



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 14 10:30 am Service

Join us for music and pageantry as
our children present their annual
Christmas Program!



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



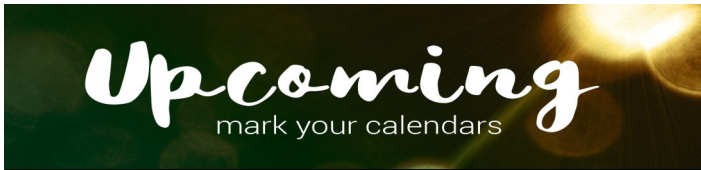
Remember that **Fair Trade items** will be on sale in the Gathering Area between, before and after services on **Sunday, December 14 and Sunday, December 21!** Get stocked up on coffees, chocolates, holiday items and more! Lots of great gifts available for sale.

Annual Mission Shares Star Campaign for 2025



Another **14** 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.

What's Happening



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

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

Jan-Nov 2025 Weekly Average **168**

December 2025 Services Attended

Date	Wed s JAM	Sunday Services			Week's Total
		8am	10:30	Re..W	
7-Dec	19	47	85	23	174
14-Dec					0
21-Dec					0
24-Dec	0				0
28-Dec	0				0
Month's Total	19	47	85	23	174

Weekly Average **174**



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.



Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service
December 11, 6:30 PM
Federated Church, Pastor K preaching

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 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.



WOW....you are an AMAZING church family. The 100 Holiday Spirit Co-op Heart envelopes will be in the hands of the families they represent on Thursday. Your prayers and generosity toward these families will be felt as they open their envelopes. We are called to be the heart, hands, and feet of our Lord Jesus and your response to this opportunity to give deserves a HUGE Thank You!!

Here is another opportunity to share the love of Christ...
There will be 12 Hearts on the Christmas Giving Tree on Friday, December 12th. These hearts need shoppers. Twelve residents of Emerald Care, who don't have family or the resources as others that live there do, need your generous hearts to respond to their "What would you like for Christmas" wish list.

Each heart has the information needed to shop for that person. The gifts will be delivered on December 23, 2025, to Emerald. So, we would need the wrapped gifts returned by Monday December 22, 2025, to the Church.

Can you help us?

First UMC Mission Committee



Scrip Gift Cards for



Christmas or anytime!

Want to order Scrip online from the convenience of your home or on-the-go? You can!



Create your account for at www.raiseright.com or by downloading the RaiseRight app. The Church's enrollment code is 7A19EBD217351. RaiseRight has requested that the Church's code is not published on the Church's website due to potential fraud.



Scan the QR Code. You will have the option to download the app, get the app, open the app and create your account, do not include a name of who you are fundraising for so skip this step, the next screen the Church's enrollment code will be added for you, and finish your account's set-up. You are ready to begin your order.

RaiseRight does not offer Scrip Gift Cards for local grocery stores (ex: Hy-Vee and Super Saver) or local businesses (ex: Stack 'n Steak, Tooley's, Godfather's, just to name a few). There is adequate inventory of the local cards available at the Church.

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

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

Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
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.

Contributing to First UMC is easy with
Vanco, the new eGiving platform.

- ★ Visit the Church's website,
<https://columbusfumc.com>, go to the
Resources Tab, and click on Giving. Or you can
use the QR Code below.



MERRY
Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to men on whom his favor rests." ~ LUKE 2:14

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 ...

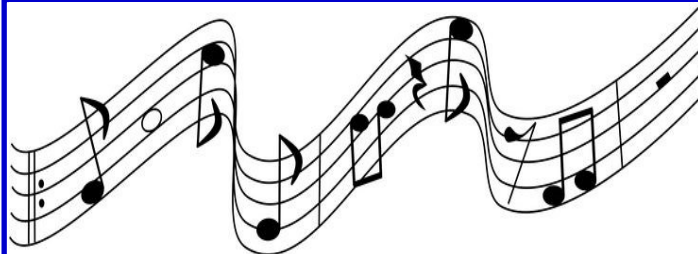
We are always looking for special music presenters! Soloists, duets, trios or other small groups — vocal or Instrumental. Please contact the church office at **402-564-8463** to let us know you're interested and we'll get something set up!

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.)

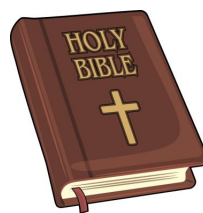
Love One Another signs available now

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



Sunday, December 14

10:30 AM

A service of music and pageantry!
Come celebrate the birth of our Savior and King.



Wed, Dec 17

6:30 –8:30 PM

@ The OC

**The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever**

Serving: Pizza and
Popcorn

Bring: Beverage and something
comfy to sit on if you wish!

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

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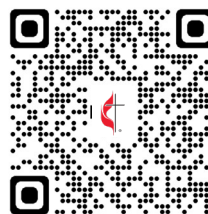
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Front Desk Volunteers

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.

