



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

## Hearts—Due Tuesday, 12/9

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*

## One Downtown Church Service to start at 9:45 am on Sunday, December 28

Beginning on Sunday, December 28, there will be one service downtown which will start at 9:45 am. Sunday JAM is scheduled to start at 8:30, and Re...worship will have fellowship from 10:45 am to 11 am, with worship beginning at 11 am.

We are grateful for the prayerful discernment, open dialogue, and shared commitment to unity that shaped this decision. We also empathize with those who may be disappointed in this change. Praying all will not see this change as a loss, but as an opportunity: a chance to worship together, to grow together and to serve our LORD as one body in Christ.

Thank you to the 14 people who served on the subcommittee to prepare the one-service recommendation, and to everyone who filled out surveys or verbally shared their input.

## Finding the Calendar

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

[www.columbusfumc.com](http://www.columbusfumc.com)

[www.columbusfumc.com/calendar/calendar-of-events](http://www.columbusfumc.com/calendar/calendar-of-events)

[www.columbusfumc.com/calendar/youth-calendar](http://www.columbusfumc.com/calendar/youth-calendar)



# Sanctuary Servant QR Code

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

# What's Happening

**Upcoming**  
mark your calendars

**December 7 / 1st Sunday Potluck**

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

**December 24 / Christmas Eve Services @ 5 pm (Family Service) and 8 pm (Candles and Communion)**

## November 2025 Services Attended

Sunday Services					
Date	Weds JAM	8am	10:30	Re..W	Week's Total
2-Nov	34	46	88	17	185
9-Nov	36	39	88	30	193
16-Nov	28	37	72	26	163
23-Nov	26	41	91	20	178
30-Nov	0	24	68	30	122
<b>Month's Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>841</b>

**Weekly Average 168**

**Jan-Nov 2025 Weekly Average 168**



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](mailto:sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com).



Your online giving option.



Thank you to Stephanie Hoyt, Marilyn Zehring and Doug Kallesen for sharing Methodist Moments in November, and to Don Schroeder and the chancel choir for providing special music!

**Share Your Blessing Envelope Stories!**

Do you have an interesting or inspiring story about when you gave your blessing envelope away? If so, email them to [lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com](mailto:lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com) or call the church office. We would like to share them in the Circuit Rider!

**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.



# ***Annual Mission Shares*** ***Star Campaign*** ***for 2025***



Another 25 Stars are needed to meet the Church's financial apportionment to the Great Plains UM Conference by year-end. Each star represents \$1,000. A contribution of any amount for part of a Mission Share Star is appreciated.

Your contribution can be dropped off at the Church Office, placed in the offering plate, or by using Vanco, the new online giving platform. This QR Code will take you directly to Vanco. Please mark your contribution for "Mission Shares Stars."



If you have any questions, please contact the Church office at (402) 564-8463.

Thank you for supporting our Church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

**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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>. The Campaign Pledge Letter was emailed on November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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:

**Christmas Eve:** Wednesday, December 24  
(all day)

**Christmas Day:** Thursday, December 25 (all day)

**New Year's Eve:** Wednesday, December 31  
(all day)

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



## 2026 Altar Flowers Calendar

In the Gathering Area, the 2026 Altar Flowers Calendar is ready for you sign up. Flowers are one of God's loveliest creations. It is a joyful privilege to adorn the altar with flowers, God's own handiwork. Altar Flowers are provided by Hy-Vee Floral or Accent Floral. Flowers can be arranged in two small vases or one large one at the cost of \$60. After Sunday services, you can take them home and enjoy them (you will need to bring a vase to transfer them into).

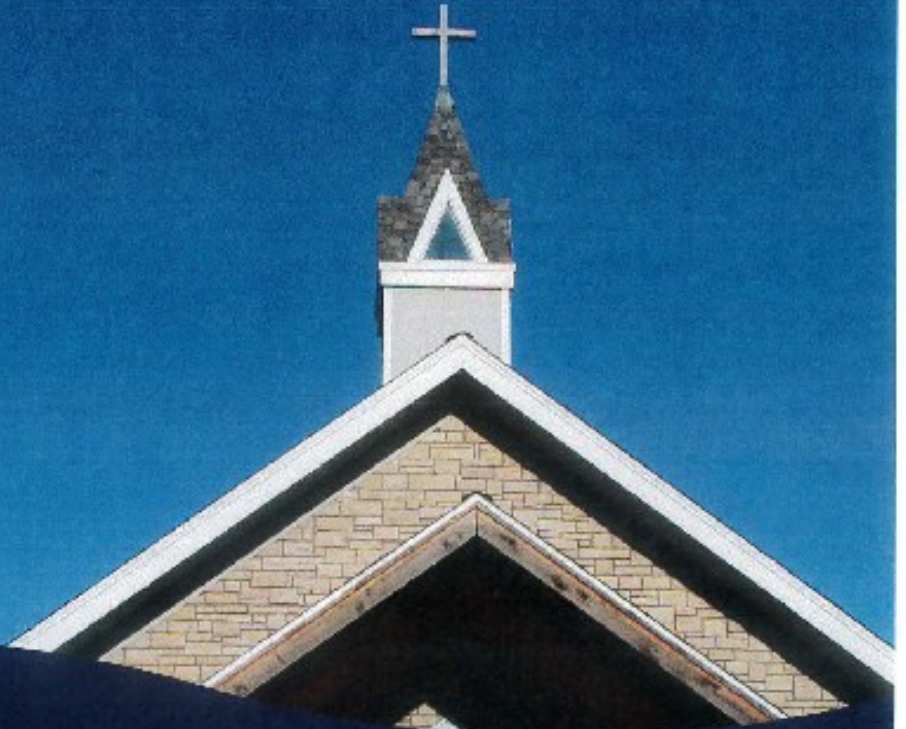
# Columbus Area Vertical Voices Christmas Cantata "More Than a Song"

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.

## 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 ...

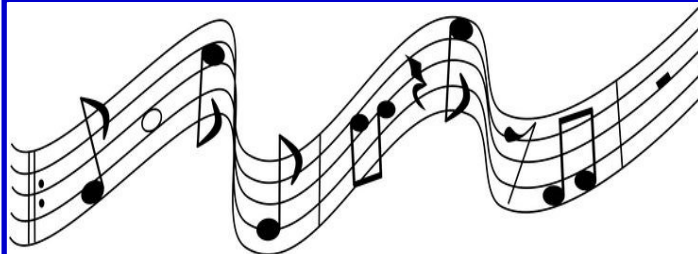
We are always looking for special music presenters! Soloists, duets, trios or other small groups — vocal or Instrumental. Please contact the church office at **402-564-8463** to let us know you're interested and we'll get something set up!

### 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.)

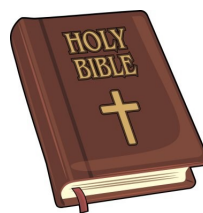
### Love One Another signs available now

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	<b>DAVIS, Barbara</b>	<b>XYZ 12/18</b>
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	<b>BECKLER, Loren</b>	<b>XYZ 12/26</b>
LASH, Elizabeth	12/09	MERRILL, Kim	12/26
STAACK, Colleen	12/09	MURPHY, Roxanne	12/26
CHOI, Seulki	12/10	POPE, Jackie	12/26
<b>GOTSCHALL, Dorothy</b>	<b>XYZ 12/12</b>	BOSS, Vickie	12/27
HICKS, Pearl	12/12	FLUCKIGER, Laurie	12/27
MOHR, Kay	12/12	KINKAID, Denny	12/27
BADJE, Paul	12/13	<b>PLETTNER, Alice</b>	<b>XYZ 12/27</b>
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 practice 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

First UMC & Outreach Center  
Columbus, NE

## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

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### Volunteer Parish Nurse

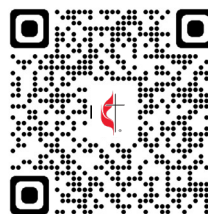
Martha Davidson  
[mldavidson42@gmail.com](mailto:mldavidson42@gmail.com)

### Volunteer Congregational Care Assistant

Lana Walker  
[lanawalkerd@yahoo.com](mailto:lanawalkerd@yahoo.com)

### 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.

