



# *Weekly Circuit Rider*

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, December 30, 2025

**Thank you, First UMC, for 6 wonderful years!**

As many of you already know, I have accepted a position in the Platte County Election Commissioners Office as the Platte County Election Clerk. I take with me so many wonderful memories of working here, and will miss seeing you all every day!

Sincerely, Lisa Nielsen,  
Coordinator of Communication and Laity Development

## **Leap of Faith Scholarships Available for Women Continuing Their Education**

If you've ever dreamed of continuing your education, taking a new step in your journey, or unlocking new opportunities, the United Women in Faith are here to support you. We have created a scholarship for women beyond high school who are eager to further their education—whether in college, vocational training, or other learning paths. Each year we provide a one-time \$500 scholarship to a woman furthering her education.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this opportunity, we encourage you to apply. Applications are available in the church office of Business Coordinator Sue Overturf 402-564-8463, [sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com](mailto:sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com).

No matter where you are in life, your aspirations matter, and we want to encourage and empower you to take that next step. Blessings on your journey.

Anne Kallesen  
For United Women in Faith

## **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)**

## 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>



**Thank you to Don Schroeder, Petra Krepel, Jayven and Clare Krepel, our Chancel Choir, Diane Reeves and Macy Carlson and Alex Cobos for providing special music for our services during the month of December!**





## Church Holiday Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed all day on the following days:

**New Year's Eve  
New Year's Day**



A very special Thank You to everyone who came out to support the Youth Mission Team at the C&K Grill fundraiser.

It was so wonderful to see so many wonderful faces. The meal was absolutely delicious but the Fellowship was extra special.



## 2026 Altar Flowers Calendar

Sign up now to provide Altar Flowers for the sanctuary. Your donation can be just because or for a special occasion.

\$60 will provide a large vase or two small vases of flowers. After service your flower donation is yours to take home in a vase you bring from home.



**Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive**

**Now until January 1**

**PLASTIC JARS ONLY PLEASE**

All of the donations will be divided between our own food pantry, the Columbus Food Pantry, and the Back Pack Program.

Place donations in the provided boxes at the church and OC.

# ***Annual Mission Shares***



## ***2025 Star Campaign***

# ***Thank you!***

***Accomplished:* First UMC's 2025 Mission Shares are \$45,574.**

The goal of an additional 25 Mission Shares Stars was reached on December 28, 2025!

Our Church is so blessed. "Thank you" for supporting our Church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

## **SPRING 2026**

Every Monday in Feb / March

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Piano / Sewing Machine / STEM / Mosaic Art

Registration will begin in Jan

## **HELPERS NEEDED!**

1 Helper – Preparing Snacks

1 Helper – Mosaic Art

**If you are interested in,  
Please let Seulki know!**

**Creation  
Station!**  
**COLUMBUS FUMC**

## 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 ...

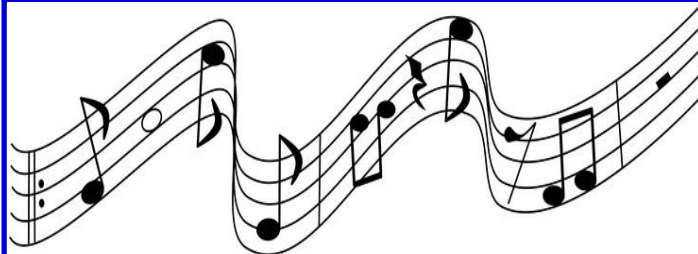
We are always looking for special music presenters! Soloists, duets, trios or other small groups — vocal or Instrumental. Please contact the church office at **402-564-8463** to let us know you're interested and we'll get something set up!

### 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.)

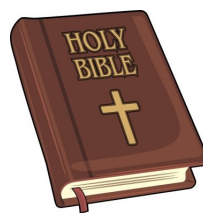
### Love One Another signs available now

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!



# January 2026

## Anniversaries

CURRY, Ken & Robin 01/14

## Birthdays

|                     |       |                      |       |
|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| UTESCH, George      | 01/02 | BOSWELL, Austin      | 01/20 |
| KRAFT, Janis        | 01/04 | GUMM, Callen         | 01/20 |
| KRETCHMAN, Earl     | 01/04 | MCCOY, Lori          | 01/20 |
| MUSTARD, Shane      | 01/04 | HILL, Jessy          | 01/22 |
| JEFFERSON, Mary Lou | 01/05 | VERING, Aiden        | 01/22 |
| HEIN, Peyton        | 01/07 | WEIL, Kelsie         | 01/22 |
| SWEARINGEN, Kallie  | 01/07 | ZEHRING, Marilyn     | 01/22 |
| BOYER, Linda        | 01/08 | SCHINDEL, Bentley    | 01/23 |
| ANDERSON, Dale      | 01/09 | JOHNSON, Jack        | 01/24 |
| DETLEFSEN, Darrell  | 01/09 | METCALFE, Emilie     | 01/24 |
| DRIVER, Dean        | 01/09 | NELSON, Pam          | 01/24 |
| THOMS, Brylee       | 01/09 | MUELLER, Michelle    | 01/25 |
| GASSMANN, Katie     | 01/10 | ROHDE, Rich          | 01/25 |
| SCOW, James         | 01/10 | SNYDER, Craig        | 01/25 |
| GERNSTEIN, Denise   | 01/11 | MCELFRESH, Dianna    | 01/26 |
| PATRAS, Donald      | 01/13 | PIETERS, Sandra      | 01/26 |
| REED, Kyle          | 01/13 | GRIFFITHS Jr, Donald | 01/27 |
| BLASER, Chris       | 01/15 | LONG, Barbara        | 01/27 |
| KLUCK, Galen        | 01/15 | LONG, Bruce          | 01/27 |
| FLYR, Scott         | 01/16 | SALAK, Kody          | 01/28 |
| JOHNSON, Kathy      | 01/16 | MOORE, Thomasine     | 01/29 |
| GARRETSON, Louise   | 01/17 | FERRIS, Katie        | 01/30 |
| GREENE, Ben         | 01/17 | GARRETSON, Laura     | 01/30 |
| LOESCHER, Benjamin  | 01/17 | OWENS, Tim           | 01/30 |
| CHINN, Randy        | 01/18 | LASH, Nora           | 01/31 |
| PENCE, Carol        | 01/18 | STAHL, Tania         | 01/31 |
| WEBER, Tyson        | 01/18 | SUPENCHECK, Rodney   | 01/31 |
| FISCHER, Craig      | 01/19 |                      |       |

## The Kids



**Thank you to the youth for taking time on Wednesday, Dec 10,  
to shop for the First UMC Food Pantry.**

**Wednesday JAM  
will resume on**

**January 7!**

# 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!



## Another way to support the First UMC Food Pantry

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.

## 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

Rev. Keunsik Lee  
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### Volunteer Parish Nurse

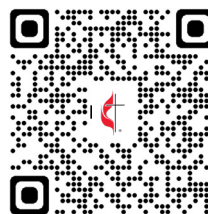
Martha Davidson  
[mldavidson42@gmail.com](mailto:mldavidson42@gmail.com)

### 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

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

