



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, January 16, 2023

Human Relations Day • Sunday, Jan. 21

First UMC-Columbus highlights six special Sundays throughout the year: Human Relations Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing (aka UMCOR) Sunday, Native American Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, World Communion Sunday and UM Student Sunday. This Sunday, January 21, we will celebrate Human Relations Sunday.

How Your Gifts Support Human Relations

We are called to positively affect communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this church-wide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: Each of God's children are equally important.

Why We Celebrate Special Sundays

United Methodists celebrate specific days which unite the church and make clear our commitment as people of God. They give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how your contributions make a difference visit [UMC.org/your-impact](https://umc.org/your-impact).

Mission Shares



2023



We needed 58; we got 58!

We did it! Fifty-eight stars! The Finance Committee would like to give a big shout-out to the entire congregation for coming together and once again meeting our annual Mission Shares obligation. So mark your calendars for a free pancake feed coming Sunday, February 4!

Amazon Gift Card Drive for Raenelle Thoms

By now most of you have heard that there was a damaging fire at Schuyler Elementary School recently. First UMC member Raenelle Thoms's classroom was a total loss.

Twenty-four years of teaching resources and supplies were gone overnight. The Missions Committee is sponsoring an Amazon Gift Card drive for Raenelle so she can start to put her classroom back together. Scrip offers \$25 Amazon cards, as do most major retailers in town. We will collect the cards in the office through Sunday, February 4 and pass them on to Raenelle.



Altar Flowers 2024

The Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the Gathering Area and ready for your sign-ups! Providing Altar Flowers is a lovely way to honor or remember loved ones and friends.

Our Church

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 1/17 — Tuesday, 1/23

Wednesday January 17	Thursday January 18	Friday January 19	Saturday January 20	Sunday January 21	Monday January 22	Tuesday January 23
UMM Prayer Breakfast 6:30 AM • FH NO Good Morning Circle 9:30 AM • CP NO Friendship Circle NOON • GA NO Eve Circle 1:30 PM • CP Wednesday Afterschool & JAM Activities 2:30 PM • FH Prayer Team 4 PM • Lib Al-Anon 5:30 PM • #007	Aware 10:30 AM • Marilyn's House <u>Red Cross Blood Drive</u> Noon • CmR <u>Sleeping Matt Weaving</u> 1 PM • Room down from Quilting Room Food Pantry 4 PM Martial Arts 5:30 PM • #006 Girl Scouts (Hobza) 6 PM • FH NAMI 7 PM • Lib	<u>Columbus Homeschool</u> 9 AM • CmR/YU <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> Noon • WR		Worship On-Site at 8 AM Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM 4H Robotics 1 PM • Ald	Crown Villa Bible Study 1 PM • Dining Room GriefShare 3 PM • Lib	<u>Quilters</u> 9 AM • Quilter's Rm Tues AM Bible Study 9 AM • CP Hospital Volunteer Training 2:30 PM • Lib <u>CMS Dodgeballers</u> 4 PM • CmR Choir Rehearsal 6 PM • Sanct <u>Boy Scouts #212</u> 6:30 PM • CmR
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 <u>Underlined</u> = at the Outreach Center	Room Key: Church Sanct Sanctuary BP Backpack Room CR Community Room MR Meditation Room QR Quilter's Room	Room Key: Outreach Center Ald Aldersgate CP Chapel Parlor FH Fellowship Hall GA Gathering Area Lib Library	RR Robotics Room WR Wesley Room YU Youth Underground

And the Golden Ladle goes to ... Sue Burton!

With 13 great choices, picking just one was hard for many. But ultimately, Sue Burton's **Slow Cooker Creamy Tortellini Soup** came in the 2024 winner!

"I chose this soup because it has become a friend and family favorite, and I'm a huge fan of most anything Italian," Burton said. "I was incredibly surprised by the win since the competition was so wonderful. We have many great cooks in our church. We are blessed."

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground Italian sausage, browned
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon powder (or chicken)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup cornstarch dissolved in 1/4 cup water
- 36 ounces half-n-half
- 1 12-oz package 3-cheese tortellini, frozen
- 5 cups fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup milk

Instructions

Place browned sausage, onion, carrots, celery, garlic, Italian seasoning, beef bouillon powder, salt and broth in a 6-quart/litre slow cooker bowl. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours or low for 7 hours.

Uncover and skim any fat sitting on top of the soup with a spoon; discard. Stir in cornstarch mixture and half-n-half. Add tortellini; mix well. Cover again and cook on HIGH heat setting for an additional 45 minutes until the soup has thickened and the tortellini is soft and cooked through.

Add spinach, pressing leaves down to completely submerge in liquid. Cover again for 5 to 10 minutes until leaves are wilted.

Add milk in 1/3 cup increments as needed to reach your desired thickness and consistency; salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with crusty warm bread.



The Kids



Enchilada Sales

February 5-21, 2024

Sold by the dozen. Purchase from a youth mission team member or the church office.

Chicken, Beef, or Cheese (\$26/dozen)

Will be ready for pick up on March 8 after 3 PM.



January 31

Wear something Super Bowl!



**Youth Mission 2024:
Kentucky June 8 –16, 2024**

All interested youth in Grades 8-12 and adult chaperones aged 25 and older can register now. **There is a \$50 nonrefundable deposit due at sign up.**

Want more information?
See Sarah Borgman.



Confirmation
Sunday

February 11

10:30 service

Please continue to pray for our Confirmands, Sponsors, Parents, and instructors in finals weeks before Confirmation Sunday.

Confirmands: Skyler Swearingen, Cade Gaedeke, Landon Heule, Izzy King, and Aurorah Metcalfe

Mentors: Bob Adams, Gordon Kosch, Alan Danforth, Jane Galley, and Anne Kallesen

Instructors: Pastor K and Sarah Borgman

Parents: Tim and Robin Swearingen, John and Cody Heule, Chad and Christine Gaedeke, Jason and Emilie Metcalfe, and Manuel and LeeAnna King-Ortiz



Youth Choir is back!!!

Practice will be Sundays from
9:50—10:10 AM at the church.
Meet in the Fellowship Hall!

For Grades 3-12!

The “Want” Ads



**First UMC Red Cross
Blood Drive
Monday, February 26
Noon-6 pm**

Blood donations are critically needed at this time. As an extra incentive to give, **all contributors at the 2/26 drive will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card.** Call Connie Jensen at 402-910-9725 today to schedule your appointment!

If you would like to help with the **sleeping mat project** but can't attend the Thursday afternoon weaving sessions, you can **cut plastic bags** at home to be used during the weaving sessions! Check out the tutorial video at www.midwestmission.org/loom, or stop into the office and have Lisa show you. It's easy, it's fun, and it's for a great cause!

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.

Our youth need change for the Coin Vortex at the Outreach Center! The kids LOVE to put your change in! And all donations go to UMCOR. You can give your contributions to Sarah Borgman when you see her, or feel free to bring them to the office anytime between 7:30 AM and 6 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

Learn How to Be a Hospital Visitor!

Our Hospital Visitation Ministry needs a few more servants! Training is provided, and time frames are flexible. **Join us on Tuesday, January 23 at 2:30 PM in the Library to learn more.**

If you would like more information prior to Tuesday's meeting, please contact Martha Davidson, Volunteer Parish Nurse, at 402-910-8580 (text is OK) or Terri Brown at 402-910-5487 (text is OK) if you are able to assist with this rewarding and important ministry.



The Green Team

The Green Team is looking for people to help with recycling efforts at the church and Outreach Center.

We also need people to help make sleeping mats.

Contact **Rodney** at **402-910-8434**.

Committee and Small Group Opportunities

Committees

Camping*

Doug Kallesen, dkallesen@neb.rr.com (Contact Doug for information on additional opportunities to help as they arise.)

Care Team*

TBD

Christian Social Witness

4th Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Jamie Snyder, rsnyder4@neb.rr.com

Education

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Raenelle Thoms, rlwalgren@yahoo.com

Endowment*

Doug Olson, dmolson@neb.rr.com

Evangelism

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Liz Lash, lizzielash@gmail.com

Memorial

2nd Tuesdays • 2 PM • TBD, [Email]

Missions

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Jane Schneider, jeffschneider68601@gmail.com

OPS Team

4th Tuesday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Miki Naylor, mikinaylor@yahoo.com

Worship

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Alan Danforth, awdhusker42@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Sarah Borgman, sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com

*as scheduled

Adult Sunday School

Kaleidoscope

Sunday AM • 9 AM • Room 007

Jim Hanna, Denny Kinkaid, Rocky Plettner
jim.hanna@frontier.com, rud2@eaglecom.net,
rg1plett@gmail.com

Seekers

Sunday AM • 9 AM • 006

Brook Seams, Doug Kallesen
seamsbrooke@gmail.com, dkallesen@neb.rr.com

Women's Groups

United Women in Faith

Good Morning Circle

Third Wednesday of the Month • 9:30 AM, Chapel Parlor •
Cindy Rohde, cindyrohde86@yahoo.com

Friendship Circle

Third Wednesday of the Month • NOON • Gathering Area •
Martha Davidson, davidsonj6@outlook.com

Eve Circle

Third Wednesday of the Month • 1:30 AM, Chapel Parlor •
Arlene Loseke, 402-564-4825

UWF Book Review Club

Fourth Thursday of the Month • 1:30 PM • Chapel Parlor •
Anne Kallesen, dkallesen@neb.rr.com

Men's Groups

United Methodist Men

UMM/GROWMen Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday Mornings • 6:30 AM • Fellowship Hall •
Bob Williams, rrwilliams3841@gmail.com

GROWMen

First Tuesday of the Month • 6:00 PM • Fellowship Hall •
Doug Kallesen, dkallesen@neb.rr.com

Music Groups

Chancel Choir

Sarah Cunningham • Tuesdays, 6 PM • Sanctuary
lilun1973@gmail.com

Contact Lisa
at 402-564-8463 or at
lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com
for corrections, additions
or deletions.

More Small Group; Youth Opportunities

Small Groups

AAA*

Janet Jones, lkhiggs@gmail.com

Alpha*

Anne Kallesen, dkallesen@neb.rr.com

Aware

Thursdays/weekly • 10:30 AM • Marilyn Zehring's House
mhzehri@icloud.com

Backpack Program

Tuesdays/weekly • 10 AM & 5:30 PM
Denene Owens, denene1@neb.rr.com (Contact Denene for
information on additional opportunities to help as they arise.)

Bible Study

Thursday/monthly • 10:30 AM • Meridian Gardens
Martha Davidson, davidsonj6@outlook.com and
Anne Kallesen, dkallesen@neb.rr.com

Griefshare*

Dee Kinkaid, rud2@eaglecom.net

Helping Hands*

Lisa Nielsen, lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com

Keystone

First Friday/monthly • 11:45 AM • Columbus Community Cntr.
Martha Davidson, davidsonj6@outlook.com

Meridian Gardens Bible Study

Thursdays/weekly • 2 PM • Meridian Gardens Comm. Room
Martha Davidson, davidsonj6@outlook.com

Prayer Shawl Group*

Ann Chesley, chesley1@frontiernet.net

Prayer Team

Wednesdays/weekly • 6:30 PM • Library
Martha Davidson, davidsonj6@outlook.com

Spiritual Gifts*

Lisa Nielsen, lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays/weekly • 9 AM • Library
Brooke Seams, seams.brooke@gmail.com

Quilters

Tuesdays/weekly • 9 AM • Quilters Room •
Nancy Hanna, nancy.hanna48@gmail.com

Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School Classes

Sundays, 9 AM • Nursery — High School Seniors
Sarah Borgman, sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.org

Wednesday Nite JAM Youth Groups

Kidz Korner (grades K– Grade 4)

Robin Swearingen and Seulki Lee • Wednesday, 7 – 8 PM • OC

Fever (Grades 5-8)

Sarah Borgman, Nancy Hansen, Gordon Kosch, Renee
DeLaCruz • Wednesday, 7 – 8 PM • OC

Katalyst (High School)

Brian and Judy Dobbs • Wednesday, 7—8 PM • OC

Youth Mission Trip*

as scheduled*

Sarah Borgman • sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com

Teen Alpha*

as scheduled*

Sarah Borgman • sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com

Don't see your
group listed?
Contact Lisa
at 402-564-8463
or

lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com!

**as scheduled*

Our Church Family



(Birthdays, continued)

January 2

George Utesch

January 4

Janis Craft
Earl Kretchman

January 5

Linda Dittmer
Justin Hanson
Mary Lou Jefferson

January 7

Peyton Hein
Kallie Swearingen

January 8

Linda Boyer

January 9

Dale Anderson
Darrell Detlefsen
Dean Driver
Brylee Thonms

January 10

Katie Gassman

January 11

Denise Gernstein

January 12

Thea Moore

January 13

Donald Patras

January 14

Gary Nuttelmann

January 15

Chris Blaser
Megan Novak

January 16

Scott Flyr
Raymond Heule
Kathryn Johnson

January 17

Robin Fowler
Louise Garretson



January 18

Randy Chinn
Makala Hoyt
Carol Pence
Tyson Weber

January 19

Craig Fischer

January 20

Austin Boswell
Jamie Kleckner
Lori McCoy
Memphis Napier

January 22

Jessy Hill
Aiden Vering
Kelsie Weil
Will Whited
Marilyn Zehring

January 23

Bentley Schindel

January 24

Jack Johnson
Emilie Metcalfe
Pamela Nelson

Many thanks to all who brought cards, cookies, candy and glad tidings to our office throughout the holiday season! Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Your First UMC Office Staff

Our X-Y-Z Members (90+ years young and up) are listed in bold with the address included for your card-sending convenience! If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, made an error listing it or if you would prefer not to have it listed, **please call the Church Office at 402-564-8463** to let us know.

I would like to thank all the thoughtful, caring church family members who remembered me on December 27 with birthday cards on my 90th. Each one was special and much appreciated. God Bless, Alice Plettner



\$crip available for Purchase\$

Ace Hardware - \$25
Amazon - **\$10 (*)**, \$25
Amigos - \$10
Applebee's - \$10, \$25
Arby's - \$5
Bath & Body Works - \$10
Bed, Bath, and Beyond - \$10, \$25
Big Apple Bagel - \$5
Buckle - \$25
Burger King - \$10
Cabela's - \$25
Casey's - \$25, \$100
CVS Pharmacy - \$25
Dairy Queen - \$10
Dunkin Donuts - \$25
"NEW"
El Tapatio - \$10
Famous Footwear - \$25
Godfather's Pizza - \$10
Hobby Lobby - \$25
Husker House - \$20
Hy-Vee - \$25, \$50, \$100
iTunes - \$15
J.C. Penney's - \$25
Kohl's - \$25
Maurice's - \$20



McDonald's - \$10
Menard's - \$25, \$50
Olive Garden - \$25
Panda Express - \$25
Panera Bread - \$10
Papa Murphy's - \$10
Picket Fence - \$10
Pizza Hut - \$10
Pizza Ranch - \$25
Runza - \$10
Scooter's - \$10
Sephora - \$25 "NEW"
Sheels Sporting Goods - \$25
Stack 'n Steak - \$10
Starbucks - **\$5 (*)**, \$10
Subway - \$10
Super Saver - \$20, \$50, \$100
Taco Bell - \$10
Target - **\$10 (*)**, \$25
Tooley Drug - \$10, \$20, \$50
Under Armor - \$25
Valentino's - \$10, \$20
Walgreen's - \$25
Wal-Mart - **\$10 (*)**, \$25, \$100
Wendy's - \$25

(*) = Seasonal

Church Worship

Sunday 8 AM Worship

Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me) — **9 AM**
(all ages!)

10:30 AM Worship

**Sarah's Bible Story on Facebook
& Website @ 9 AM on Sundays!**

Outreach Center Worship

Wednesday Nite JAM — 6:30 PM
(all ages!)

Facebook Page

First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE



Instagram

Firstumccolumbusne

YouTube Channel

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Volunteer Parish Nurse

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Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



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Outreach Center

3602 16th Street
402-564-8362

Church Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6 PM

The Church Office is open over the lunch hour.

The West Doors are open during business hours.