Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, August 19, 2025

New Opportunity: Sleeping Mat Weaving

We are inviting you to form a new group that meets at an alternative time to attract new participants to the weaving project. If you are interested in creating a team to weave mats at a different time and location than the currently available schedule, please contact Rodney or Jean Supencheck. We can provide training to your team on cutting and weaving mats according to MMDC specifications. The Loom Room is open on Thursdays from 1 to 3 PM at the OC. We are continuously seeking volunteers to assist with the project, ranging from sorting and cutting bags to weaving. Unfortunately, we have experienced a decline in volunteers due to their inability to attend the designated time. Please prayerfully consider helping with this worthwhile project!

Rodney and Jean

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 8/20— Tuesday, 8/26

Wednesday August 20

UMM/GROWMen Breakfast
6:30 AM ● FH

UWF Circles Lunch
Noon ● GA

Wednesday After-school
2:30 PM ● CmR

Al-Anon
5:45 PM ● #007

Finance
6 PM ● GA

Wednesday JAM
6:30 PM ● OC

Thursday August 21

AWARE
10:30 AM ● Marilyn Zehring's House

Red Cross Blood Drive
11:30 AM ● CmR

Sleeping Mat Weaving
1 PM ● WVR

Food Pantry
4 PM ● First UMC Food Pantry

Prayer Team
5 PM ● Crown Villa

NA Meeting
6:30 PM ● 006

Friday August 22

NO Habitat for Humanity
Noon ● WR

Saturday August 23

Sunday August 24

Worship On-Site at 8 AM

Sunday J.A.M.
9 AM ● as scheduled

Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM

Re...Worship
11 AM ● WR

Monday August 25

Habitat for Humanity
Noon ● WR

First UMC Blood Drive
Noon ● CmR

Bible Study
1 PM ● Crown Villa

Tuesday August 26

Quilters
8:30 AM ● QR

Tues AM Bible Study
9:30 AM ● CP

Congregational Care Team
3 PM ● Lib

NA Meeting
6:30 PM ● 007

SPRC
7 PM ● Lib

Blue women's groups
Dark Red men's groups
Green worship
Orange youth
Purple caring ministries
Brown First UMC program/admin mtgs
Pink small groups
Bright Red special events

Bold = First UMC event

Unbold = outside event or community partner

Underlined = at the Outreach Center

Room Key: Church

Sanct	Sanctuary
CP	Chapel Parlor
FH	Fellowship Hall
GA	Gathering Area
Lib	Library

Room Key: Outreach Center (OC)

Ald	Aldersgate
BP	Backpack Room
CmR	Community Room
MR	Meditation Room
QR	Quilter's Room
RR	Robotics Room
WR	Wesley Room
WVR	Weaving Room
YU	Youth Underground

What's Happening

August 25 / 1st UMC Blood Drive
@ the OC, in honor of Paul Badje

September 7 / Sunday JAM Kick Off
(9—10 AM)

September 8 / Creation Station
at First UMC

Serendipity Groups are Forming!

What's a Serendipity Group? It's a small group of 6-10 people who meet once a week for six weeks in a home or at the church or Outreach Center. Each 1-1 ½ hour session features time for sharing our stories, study of a Bible passage and prayer. These sessions have also been known to offer snacks/dessert, lots of laughter, meaningful friendships, and deepening faith.

To sign up or for more information, you can call the Church Office (402-564-8463), Anne Kallesen (402-909-4088) or Sarah Borgman (402-270-2372). Please let us know the days and times that work best for you so that we can begin putting the groups together. You are welcome to bring friends who are not members of the church. All are welcome.

Jan-July 2025 Weekly Average	167

August 2025 Services Attended

		Sunday Services			
Date	Weds JAM	8am	10:30	Re..W	Week's Total
3-Aug	0	39	68	20	127
10-Aug	0	42	54	60	156
17-Aug	12	42	91	22	167
24-Aug					0
31-Aug					0
Month's Total	12	123	213	102	450

Weekly Average	150

THANK YOU FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE

Because of your kindness, you shared the following items for the RESCUE MISSION during **CHRISTMAS IN JULY.** These items were delivered directly to the Mission and were received with great appreciation:

- 45 Toothpaste 45 Toothbrushes
- 91 Razors 24 Shaving Creams
- 48 Deodorant
- 1 After Shave
- 26 bars of soap
- 45 Bottles of shampoo
- 5 gift cards

AND…

Because of your kindness and generosity the **SALAD LUNCH** was a great success! We had WONDERFUL salads to share with the community as they came to enjoy the food and hospitality that you all provided. The salads were also shared with Youth for Christ and the Rescue Mission and they too were received with great appreciation. The proceeds of approximately **$3400.00** will be used by the Mission Committee to support the many needs of the community and UMC.

Thank you….we could not do this without all of you.

Donate Blood In Honor of Paul Badje

Paul E. Badje is celebrating donating 30 gallons of blood. A loyal blood donor, Paul has also been a blood drive volunteer for 24 years. His commitment to his community doesn't stop at donating blood. He is also a Methodist Church food pantry volunteer and Meals on Wheels volunteer. To celebrate this milestone, Paul invites all who are eligible to join in donating blood.

Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church

Outreach Center

Monday, August 25
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment, call Connie Jensen at 402-910-9725, Kyle Jensen at 402-910-0681 or visit redcrossblood.org

Bring Donor Card or Photo ID
Note: Be sure to eat lunch and drink plenty of water prior to donating blood.

Give Aug 1 to 28 for $15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: rcblood.org/Test

American Red Cross

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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Items needed by MMDC September 2025

- Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Crutches
- Canes
- Walking boots
- Slings and braces
- Knee scooters
- Heavy duty rakes, shovels, brooms
- Bicycles (no thin tires)
- Electric sewing machines; working, nonelectronic treadle machines
- Panties sizes: child 10-14 or women's 5-8
- Bed Pack: Includes 1 twin size fitted sheet, 1 twin size flat sheet, 1 pillowcase, 1 pillow
- Large leather work gloves
- Home care kit: dish soap 42-80 ounces, liquid household cleaner 56-80 ounces and no spray bottles liquid detergent 100-150 ounces, 1 scrub brush with or without handle, 1 five gallon bucket with lid. Place all items in the bucket please.
- You may also provide just the individual household cleaner 56 to 80 ounces (no spray bottle)

Bring supplies to church by Wednesday September 10th at noon.

You may directly order online many needed supplies by Googling midwestmission and choosing Get Involved, then Collect+Donate, then buy items off the shipping lists.

Thank you for your support in this great effort!

Columbus First UMC

Creation Station

Fall 2025

Registration Fee $20

Every Monday, 3:45 pm-5 pm
from Sep 8th to Oct 27th

FIRST DAY OF PROGRAM

Monday, September 8th

Piano (3): 4th grade & up - Beginners
Mozaic Art (4): 4th-6th
STEM (Catapult Project) (5): 3rd-6th
Sewing Machine(4): 5th and up, Beginners

Contact

Rev. Seulki Choi, slhoho87@gmail.com
Church Office: 402-564-8463
(Mon-Thur 7:30 am - 6 pm)

Register NOW!

🤝 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.

July Food Pantry Update

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

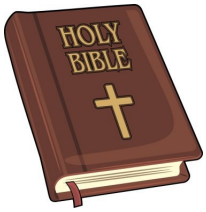
Matthew 25:40

We had an incredible number of people come through our doors in July, with 187 families served! That includes 454 adults and 223 children—plus an additional 109 people who received food from the blessing box. In total, we were able to help 786 people. We really appreciate all the support you've given us, both with money and food donations.

The Food Pantry continues to meet the need for food for MANY families each week. We welcome any and all food items that you care to share! As a reminder...the Pantry is not a part of the budget of the church and is solely funded by Faith Promise and monetary donations directly to the Pantry Mission. We welcome items listed at the end of this Circuit Rider and/or cash donations to the church designated for the Pantry. hank you for your attention to and support of this important local mission.

Help us clear these "slow pokes" out of the Scrip box!

Bed, Bath & Beyond *(online only)*	$25
Big Apple Bagels	$5
Famous Footwear	$25
Hobby Lobby	$25
Jimmy Johns	$25
Long John Silvers *(outside Columbus)*	$10
Lowe's	$25
Panda Express	$25
Panera Bread	$10
Papa Murphy's *(outside Columbus)*	$10
Under Armour	$25



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!

August 2025

Anniversaries

CARLSON, Tony & Sandra	08/01	SHEPHERD, Bob & Becky	08/13
BURTON, Tom & Sue	08/03	NAYLOR, Jeff & Miki	08/14
CLABORN, Jeff & Jenny	08/04	HUTSON, Norm & Linda	08/16
HEIN, Felicia & Kyle	08/05	POPE, Patrick & Jackie	08/20
KING, Justin & Chris	08/06	WALGREN, Whitey & Shirley	08/21
MOLCZYK, Douglas & Linette	08/06	DETLEFSEN, Darrell & Rebecca	08/22
WETGEN, Nicole & Sean	08/07	HIEMER, Jon & Sharon	08/24
DALES, David & Ann	08/08	KONZ, Nicki & Matt	08/27
FERRIS, Katie & Keith	08/08	REED, Larry & Lana	08/27
KURTENBACH, Todd & Beth	08/09	INSELMAN, Dennis & Jan	08/29
LUEBBE, Dick & Patti	08/10	STAHL, James & Tania	08/31
GREENE, Bill & Leta	08/12		

August Birthdays

HANNA, Nancy	08/03	HOUSER, Angela		08/18
WEMHOFF, Lynn	08/05	BELL, Amy		08/19
WHITED, Kevin	08/05	SCOTT, Brody		08/19
GERNSTEIN, Chaz	08/06	THOMS, Raenelle		08/20
BORGMAN, Daniel	08/07	JEFFERSON, Dale		08/21
GARRETSON, Catherine	08/07	SEAMANS, Jeanine	**XYZ**	08/21
HASH, Bennett	08/07	BENNE, Mark		08/24
MUELLER, Shary	08/07	PAZZELLI, Dorothy		08/24
WETGEN, Nicole	08/07	SORENSON, Justin		08/24
PATCHEN, Hayley	08/08	JAROSZ, Kelsey		08/26
TIMM, Hayley	08/08	KINNISON, Chuck		08/26
DELACRUZ, Makiaya	08/09	SCHROEDER, Bonnie		08/26
DELACRUZ, Renee	08/09	WETGEN, Trevor		08/26
HOBZA, Karleigh	08/09	WILLIAMS, Jordan		08/26
LUEBBE, Sadie	08/10	MUELLER, Lauren		08/27
MAKOVICKA, Cyndi	08/10	SALAK, Lacey		08/27
WORDEN, Dennis	08/11	SALAK, Riley		08/27
JOSYLN, Kaye	08/13	SWEARINGEN, Tim		08/27
KRETCHMAN, Linda	08/13	CONDON, Schuyler		08/28
AVILA, Melody	08/14	MERRILL, Dave		08/28
BLASER, Phyllis	08/14	RILEY, Tammy		08/28
DEGN, Noah	08/14	REED, Travis		08/29
PLETTNER, Mary	08/14	NELSON, Brian		08/30
CUNNINGHAM, Benjamin	08/16	NIELSEN, Barb		08/30
PATRAS, Nancy	08/16	DANNELLY, Victoria		08/31
FIGG, Kennedy	08/17	LUEBBE, Angie		08/31
KING-ORTIZ, Izzy	08/17	SCHINDLER, Jana		08/31
LEE, Pastor K	08/17			

The Kids

Wednesday Nite Jam
Beginning August 20th
@ the Outreach Center

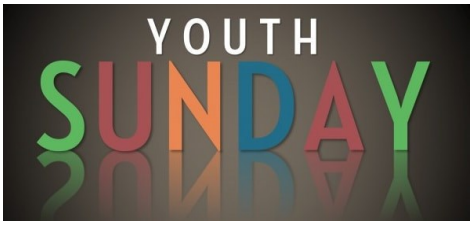
2:30 –5:30 After School Program
5:30—6:30 Supper
6:30—7:00 Worship
7:00—7:45 Group Time (Grades K-4)
7:00 –8:00 (Grades 5-12)

New School Year Kick Off

Sunday, September 7

9—10 AM

Movie, Games, and treats



Youth Sunday is Coming

October 19, 2025

Any youth in grades 5-12 interested in being part of the MYTT skit and music drama, please contact Sarah.

This year's skit needs narrators and non-speaking actors.

Practices begin soon.

Other youth will be needed for door greeters and acolytes (Grades 1-12)

Youth Mission Trip
June 14-21, 2026

Palmer, Alaska

Working alongside the 98 Fund Project to help build a retreat center for families of those who have lost a father/mother/brother/or sister in active duty military.

At this time we have no idea what our projects will involve. But, pray for us as we begin our journey to Alaska.

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!

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*

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!

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

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Contact the office for more information!

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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.