenten Lunch
@ First UMC Fellowship Hall 12 PM—1 PM
Host: First UMC
Preaching: Rev. Adam Lassen

**April 5/ Sunrise Service followed by
Breakfast @ 7 AM**

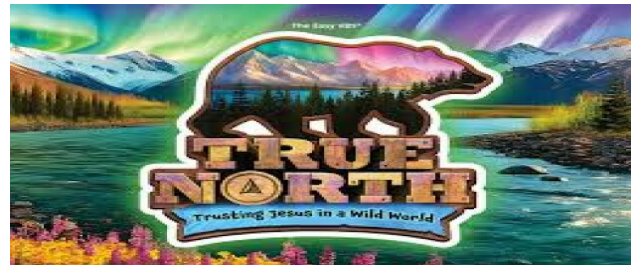
April 5/Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday JAM Time
Front lawn weather permitting



Lenten Lunches EVERY Wednesday through March 25.

Come join in a light meal of soup, sandwich, and dessert along with a focused message to help us with our journey to the Cross.

Meal cost is \$8/adult
Time: 12 PM—1 PM each week



Vacation Bible School
is coming

June 1-5, 2026



Columbus First UMC

Monthly Attendance 2026

Jan-Feb 2026 Weekly Average 161

Sunday Services

March 2026 Weekly Attendance

Date	Weds JAM	9:45 am	Re..W	Week's
1-Mar	22	87	50	159
8-Mar	24	86	27	137
15-Mar	0	79	20	99
22-Mar				0
29-Mar				0
Monthly Total	46	252	97	395

Weekly Average 132



Last Sunday's
Peanut & Stretch
Offering went to
Habitat of Humanity.

How can I help my church?

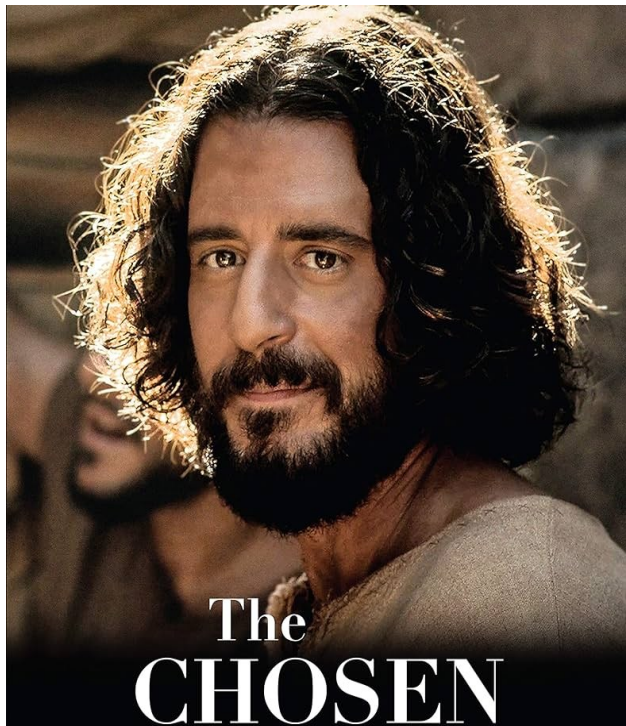
You could be a sanctuary servant!

What is a Sanctuary Servant?

A Sanctuary Servant helps serve the church on Sunday mornings by being an usher, or greeting people as they come in, or reading scripture during service.

If this is something you would like to do, use the QR code on the right or the link below. Scroll down to the date you are available and sign up. You will receive an email reminder a couple of days ahead.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AAAA23A6FD0-60381235-sanctuary>



Mondays in the Chapel Parlor

10:00—11:30 AM

**Watch an episode of the chosen then
join in lively discussion.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**No materials required. Come relaxed
and leave rejuvenated.**

CPR TRAINING

Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

Thursday, March 19

6:00-10:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$10/Person; pay at the door

Must have pre-registered to attend.



Methodist Minutes Are Back!

How has the church impacted your life?

What has helped grow your faith?

Where has the church been a family to you?

Any of these questions cause you to pause and think about how much you love our church? Would you like to share your story in 2-3 minutes at Worship during Lent?

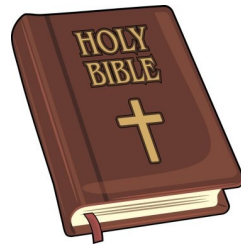
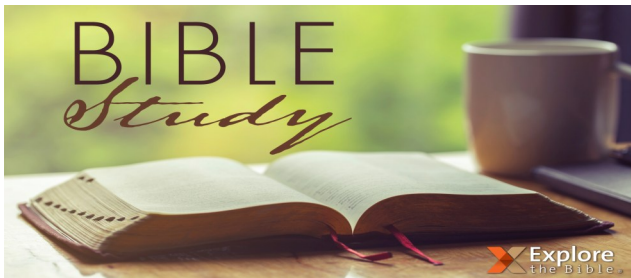
Call Sandy Fricke, (402) 276-1132, or the Church Office, (402) 564-8463, to pick your Sunday for either the 9:45 AM service downtown or Re..Worship at 11:00 AM at the Outreach Center.

These are very special moments in our Worship time that bring our family members closer together.

Sunday JAM Adult Bible Study Opportunities
8:30 AM—9:30 AM

Room 007: Kaleidoscope Adult Study Class
“Final Words From the Cross”, by Adam Hamilton. What do the words from the cross have to do with us today in our faith journey?

Room 006: Seekers Adult Study Class
“If You Want To Walk On Water, You Have To Get Out of the Boat” by John Ortberg. Learn how to move beyond fear by responding to God’s calling.



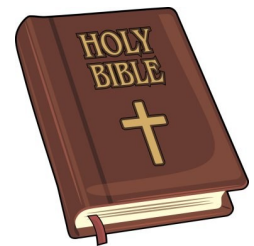
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings
9:30—10:30 AM
Church Chapel Parlor

ALL are welcome!

**March 3rd-24th:
Pastor K Lenten Study
“Journey to the Cross”**

Come as you are!



Seminar Leader:
KAREN LAMPE
Founding Pastor of
The Caring Congregation

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**CARE
MINISTRY
SEMINAR**

HOST: **CENTRAL NEBRASKA DISTRICT**
LOCATION: **FIRST-FAITH UMC**
4190 W. Capital Ave, Grand Island, NE

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CONTACT
Tonja Read (308) 384-0603



The Kids



The Todd Becker Foundation is Coming!

Wednesday, April 22
7-9 PM

NO Regular Youth Group

Grades 5—College Age

Columbus High School

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

A night of testimony and sharing of how God is on the move in the lives of youth.

Prayer Buddy Reveal

Sunday JAM: April 19 (Donuts & Juice)
During JAM time (8:45 start)
Fellowship Hall—Church

Wednesday JAM: April 29 (Ice Cream Sundaes)
During Worship (6:30 PM with Ice cream to follow)
Outreach Center

Bring a note to share. NO gifts please.



The LAST Wednesday of each month Wednesday JAM has a special dress up day!

March 25

Pajama Day

Participation Prizes Given



Flowers for Easter Sunday

Easter Lillies, 6"	\$14
Easter Lillies, 8"	\$25
Azalea	\$35
Begonia	\$17.50
Hydrangea	\$35
Mums	\$17.50

**Contact the Church
Office to place your order.**



**Easter Sunday
April 5**

Church Lawn
(weather permitting or in
the church building)

During Sunday JAM time!

**In need of candy
donations to fill Easter
Eggs. NO EGGS NEEDED!**



United Women in Faith

March 2026 Events

Palm Sunday Bake Sale on March 29th



Each year the United Women in Faith awards two scholarships. A \$500 scholarship is given to a graduating High School Senior. And, a \$500 Leap of Faith scholarship is given to a woman to further her education or to renew her license.

These scholarships are funded by the annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

On **March 29th**, the Palm Sunday Bake Sale is before and following the 9:45am service at the Downtown Church. A free will offering will be asked for the baked items.



All kinds of bake sale items are needed. These items can be brought to the church on Palm Sunday when you come to worship.

UWF Planning Meeting on March 31st



United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) has been an important part of our church for over a hundred years. With the changing of demographics for women, it is time to plan for our future.

On **Tuesday, March 31st**, a Planning Meeting will be held at 11:30 am in the Library at the Downtown Church. We would like you to come and share your ideas.

A complimentary lunch will be served. We need you to RSVP by Thursday, March 28th to Marilyn Zehring at (402) 270-7046 or email her at mbzehring@icloud.com.

This is a time when all ideas are important whether you have been part of UWF or not. You are encouraged to join this special meeting.

2026 Senior Spotlight



Caleb Kitt

Parents: Steve and Cindy Kitt

School: Columbus High

School Activities: Robotics, Speech Team, Quiz Bowl, Skills USA, E-Sports, 4-H, National Honor Society

Church Activities: Video Tech, VBS helper, Usher/Greeter

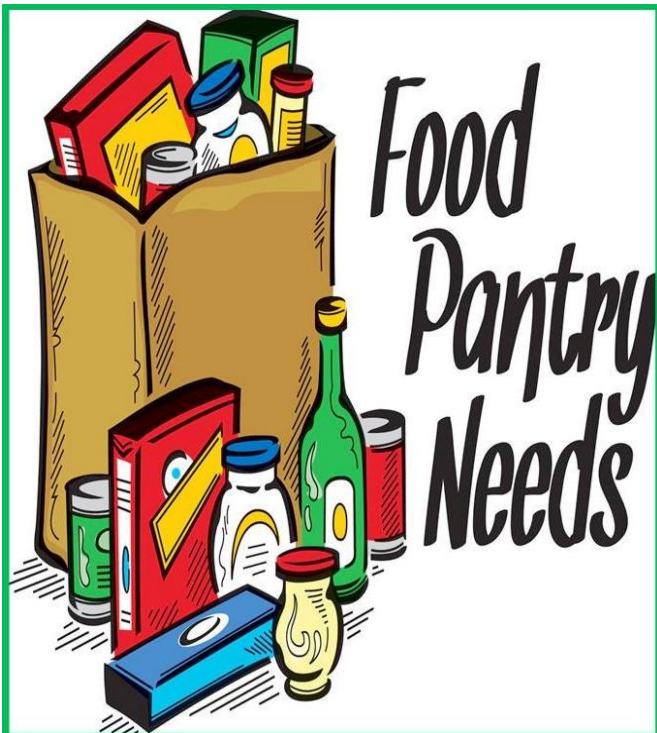
Hobbies: Robotics, Computer coding, video games, Pickleball, handing out with friends, working at the golf course

Future Plans: UNL or UNK for Computer Science



Bring your loose change to the church for the children to put in the coin vortex on Wednesday Nights.

100% of the money in the vortex will go to our First UMC Food Pantry and Blessing Box to help purchase food for those in need.



Our community food pantry is serving more people than ever! The following items are needed on an ongoing basis:

- Canned meat, chicken and tuna
- 16 oz peanut butter and jelly
- Cereal, Pop Tarts and breakfast bars
- Spaghetti and canned spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Canned soups; chunky soups

No glass containers, please!



Job Title: **Lock up Person**

At: the Downtown First United Methodist Church and Outreach Center, Columbus, Nebraska

Part-Time Position: One hour a day Monday through Friday, in the evening (after all activities at both locations are done)

Starting Wage: \$15 per hour

Requirements: Must be a member of First United Methodist Church, Columbus, NE
Complete a Nebraska Background Check

Responsibilities: Each night and at both locations, one will complete a thorough security check by entering the premises and conducting a slow, methodical walk-through of every area on each floor. Checking doors, windows, and access points to ensure they are locked and secure, all inside doors are locked, and all lights off.

As one moves through each individual floor, including bathrooms, hallways and open spaces, one remains alert unusual sounds, signs of forced entry, or anything out of place. One verifies that security systems are armed and that all lights are functioning properly. Once the inspection is complete, texting any issues to be addressed or follow-up actions required immediately to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

This routine ensures each location remains safe and protected until the following day.

Apply by: March 20, 2026, by completing an application available from the Church's office



2026 Altar Flowers Calendar

**Sign up now to provide Altar Flowers;
There are still available Sundays.**

\$60 will provide a large vase or two small vases of flowers. Bring a vase from home so after the service, you can take your arrangement home.



March 2026

Anniversaries

JENSEN, Bruce & Connie	03/05	OLCOTT, Tim & Nancy	03/18
GEHRING, Kayla & Andrew	03/09	SEAMS, Jerry & Brooke	03/23
RYTHER, Donald & Diane	03/12	ASPEGREN, Dan & Penny	03/25
KINKAID, Denny & Dee	03/18	RANGE, Ron & Pamela	03/26

Birthdays

PEARSOLL, Julie	03/02	FORCE, Patrick	03/17
COLEGROVE, Elijah	03/04	GLENN, Cyann	03/17
KONZ, Nicki	03/04	REEVES, Zachary	03/17
LONG, Steve	03/04	SCOTT, Jamie	03/19
BLASER, Raely Mae	03/05	HAMLING, Kynnlee	03/22
KUHLMAN, Grant	03/05	RYTHER, Donald	03/22
MUSTARD, Shannon	03/06	GREENE, Dustin	03/23
WORKMAN, Janet	03/06	PENINGTON, Karen	03/23
BELL, Jarrett	03/07	CUNNINGHAM, Sarah	03/24
WETGEN, Sean	03/07	DALES, David	03/24
BROOKS, William	03/08	DELACRUZ, Rudy	03/24
FAVORS, Rana	03/08	MARKHAM, Alexander	03/24
DALES, Ann	03/09	ARMSTRONG, Donna	03/25
OXLEY, Chuck	03/09	HASH, Kathy	03/25
POLANCO, Michael	03/09	KUHLMAN, Brock	03/25
HEULE, Cody	03/10	WILLIAMS, Rayetta	03/25
KUHN, Russ	03/10	FRICKE, Jerry	03/26
KLUG, Ed	03/11	ORTIZ Jr, Manuel	03/26
RIGSBY, Katie	03/11	SCHROEDER, Bonnie	XYZ 03/26
SCHNEIDER, Jeff	03/11	SWITZER, David	03/27
BOSWELL-AVILA, Cynthia	03/13	HUTSON, Linda	03/29
FOOTE, Dawn	03/13	LEWIS, Lila	03/29
STAHL, Twilla	03/13	ONCZA, Marsha	03/29
SUPENCHECK, Jean	03/15	BLASER, Amy	03/30
GAY, Barbara	03/16	HIBBS-JONES, Janet	XYZ 03/30
LUEBBE, Andrew	03/16		
POLANCO, Lucy	03/16		



Scrip cards are a handy way to take care of your gift-giving, groceries, or dining out.

Purchase on Sundays before or after the 9:45am Service, or stop by the Church office anytime Monday through Thursday between 7:30 AM and 6 PM.

Special orders can be placed and will arrive in two or three days.



Summer Camp Donation Wishlist

The following list contains items that camp needs for the summer programs and would be great opportunities for churches and individuals to donate to camp to keep daily expenses down. Prices vary from a few dollars to more expensive, large items. You can also shop our Amazon Wishlist and ship your donation directly to camp!

Camp Address: 9677 County Rd 3, Nickerson, Nebraska 68044

Program Supplies:

- Glow sticks
- Pool Noodles
- Tie Dye refill packets
- Sharpees
- Face Paint (glow in the dark)
- Friendship Bracelet thread/ embroidery floss
- Various colors of craft twine
- Craft Paint

Janitorial/Maintenance/ Office Supplies:

- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Standard size toilet paper
- AA and AAA batteries
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets

Kitchen:

- Individually packaged snacks like granola bars, goldfish, fruit snacks, etc
- Gallon sized Ziploc Bags
- Individual coffee creamers
- Hershey Bars
- Small brown paper lunch bags



Church Worship

Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me)

8:30 AM All ages!

Sunday Worship: 9:45 AM

Outreach Center Worship

Wednesday Nite JAM — 6:30 PM

(all ages, from August to May)

Sunday Contemporary Worship

Re...Worship—11 AM



Facebook Page

First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE



YouTube Channel

First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE

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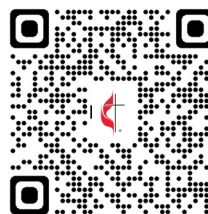
Volunteer Congregational Care Assistant

Lana Walker

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Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



Columbus First United Methodist Church

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Church

2710 14th Street
402-564-8463

Outreach Center

3602 16th Street

Church Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6 PM

The Church Office is open over the lunch hour.

Call the Church Office for admittance to the building.

