



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, April 14, 2026



Summer Camp Registration Open NOW!

This year's theme: "IN THE WILDERNESS"

Transforming lives through intentional Christian Community

Scholarships available to all students that attend in the church office or on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Campfontanelle.campbrainregistration.com



Sunday, April 19

Special Offering Sunday to support Native American Ministries

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

**April 19/ Sunday JAM Prayer
Buddy Reveal @ 8:45am**
Fellowship Hall

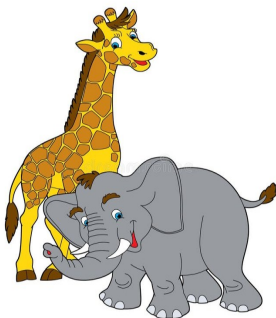
**April 19/ Sunday JAM Teacher
Appreciation @ 9:45am**
Church Recognition

April 22/ Todd Becker Event
NO YOUTH REGULAR GROUP
@ 7pm Columbus High School

April 27/ Pizza Ranch Tip Night
5:00—8:00pm
Proceeds to Youth Mission Team

**April 29/Wednesday JAM
Prayer Buddy Reveal @ 6:30pm**
Outreach Center

May 3/Senior Recognition Sunday
@ 8:45am Family Brunch
@ 9:45am Church Recognition



Sunday, April 19th,
Peanut & Stretch Offering is for
Camp Fontanelle.



Monday, April 27, 2026

5-8 PM

Final Opportunity to support the Youth
Mission Team to Alaska

The team will receive:

100% of tips
placed in the container by the cash
register

10% of sales
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery

Jan-March 2026 Weekly Average 157

Sunday Services

April 2026 Weekly Attendance

Date	Weds JAM	9:45 am Service	Re..W	Week's Total
5-Apr	23	186	28	237
12-Apr	28	130	22	180
19-Apr				0
26-Apr				0
Monthly Total	51	316	50	417
		Weekly Average		209

Special Services

2-Apr	Maundy Thursday	36
3-Apr	Good Friday	37
5-Apr	Sunrise Service	34

How can I help my church?

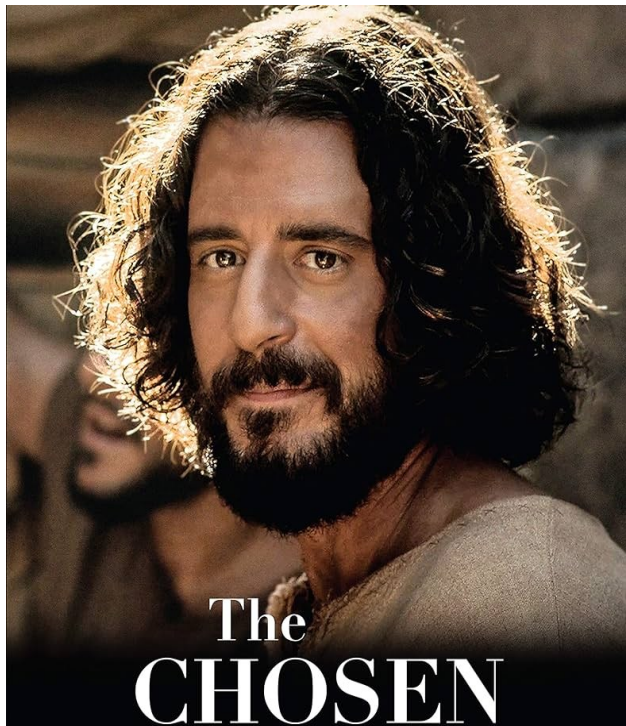
You could be a sanctuary servant!

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.**

Dee and Denny Kinkaid will be taking the Bibles collected to the MMDC Collection Site in Nebraska City the last week of April (the 29th or 30th).

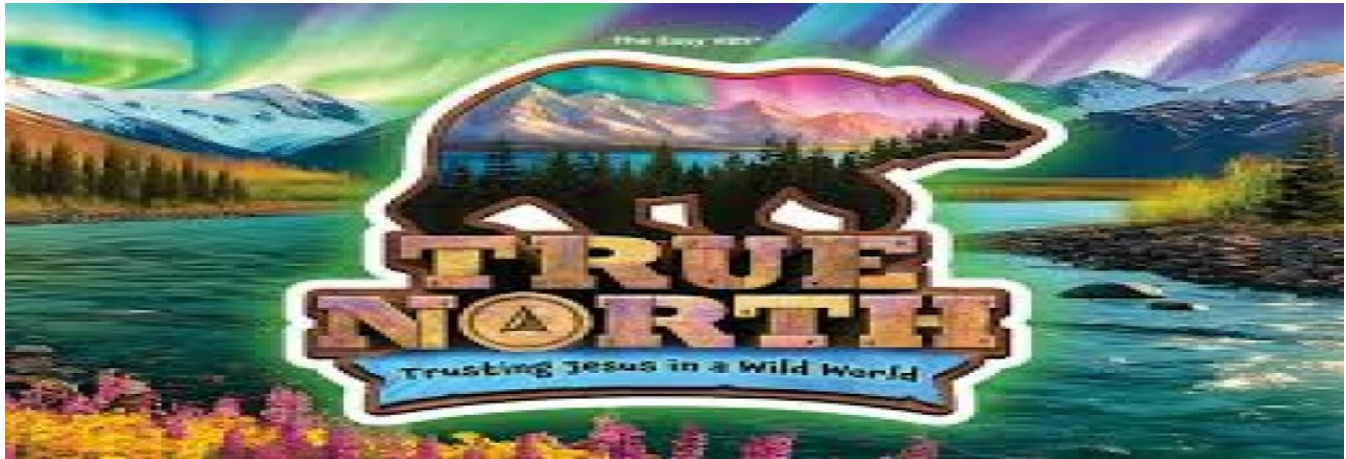
There are other items that are always in demand. If you would like to donate any of these, please bring your donation to the Church by April 27th, 2026.



These are a few items needed:

- Sleeping mats
- Quilts of love
- School bags
- Reusable diapers (pattern is on MMDC website)
- Sewing Machines working portable electrics or treadmill
- Arm and Hammer Sensitive Skin Free and Clear 107 load 144.5 oz
- Scrub brushes with or without handle
- Box of 24 crayons
- Student scissors
- 2" or larger eraser
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- 12" ruler with metric
- Spiral notebooks 3-subject
- Sharpie extreme permanent fine point markers
- Scotch duct tape 1.88"x 20 yards violet purple
- Honey well nuisance disposable dusk mask, box of 50
- Freezer bags 1-gallon recloseable
- Trash bags 30X36" white bathroom, household, office, and light weight garbage
- Lysol surface cleaner 40 oz (no pump or spray)
- Dawn Dish soap 56 oz (no pump or spray)

You can go to their website at <https://www.midwestmission.org/collect-donate> and see the complete list of items needed.



Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 2026

Seeking helpers and leaders.

Must be 7th grade to adult to lead or help.

Areas in need:

Science Leader
Science Helpers
Craft Helpers
Missions Leader
Bible Story Leader
Recreation Leader
Recreation Helpers
5th-6th Grade Class Leader
5th-6th Grade Class Helpers

Group Guides for Age 3-4th Grade
(take class from one station to the next)

People willing to help set up and tear down VBS

Items Needed for a Successful VBS

***\$25 gift cards to one of the following:**

Walmart
Hobby Lobby
Amazon

*** Quick set Christmas Trees** of any size
Must take them back home when we are done with VBS

***We do not have room to store them so arrival of trees would need to be the week of May 26-28 and pick up of trees on Friday, June 5 after 1 PM as there is a wedding in the church on Saturday.

Talk to Sarah if you a tree to share.

***Coloring Books**



Assistance for those affected by Wildfires in Western Nebraska

Anyone interested in helping financially those affected by the wildfires can give to the Disaster Response Fund, checks made payable to Great Plains Conference, on the memo line write 975 Disaster Response Fund, mail to 100 S Kansas, Topeka, KS 66603.

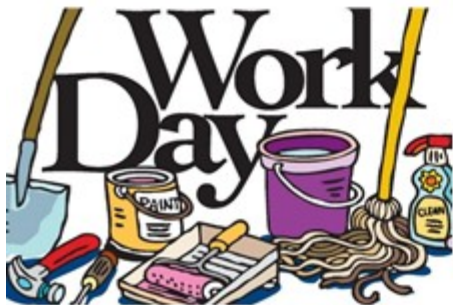
If you want to give to UMCOR, use the same info as above, yet on the memo line write UMCOR #901670.



Camp Fontanelle Spring Workdays are:



Saturday, April 18th and Saturday, May 2nd



We would meet at the Church and leave by 7:30am each Saturday and are usually back by 2pm-ish in the afternoon.



Carpooling is encouraged and a variety of skills are needed.



Contact Gordon at (402) 910-4947 or Truman (402) 640-5859 for more information.

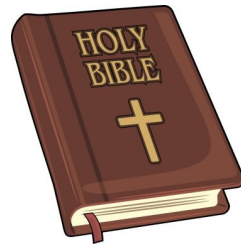
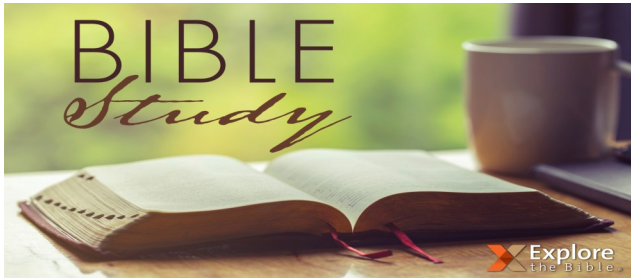


A special "Thank you" from the Education Committee to everyone who came and ate some yummy pancakes to support Sunday JAM.

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
“Social Principles of the United Methodist Church”. Gain a deeper understanding of United Methodist Social Principles.



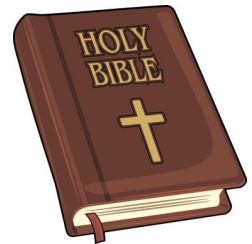
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

ALL are welcome!

Studying:
Christianity and World Religions
By Adam Hamilton

Come as you are!



**CARE
MINISTRY
SEMINAR**

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

APR 17-18
2026 

CONTACT
Tonja Read (308) 384-0603

Seminar Leader:
KAREN LAMPE
Founding Pastor of
The Caring Congregation



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!

April 29

Sport Event Day

**This day is also Prayer Buddy
Reveal**



2026 Senior Spotlight

Amelia Whited

Parents: Kevin and Susan Whited

School: Humphrey High School

Church Activities: Youth Group, Mission Trips, VBS helper,

School Activities: Softball, Speech, One Act, Band, Choir, Quiz-Bowl, Student Council, Cheer, Dance

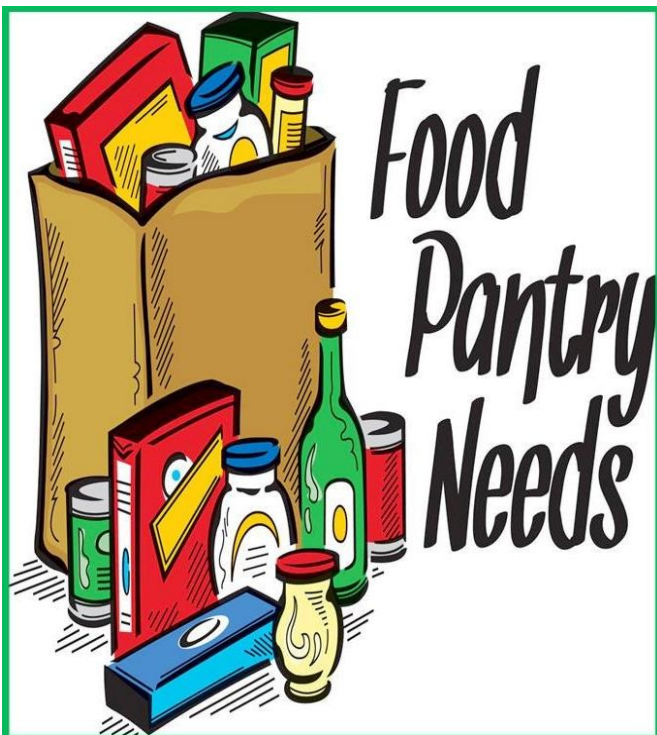
Interests: Reading, Bingeing my favorite shows, hanging out with friends

Future Plans: Wayne State College– Degree in Education



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!



April 2026

Anniversaries

KUHN, Russ & Pat	04/01	FAVORS, Rod & Rana	04/19
ANDERSON, Dale & LaDonna	04/03	MAKOVICKA, George & Cyndi	04/23
COLEGROVE, Wayne & Jill	04/07	LOSEKE, Glenn & Arlene	04/25
LONG, Steve & Karen	04/09	PODLISKA, Vern & Sue	04/25
FRICKE, Jerry & Sandy	04/11	WEBER, Jeremy & Sara	04/26
KEEP, Chuck & Becky	04/11		

Birthdays

MURCEK, Gwendolyn	XYZ 04/01	LUEBBE, Dick	04/21
FAVORS, Rod	04/02	ORTIZ, Charlie	04/21
COLEGROVE, Moe	04/05	HOFFMAN, Larry	04/22
HOUDESHELDT, Leon	04/05	MAKOVICKA, George	04/22
HEULE, Callen	04/06	NANSEL, Karla	04/24
ASPEGREN, Penny	04/07	REEVES, Andi	04/24
HEULE, Addison	04/07	SCHINDEL, Laramie	04/24
SCHINDEL, Jordie	04/07	CURRY, Ken	04/25
JENSEN, Bruce	04/09	MOORE, Dave	04/25
CLABORN, Jenny	04/10	SCHNEIDER, Carli	04/25
SNYDER, Kay	04/10	BALL, Kelly	04/26
FOOTE, Gregg	04/11	BROWN, Terri	04/26
FLUCKIGER, Mark	04/12	CHESLEY, Ann	04/26
MOORE, Adalie	04/14	DAVIDCHIK, Julia	04/26
BADJE, Rama	04/15	SCHNEIDER, Kurt	04/26
GALLEY, Jane	04/15	SWEARINGEN, Skyler	04/26
SHEPHERD, Rebecca	04/15	BOYER, Ken	04/27
MERRILL, Makenzie	04/16	ROTH, Travis	04/27
ASMUS, Nicole	04/17	GREENE, Bill	04/28
SCHLEGEL, Tracey	04/19	DANNELLY, Colton	04/29

XYZ = XYZ Birthday Club for all those 90 and older



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
- Sharpies
- 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

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Columbus, NE

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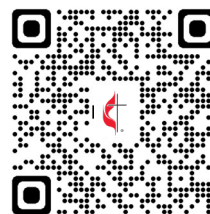
Volunteer Congregational Care Assistant

Lana Walker

lanawalker@yahoo.com

Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



Columbus First United Methodist Church

www.columbusfumc.com

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.

