Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, October 7, 2025

This Year's Souper Soups Day is Coming Up!

This year's Souper Soups date is **Thursday, November 20**. This event provides lots of opportunities for people to pitch in on a great project and enjoy fellowship together! Watch for additional information in the coming weeks about ways you can participate.

Attention All People with Souper Soups Yard Signs ...

If you have a Souper Soups yard sign, please bring it back to the church by October 15 so the committee has time to update the information and get them back to you in a timely manner. **Please put them underneath the coat rack next to the elevator outside the Sanctuary.**

Finding the Calendar

The following links will take you directly to the calendar of your choice on our website:

www.columbusfumc.com
www.columbusfumc.com/calendar/calendar-of-events
www.columbusfumc.com/calendar/youth-calendar

Complete Calendar
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What's Happening

Upcoming
mark your calendars

October 13 / Creation Station
at First UMC

October 19 / Youth Sunday and Baked Potato Bar

November 20 / Souper Soups!
at First UMC

Jan-Sept 2025 Weekly Average	167

October 2025 Services Attended

		Sunday Services			
Date	Weds JAM	8am	10:30	Re..W	Week's Total
5-Oct	24	40	71	25	160
12-Oct					0
19-Oct					0
26-Oct					0
Month's Total	24	40	71	25	160

Weekly Average	160

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Altar Flowers are needed for a few Sundays yet. Stop by the Gathering Area to see if your special day is available!

Food Pantry Update for September

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" – Matthew 25:40

We had an incredible number of people coming to the pantry, with 126 families served! That's a lot of people, including 294 adults, 165 children, and 105 people who received food from the blessing box. In total, we were able to help 564 people. We really appreciate all the support you've given us, both with money and food donations.

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HELP US GROW THROUGH EGIVING

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy solution when you don't have cash or a checkbook.

- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation.
- Schedule and manage recurring donations.
- Pay or give using your debit/credit card or banking information.

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.

A good question was asked Sunday after the Vanco announcement.

"What is the difference between an ACH and Vanco?"

What Is an ACH Payment?

An Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment from your bank account is one way is to make an e-giving contribution. An ACH payment is an electronic transfer of funds via the ACH system and reoccurs monthly. This kind of payment moves money from one bank or credit union to another, using account and routing numbers.

To begin an ACH, you will come to the Church Office, sign an authorization, and your designated contribution will be withdrawn monthly on the 25th.

The Church's financial institution charges a flat fee of $13.13 to process the ACH Batch and a 7 cent transaction fee for each individual contribution within the batch.

ACH example: Your monthly contribution is paid with an ACH recurring on the 25th (similar to a mortgage payment).

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What is Vanco?

Vanco is an online e-giving platform providing a secure and user-friendly way to contribute. The Vanco is "anytime" and "anywhere," especially when using the app. You make changes or additions at your convenience.

To begin, you create an account using the secured web address or the Vanco mobile app. Scanning the QR Code when using the app will take you directly to the Church's secured site. You can create a one-time payment or recurring payments.

Depending on your method of payment, the processing fee is 2.9% on debit or credit cards and 1% when using your checking account. Both options have a 45 cent transaction fee.

Vanco example: A Church member's Sunday offering of $20 is set-up as a weekly recurring payment to be withdrawn from one's checking account. The frequency of your contributions is decided by you.

Even when you are unable to attend church, your contribution is still received when using either e-giving options. Whether you choose to give personally on Sundays, or with an ACH, or using Vanco, or use each of these, your support is vital to the continued success of our Church. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment.

Blessings,

Finance Committee

🤝 Small Group Meeting Survey

Building Relationships Together with Pastor K

We're excited to start small groups focused on building meaningful relationships!

Please fill out this survey to help us find the best time and location that works for everyone interested in joining.

Your Name:

Contact information

Email Address/ Phone:

🗓️ When can you meet?

Select all the times that work for you:

Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Wednesday at 6:00 PM
Thursday at 10:00 AM
Thursday at 6:00 PM

📍 Where would you prefer to meet?

Select all the locations that work for you:

a) Pastor K's Apartment
b) Hy-Vee Dining Room
c) Coffee Shop
d) Other (please specify in comments)

Additional Comments or Suggestions:

📨 Submit Survey to Pastor K or Lisa Nielsen in the Church Office.

The Food Pantry needs **egg cartons!** If you have empty egg cartons, please bring them to the church and put them on the Mission Market stand.

Service Assistants

It takes a dedicated group of people each week to ensure that our church services run smoothly. If you would be willing to serve as a greeter, communion assistant or sound board operator, please contact Lisa Nielsen in the church office to learn more!

Help our church be seen and heard!

We're looking for a few more people to run sound and livestream our services. Training provided! Contact the Church Office if you would like to participate.

To anyone with musical abilities ...

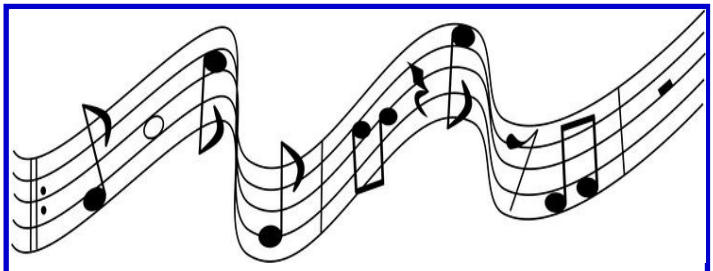
We are always looking for special music presenters! Soloists, duets, trios or other small groups — vocal or Instrumental. Please contact the church office at **402-564-8463** to let us know you're interested and we'll get something set up!

Recycle Used Printer Cartridges

The recycle box for any size used printer cartridges is located in the coat closet by the Church Office. (On the top shelf, near the window.)

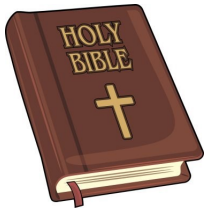
Love One Another signs available now

We have replenished our Love One Another sign stock. Please feel free to pick one up in Chapel Parlor.



Mark Your Calendars!

Chancel Choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Sanctuary!



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

ALL are welcome! No prior Bible knowledge required. Come and grow in your faith!

October 2025

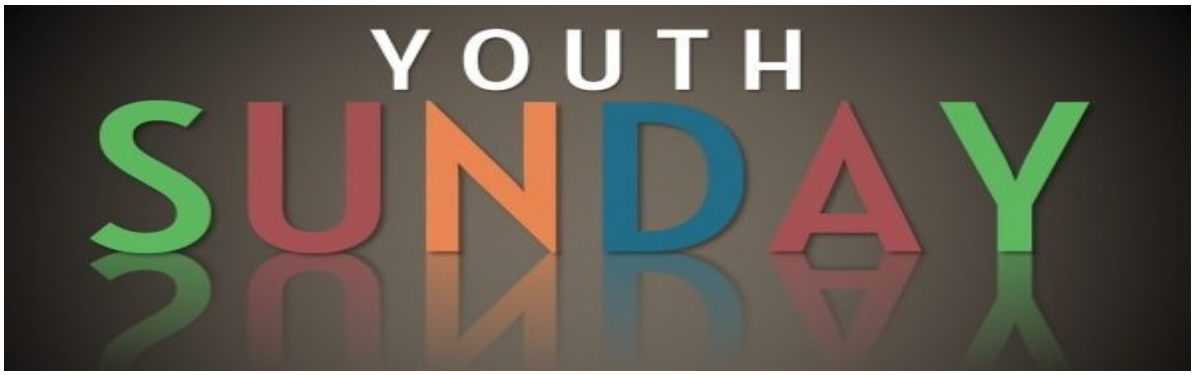
Anniversaries

HELLBUSCH, Lynda & Gary	10/02	ADAMS, Bob & Joan	10/18
JONES, Cecil & Janet Hibbs-Jones	10/04	ATHEY, Charles & Lois	10/18
WINDLE, Rachel & AJ	10/08	REEVES, Kelli & Dexter	10/21
DANFORTH, Alan & Jean	10/15	SCHACHER, Lisa & Dave	10/21
SCHROEDER, Don & Bonnie	10/16	BADJE, Paul & Rama	10/25
NELSON, Brian & Pam	10/17	BLASER, Chris & Amy	10/30

Birthdays

MOLCZYK, Douglas	10/01	HUDSON, Norma		10/15
DANNELLY, Rose	10/02	ZEDICHER, Nick		10/15
REEVES, Diane	10/02	MURCEK, Debbie		10/16
SWARTZ, Richard	10/02	WEBER, Jeremy		10/16
SWITZER, Jean	10/02	BECKER, Gwen		10/17
BOSWELL, Dave	10/03	BURROWS, Carol		10/17
CZAPLA, Gina	10/03	NELSON, Zach		10/18
GAEDEKE, Carly	10/03	PETERSEN, Jaime		10/18
HENK, Jeanie	10/03	REEVES, Erin		10/18
HILL, Malcom	10/03	METCALFE, Heaven		10/19
MOLCZYK, Trenton	10/03	ZUROSKI, Joyce	XYZ	10/20
OXLEY, Sally	10/03	SCHNEIDER, Bruce		10/21
KITT, Cindy	10/04	CHOHON, Duane		10/22
WALGREN, Shirley	XYZ 10/04	REED, Tyler		10/22
KOTROUS, Lynne	10/05	HOHRMANN, Neal		10/23
OLCOTT, Wyatt	10/05	KURTENBACH, Todd		10/23
BELL, Easton	10/07	DEMPSEY, Candy		10/24
ZEDICHER, Rita	10/08	HASH, Rex		10/24
CARLSON, Rachael	10/10	DAVIDCHIK, Sarah		10/25
KOSCH, Gordon	10/10	WETGEN, Colton		10/25
WHITEFOOT, Brian	10/10	SEAMS, Brooke		10/26
ASMUS, Mark	10/11	COULTER, Lynne		10/27
CRUISE, Robert	10/11	KINNISON, Nadine		10/27
MCELFRESH, Jim	10/11	KUHLMAN, Carrie		10/27
TROFHOLZ, Turner	10/11	HIEMER, Sharon		10/28
KLOPNIESKI, Kris	10/12	PLETTNER, Rocky		10/28
NELSON, Tom	10/12	SCHROEDER, Don		10/28
GRIFFITHS, Randy	10/13	THOMS, Ashton		10/28
LUEBBE, Maggie	10/13	ASMUS, Alex		10/31
ADAMS, Bob	10/14	BELL, Jason		10/31

The Kids



October 19, 2025

8:00 and 10:30 services

An interpretative telling of some of the parables of Jesus.
Be prepared for some laughter and some drama.

MYTT (Methodist Youth Talent Troupe) will also present a visual interpretation to music.

The Youth are looking for coins for the children to put in the offering vortex this year. If you have some loose change you would be willing to share with the kids, please drop it off at the church.

All of the proceeds from the coin vortex will be used for the church Food Pantry and Blessing Box.

October 19

After the 10:30 Service!

Baked Potato Bar
&
Ice Cream Sundaes

Sponsored by the Youth Alaska Mission Team!

Free Will Donation!

The "Want" Ads

First UMC Food Pantry Needs

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!

The Green Team

The Green Team is looking for a few extra people to help with recycling efforts at the Church and Outreach Center. Recycling is gathered on Wednesday mornings. It usually takes 45 minutes to an hour to collect and stage the recycling for pick-up.

Thank you for considering this worthwhile project. We are striving to become a Green Church!

For more information and training, call **Rodney** at **402-910-8434.**

Scrip cards are a handy way to take care of everything from your gift-giving to grocery buying needs. Purchase on Sunday mornings between or after church services, or stop by the office anytime Monday through Thursday between 7:30 AM and 6 PM.

Call-in orders are welcome!

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts!

No need to change your schedule to accommodate a workshop time. Just contact Lisa Nielsen in the Church Office at **402-564-8463** and arrange a time that's convenient for you!

"We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." *Ephesians 2:10*

Church Worship

Sunday 8 AM Worship

Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me) **— 9 AM**
All ages!

10:30 AM Worship

Outreach Center Worship

Wednesday Nite JAM — 6:30 PM
(all ages, August—May)

Re...Worship—11 AM

Facebook Page
First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE

YouTube Channel
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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.