



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Annual Hanging of the Greens Nov. 30

Join us between 9 and 10:30 AM on Sunday, November 30 for our Annual Hanging of the Greens celebration. Come help deck our halls!



Special Church Council Meeting

A dedicated subcommittee has been meeting to develop a proposal regarding the timing of our church service and Sunday school programs. Their goal is to better serve the needs of our congregation and enhance our worship experience.

The subcommittee will present their proposal at a Special Church Council Meeting scheduled for **December 1 at 6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. This meeting will include a vote by the Church Council, and your presence and support are appreciated.

Let's come together to shape the future of our worship and learning programs!

Jackie Pope,
Church Council Chair

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



Sanctuary Servant QR Code

Go here to sign up to greet, usher,
or lector!

What's Happening



**November 30 / 1st Sunday of Advent
and Hanging of the Greens**
at First UMC

December 7 / 1st Sunday Potluck

**December 14 / Children's Christmas
Program @ 10:30 service**

Jan-Oct 2025 Weekly Average 167

November 2025 Services Attended

Date	Weds JAM	Sunday Services			Week's Total
		8am	10:30	Re..W	
2-Nov	34	46	88	17	185
9-Nov	36	39	88	30	193
16-Nov	28	37	72	26	163
23-Nov					0
30-Nov					0
Month's Total	98	122	248	73	541

Weekly Average 180



An ACH (Automated Clearing House) payment from your bank account is a convenient, secure and reliable way to support our Church.

To set up monthly ACH payments, contact Sue Overturf in the Church Office at 402-564-8463 or sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com.



Your online giving option.



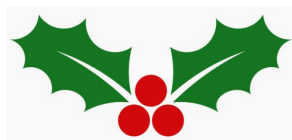
Community Thanksgiving Meal
Thursday, November 27
11 AM—1 PM
1C Church
2200 28th Avenue
Dine-in or delivery. Call 1C at 402-835-5511 for details or to order delivery.



Community Christmas Dinner
Thursday, December 25
Federated Church
2704 15th Street

Dine-in or delivery. Call Federated Church at 402-564-2812 for details or to make a reservation.





Mission Committee Holiday Giving Projects

The Mission Committee for nearly fifty years has been a part of Holiday Giving. The committee is able to do this with the proceeds from the Salad Luncheon and December Peanuts. As a congregation we are blessed and want to share with our community.

Stars

On Sunday, November 23rd envelopes with a \$5.00 bill enclosed will be passed out to people in worship. These envelopes will say:

Blessings! The people of the United Methodist Church

Pass the envelope to someone - a neighbor, teacher, co-worker, friend, post person, store cashier or anyone you interact with including a stranger.

Hearts

In cooperation with the Holiday Spirit Coop our church receives. the names of 100 children in our community. Starting Sunday, November 23rd envelopes with the gender and age of each child will be on the tree in the Gathering Area. After taking a Star purchase a \$40.00 Walmart gift card and place in envelope. Return envelope by December 7th to the church. If you would like to be part of this giving but aren't able to do \$40.00 you can buy a smaller gift card or give money and it will be combined to make \$40.00. By giving gift cards the parents can then buy presents for their children and enjoy the smiles on Christmas morning.

The recipients will also receive a \$20.00 grocery gift card, a bag of Cuties and the Little Golden Book "The Story of Christmas".

Our church has always been generous in giving to our Mission Projects and we know this year will be the same. As a church we are blessed to be able to make the holidays a time of giving for others.

The Mission Committee

Janie Schneider, Don Fowler, Rocky Plettner, Mary Plettner, Rich Snyder, Rod & Jean Supencheck, Ed Klug, Cynthia Makovicka, Seulki Choi, Marilyn Zehring

Updated Address for Lois Athey:

13731 Hickman Rd, HC Room 100
Urbandale, IA 50323

Worship Committee is looking for soloists or groups to do special music during Advent. Contact Sandy Fricke or Justin King to pick your Sunday!

**What's your favorite
Christmas hymn?**

We want to hear from you! Let us know what your favorite Christmas hymns are! Just call the office or email Lisa at lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com and we'll try to make sure they're included in our Advent season hymn selections!



2026

Stewardship Campaign

First UMC Stewardship Campaign for 2026 Pledges was announced at Sunday's Worship Services on the 9th. The Campaign Pledge Letter was emailed on November 13th. The Church is blessed with your faithfulness!

If you do not have an email address, a copy was mailed to your home.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office and Sue will help you.

*Thank you
for your 2026
pledge.*

Church Holiday Office Hours

Just a reminder of when the Church Office will be closed during the upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 27 (all day)

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24 (closed at 12:30 pm)

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25 (all day)

New Year's Eve: Wednesday, December 31 (closed at 12:30 pm)

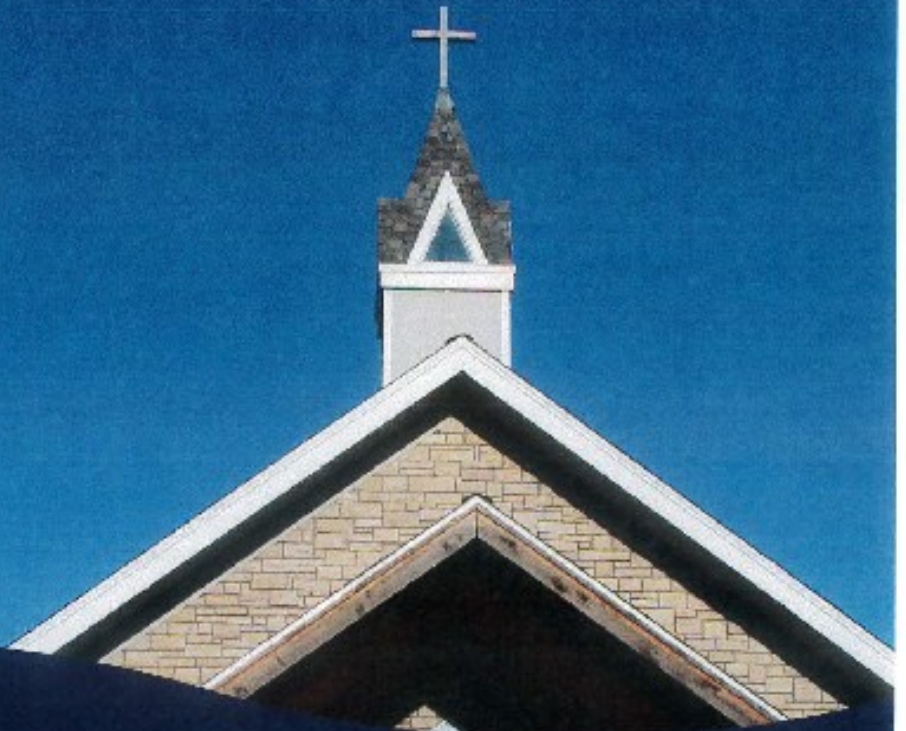
New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1 (all day)

Columbus Area Vertical Voices Christmas Cantata "More Than a Song"

Sunday, December 7
2 pm

Columbus High School Auditorium
3434 Discoverer Drive

Freewill offering will be taken for Columbus Rescue Mission and Youth and Families for Christ.



SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IS EASY WITH eGIVING

In just seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to an appeal or pay for events and programs.

Visit <https://columbusfumc.com>, Resources, Giving

Get started today! Visit our church website to set up your online contribution.



**Trumpet and Trombone
Players Needed**

Christmas Eve Service

Talk to Rex if interested

Rex.hash@columbusfumc.com

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 ...**

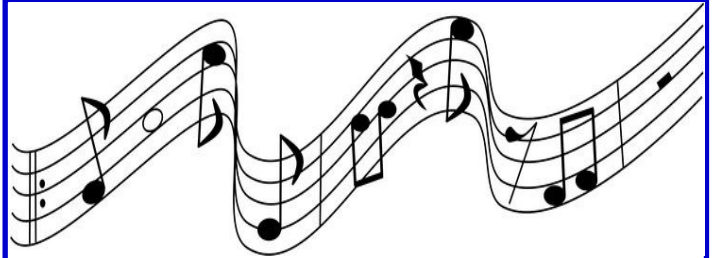
We are always looking for special music presenters! Soloists, duets, trios or other small groups — vocal or Instrumental. Please contact the church office at **402-564-8463** to let us know you're interested and we'll get something set up!

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.)

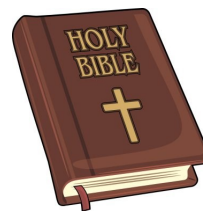
Love One Another signs available now

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!

Prior Bible knowledge is not required.
Come and grow in your faith!



December 2025

Anniversaries

BROWN, Joe & Terri	12/14	KREPEL, Joe & Tracy	12/19
LEE, Pastor K & Seulki Choi	12/17	SCHNEIDER, Jeff & Jane	12/29
KOSCH, Gordon & Shelly	12/18	KINNISON, Chuck & Nadine	12/31

Birthdays

KREPEL, Joe	12/01	CARLSON, Sandra	12/18
TIERNEY, Sam	12/01	CARLSON, Tony	12/18
AVILA, Aliyah	12/02	DAVIS, Barbara	XYZ 12/18
DAVIDSON, John	12/02	PODLISKA, Sue	12/18
GERNSTEIN, Dana	12/02	HUDNALL, Delanie	12/21
GLENN, Jeri	12/02	POPE, Patrick	12/21
MURCEK, Dale	12/02	WHITED, Lia	12/21
ANDERSON, LaDonna	12/03	ARMENT, Jan	12/22
GAEDEKE, Cade	12/03	SCHINDEL, Michelle	12/22
BOSAK, Kim	12/06	SCOTT, Andrew	12/22
GASSMANN, Derek	12/06	WEBER, Lisa	12/23
HASSELBALCH, Mike	12/06	SCHNEIDER, Amy	12/25
HOFFMAN, Patty	12/06	BECKLER, Loren	XYZ 12/26
LASH, Elizabeth	12/09	MERRILL, Kim	12/26
STAACK, Colleen	12/09	MURPHY, Roxanne	12/26
CHOI, Seulki	12/10	POPE, Jackie	12/26
GOTSCHALL, Dorothy	XYZ 12/12	BOSS, Vickie	12/27
HICKS, Pearl	12/12	FLUCKIGER, Laurie	12/27
MOHR, Kay	12/12	KINKAID, Denny	12/27
BADJE, Paul	12/13	PLETTNER, Alice	XYZ 12/27
OSBORN, James	12/14	BOSWELL-AVILA, Trevor	12/28
POLANCO, Amy	12/14	DRIVER, Dayna	12/28
RANGE, Ron	12/14	GARRETSON, Pennie	12/28
NELSON, Kristi	12/15	OLCOTT, Nancy	12/28
ZAKRZEWSKI, Kendon	12/15	OLCOTT, Tim	12/28
DAVIDCHIK, Douglas	12/16	DRIVER, Koen	12/30
DISCOE, Susie	12/16	HANSEN, Nancy	12/30
NIELSEN, Lisa	12/16	PETERSON, Donald	12/31

The Kids



C & K Grill is hosting a Youth Mission Team Fundraiser Night

**Thursday, December 4
5:00-8:00 PM**

Menu Choices:
Stroganoff, Spaghetti,
Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo
Soup of the Day



Children's Time Nativity Sets

The annual tradition of giving each child of our congregation a nativity set piece during Children's time at the downtown services will begin on Sunday, Nov 30.

Children who are visiting will receive a separate complete nativity that will be different than children who regularly attend our church.

This is to ensure that all children receive a complete set by Christmas.



**Sunday, December 14
10:30 AM**

Children Aged 2-12 are welcome to come to Jam to start practicing for this day of pageantry. Practices will be from 9:00-10:10 each Sunday until December 14.

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 Staff

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Volunteer Parish Nurse

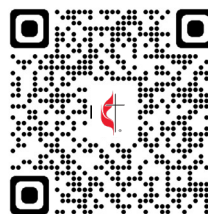
Martha Davidson
mldavidson42@gmail.com

Volunteer Congregational Care Assistant

Lana Walker
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Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



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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.

