



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 10/17 — Tuesday, 10/24

Wednesday October 18	Thursday October 19	Friday October 20	Saturday October 21	Sunday October 22	Monday October 23	Tuesday October 24
UMM Prayer Breakfast 6:30 AM • FH Good Morning Circle 9:30 AM • Lib NO Friendship Circle 1:30 AM • Lib Eve Circle 1:30 AM • Lib Wednesday Afterschool 2:30 PM • CmR Wednesday Nite Meal 5:30 PM • CmR Wednesday Nite JAM 6:30 • WR Youth Sunday Play Practice 4:30 PM • WR New Membership Class 4 PM • GA AI-Anon 5:30 PM • #007 New Membership Class 6 PM • GA Robotics (Kitt) 6 PM • RR Prayer Team 6:30 PM • Lib	AWARE 10:30 AM • Marilyn Zehring's House <u>Red Cross Drive</u> 11:30 AM • CmR Afternoon Alpha 2 PM • FH First UM Food Pantry 4 PM — 6 PM Youth Sunday Play Practice 4:30 PM • WR Martial Arts 5:30 PM • #006 Girl Scouts (Hobza) 6 PM • FH <u>Driver's Ed</u> 7 PM • CmR NAMI 7 PM • Lib	Columbus Homeschoolers 9 AM • CmR <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> <u>Recourse Committee</u> Noon • WR <u>Loup Valley Gem/Mineral Society Show Set-Up</u> Noon • CmR	<u>Loup Valley Gem/Mineral Society Show</u> Noon • CmR Youth Sunday Play Practice 6 PM • YR	<u>Loup Valley Gem/Mineral Society Show</u> 10 AM • CmR Worship On-Site at 8 AM Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM Youth Sunday Play Practice 11:30 AM • WR <u>4H Robotics</u> 1 PM • Ald <u>Robotics (Kitt)</u> 1 PM • RR <u>Habitat for Humanity High School Group</u> 3:45 PM • WR Teen Alpha 6:30 PM • YR	First UMC Blood Drive 11 AM • CmR Crown Villa Bible Study 1 PM • Dining Room Grief Share 4 PM • Lib Youth Sunday Play Practice 4:30 PM • WR ARC of Platte County 7 PM • FH	Quilters 9 AM • Quilter's Rm Tues AM Bible Study 9 AM • CP <u>CMS Dodgeballers</u> 4 PM • CmR Youth Sunday Play Practice 4:30 PM • WR Choir Rehearsal 6 PM • WR <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: Downtown 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

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and **MORE!**

Join the Kaleidoscope Adult Class for "Creed"

The Kaleidoscope Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new study on Sunday, October 22! "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why," is a six session class based on the book "Creed" by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton is senior pastor for Church of the Resurrection, the largest Methodist Church in the world. The class currently meets in the Meditation Room at the Outreach Center. Kaleidoscope likes to dig deeply into issues of faith, to understand the history of how things came to be, and the cultural influences that shaped their beginnings. We welcome all to this study, through which we will — in Hamilton's words — "explore the deeply held beliefs that have the power to motivate Christians to action, sacrifice, and service."

Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

October 18 / **UMW Circles**

Good Morning: 9:30 AM

NO Friendship Circle

Eve: 1:30 PM

October 29 / **Youth Sunday Services**

Youth Baked Potato Bar

& Fall Family Festival

Following 10:30 worship at the OC.

November 5 / **1st Sunday Potluck**

Host: UMM/Grow Men

Entrée: Fried Chicken

November 10-11 / **Youth Pie Making**

Pies will be ready after 6 PM on

Nov 11 in the Fellowship Hall

November 16 / **Souper Soups!**

Contact the office for more information.

December 3 / **1st Sunday of Advent**

1st Sunday Potluck

Host: TBD

Entrée: TBD

December 10 / **2nd Sunday of Advent**

December 17 / **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Christmas Program!

December 24 / **Christmas Eve**

5 Services!

8 AM

10:30 AM

5 PM—Family Service

7 PM—Carols with Brass

11 PM—Carols & Candles

Worship

Sunday, October 22
at the Outreach Center!

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



Scripture Readings

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



FALL SERVICE DAYS 2023

Join us for any or all of our fall service days. In September help get the site ready for our Fontanelle Fall Fest and opening of the corn maze. In November you'll help get the site ready for winter.



**Come when you can;
leave when you must!**



November 4th 9am

There are always a variety of tasks to complete, both outdoor and indoor, so you can choose what works best for you. Just check in at Riverview Lodge to see the list and choose your job.

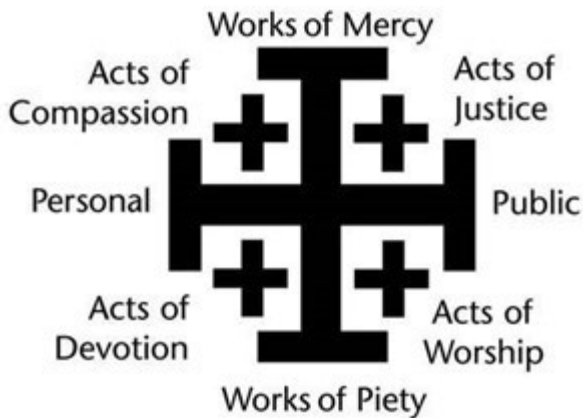
If you have work gloves or tools please bring them as camp has a limited number available.

Lunch is provided

Questions? Contact the office 402-478-4296
or email Ryan.rsiver@greatplainsumc.org

Spiritual Gifts in Action

Spiritual Gifts and the Jerusalem Cross



Every Spiritual Gift relates to one or more of the “stations” of this cross. Watch your Circuit Rider in the coming weeks for more information!

Souper Soups!

Thursday, 11/16

Lunch: 11 AM—1 PM

Dinner: 4 PM—7 PM

sandwich makers •
dessert cutters • sandwich and dessert room runners • dining room and bake sale staff • dishwashers •
pie, dessert and bake sale contributors ... and MORE!

Watch for sign-up sheets
or contact the Church Office
at **402-564-8463** to let us know
how you would like to help!

Help someone stay warm this season! “We’ve Got You Covered” will again collect coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for those in need this winter season. Bring gently used items to church and place in collection bin.

Top recycling statistics of 2022



The widely circulated statistic that 9% of plastic waste is recycled in the U.S. has been deemed an overestimate. Here are some stats that show how recycling has changed in recent years:

- ▶ Of the 40 million tons of plastic waste generated in the U.S. in 2021, only 5% to 6% — about two million tons — was recycled.
- ▶ Between 2019 and 2020, there was a 5.7% overall **decrease** in plastics recovered for recycling in the U.S. — the equivalent of 290 million pounds.
- ▶ Approximately 36% of all plastic produced is used to create packaging; 85% of which ends up in landfills.
- ▶ About 98% of single-use plastic products are made from fossil fuels.
- ▶ Globally, we produce about 400 million tons of plastic waste yearly.
- ▶ Until recently, the U.S. outsourced a significant portion of its plastic, but import bans in countries like China and Turkey have fueled a decline in recycling.

Plastic recycling facts/statistics

Plastic recycling has long posed challenges. Unlike glass and metal, plastic cannot be repeatedly recycled without quickly degrading in quality.

- ▶ The total bottle recycling rate for 2020 was 27.2%, down from 28.7% in 2019.
- ▶ Every hour, 2.5 million plastic bottles are thrown away in the U.S.
- ▶ Between 75 and 199 million tons of plastic are currently in our oceans.
- ▶ Plastic bottles take upwards of 450 years to degrade.

*Information sourced from EcoWatch
Faith Wakefield, journalist*

Mark Your Calendars



Baked Potato and Ice Cream Sundae Bar **Sunday, October 29** (following the 10:30 Service)

**Baked Potato Bar will feature
over 10 toppings ... and Ice Cream!**

Sundae Bar will feature over 7 toppings!

**100% of proceeds will go to the
Youth Mission Team Trip to Kentucky
in June 2024.**



Fall Family Festival

Sunday, October 29 (1:00–3:00 PM)

**Following the Youth Sunday Services and
Baked Potato and Ice Cream Sundae Bar
at the Outreach Center!**

Featured Activities

Cake Walk, Cupcake Decorating, Pumpkin Decorating, Inflatable, Games,
Cornhole and Bocce Ball Tournaments (sign ups will take place soon),
And much more...

Looking for the following:

Hayrack Ride • Vehicle AND Driver to pull the hayrack • corn hole boards •
Bocce Ball games • baked goods (all in disposable pans or containers) • bags
of small wrapped candy • 3-4 XL bags of popped (unbuttered) popcorn • small
kiddie pool (plastic style) • small aquarium,

The “Want” Ads



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**.

Help our church be seen and heard!

As we look forward to returning to our downtown location, 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.

Calling All Instrumentalists!

Christmas Eve will be here before we know it!
If you would like to play for the 7 PM
Christmas Eve service, contact Rex Hash
at rex.hash@columbusfumc.com.

Pie Sales! October 4 — 25

Apple, Dutch Apple (crumb topping),
Pumpkin or Pecan. Talk to Sarah Borgman
or any First UMC youth to place your
order.

WANTED:

**A few good men, women,
and young people, too!**

Acolytes, Advent Wreath Lighters, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, Office Assistants — there's something for everyone wanting to serve. Contact the Church Office at **402-564-8463** to sign up!

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.

Vertical Voices Christmas Cantata 1st Rehearsal — 10/22!

**Call Lisa at 402-564-8463
for more information.**

Advent Worship Leaders

We need individuals or families to light the Advent wreath and read the accompanying scripture and prayer for each of the following Advent Sundays:

December 3 • 8AM and 10:30 AM
December 10 • 8AM and 10:30 AM
December 17 • 8AM and 10:30 AM
December 24 • 8AM and 10:30 AM

Sign-up sheets will be available at all worship services as of **October 15**, or you can call the church office to reserve your date and time. This is an excellent opportunity for you or you and your family to live out and lead with your faith at this, the most wonderful time of the year.

Our Church Family



HAPPY Anniversary!

October 17

Gwen Becker
Carol Burrows

October 18

Zach Nelson
Jaime Petersen
Erin Reeves

October 20

Joyce Zuroski
3116 18th Street, #302

October 21

Bruce Schneider

October 22

Alaina Andel
Duane Chohon

October 23

Neal Hohrmann
Todd Kurtenbach
Jill Zybach

October 24

Candy Dempsey
Rex Hash

October 25

Shawn Carlson
Sarah Davidchik
Colton Wetgen

October 26

Hailey Anderson
Brooke Seams

October 27

Lynne Coulter
Nadine Kinnison
Carrie Kuhlman

October 28

Sharon Hiemer
Rocky Plettner
Don Schroeder
Ashton Thoms

October 31

Alex Asmus
Jason Bell
Evan Svasek



October 17

Brady & Cierra Napier — 3 years
3212 16th Street

Brian & Pam Nelson — 31 years
1104 3rd Street

October 18

Bob & Joan Adams — 39 years
3521 50th Street

Chuck & Lois Athey — 73 years
2819 35th Street

October 21

Dexter & Kelli Reeves — 6 years
3509 18th Street

David & Lisa Schacher — 34 years
819 Becton Street

October 25

Paul & Rama Badje — 38 years
2303 26th Street

October 28

Todd & Jessica Sebade — 17 years
158 12th Avenue

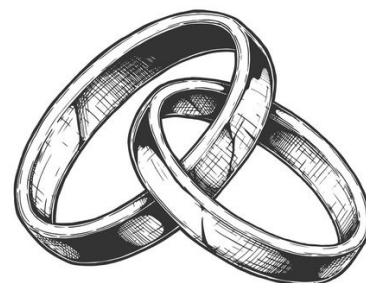
October 29

Joshua & Megan Novak — 7 years
333 Centennial Street

October 30

Chris & Amy Blaser — 30 years
PO Box 84 • Duncan, NE 68634

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 402-564-8453 to let us know.



Christian Education, Youth & More



Sunday JAM is being held at the Outreach Center due to no air conditioning at the church.

Classroom locations are posted throughout the building.

Sundays: 9:00—10:10 AM



Adult Prayer Buddies Needed for Children and Youth

Contact Sarah if you wish to be a prayer buddy for one of our children or youth. **NO MONEY; NO GIFTS!!!** Just a note to your buddy once or twice a month and pray for them daily.

Join us for
Wednesday J.A.M!
(Grades K—12)

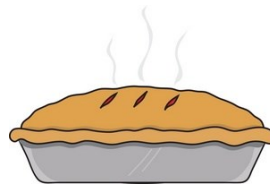
2:30 PM — Afterschool Program

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM — Meal

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM — Worship

7 PM to 8 PM—J.A.M. Groups

**Everyone is welcome —
hope to see you there!**



**Youth Homemade
Pie Sales**

Pies will be for sale
October 4-25, 2023

Pies will be Apple, Dutch Apple, Pumpkin, and Pecan. The pies are completely homemade by the youth, and they freeze perfectly!!!

Pies will be ready for pick up November 11, 2023.

See a youth or contact the church office to order.
All pies are \$13 each!!



**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.



October 25

Costumes or Camouflage



\$crip available for Purchase

Ace Hardware - \$25	Maurice's - \$20
Amazon - \$10 (*) , \$25	McDonald's - \$10
Amigos - \$10	Menard's - \$25, \$50
Applebee's - \$10, \$25	Olive Garden - \$25
Arby's - \$5	Panda Express - \$25
Barnes & Noble Bookstore, \$10, \$25	Panera Bread - \$10
Bath & Body Works - \$10	Papa Murphy's - \$10
Bed, Bath, and Beyond - \$10, \$25	Picket Fence - \$10
Big Apple Bagel - \$5	Pizza Hut - \$10
Buckle - \$25	Pizza Ranch - \$25
Burger King - \$10	Runza - \$10
Cabela's - \$25	Scooter's - \$10
Casey's - \$25, \$100	Stack 'n Steak - \$10
CVS Pharmacy - \$25	Starbucks - \$5 (*) , \$10
Dairy Queen - \$10	Subway - \$10
El Tapatio - \$10	Super Saver - \$20, \$50, \$100
Famous Footwear - \$25	Taco Bell - \$10
Godfather's Pizza - \$10	Target - \$10 (*) , \$25
Hobby Lobby - \$25	Tooley Drug - \$10, \$20, \$50
Husker House - \$20	Under Armor - \$25
Hy-Vee - \$25, \$50, \$100	Valentino's - \$10, \$20
iTunes - \$15	Walgreen's - \$25
J.C. Penney's - \$25	Wal-Mart - \$10 (*) , \$25, \$100
Kohl's - \$25	Wendy's - \$10

(*) = Seasonal

Missions & Outreach

Mission Committee Holiday Projects

Attitude of Gratitude Star Project

This year our Star Project is to share our Gratitude of Thanksgiving with others in our community. On Sunday November 5, each person attending church (including children) will receive a \$5 Gift Card to HyVee, Super Saver or Walmart. The Gratitude part of this project is to give the Gift Card randomly to someone – a co-worker, teacher, neighbor, stranger, etc. The Attitude part is asking for your stories, feelings and reactions to giving the card by sharing your experiences with the church office.

Christmas Heart Project

Each year our Mission Committee partners with the Columbus Holiday Spirit Coop to provide gifts to 100 children in our community. Hearts will be available on the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Area Sunday, November 19. The gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 3. The Mission Committee will distribute gifts Thursday, December 7. This year rather than buying gifts we request that all gifts be a \$35.00 Gift Card to Target or Walmart per recipient. This is a change but we feel it is better for the parents to become part of the Christmas giving by buying gifts they know the children want and/or need. The Mission Committee will provide each family (usually around 30) with a grocery Gift Card, a bag of Cuties and the Golden Book of the Real Christmas Story.

The Mission Committee thanks the congregation for bringing the Spirit of Christmas to our community.



Place your Scrip orders TODAY!

The holidays are coming!

Start thinking **now** about what **gift cards** might interest the special people in your life. Let the church office know in advance so we can make sure we have what you need.

Thank you, First UMC contributors
for the monetary donations
that allow us to purchase items for our
food pantry & blessing!

We Also Need Shoppers & Volunteers
for Thursdays, 4 to 6 PM at our
Outreach Center. Talk to Rex Hash, Janie
Schneider, or Rod Supencheck
to learn more.

Coming Up Around Town

Baked Potato Bar and Pie at St. Luke's United Church of Christ

1072 21st Avenue

**November 2
11 AM—1:30 PM
and
5 PM—7:30 PM**

Call **402-564-8862**
for more information!

Electronics Recycling Event

October 19

Pawnee Plunge Parking Lot
560 33rd Avenue

9 AM—1 PM
or until the truck is full

CRT monitors and TV fees apply*

Under 19" — \$10

Over 20" — \$20

Items accepted include
computers, monitors, printers, TVs,
scanners, photos, fax machines, VCRs,
radio equipment and etc.

Spread Holiday Cheer this year with Christmas for Our Troops!

Are any of your loved ones active military? If so,
email the address where they will be from
November through December to
ChristmasForOurTroops@pinnbank.com.

They will then receive a special care package
for the holidays through Pinnacle Bank's
"Christmas for Our Troops" project!

Boxes will be packed for mailing the night of
Tuesday, November 14 if you would like to assist.
Detailed information on donation and collection
procedures are listed in the "Christmas for Our
Troops" brochure. Please call Lisa in the Church
Office or email lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com if
you would like a brochure. Brochures are
available on Sunday mornings at worship as well.

Columbus Rescue Mission Celebration Banquet

**November 6, 2023
American Legion
22634 3rd Avenue
Columbus**

**Special
Music**

**Meal and
Fellowship**

**Amazing,
life-changing
testimonies**

**Rescuer
of the
Year**

Call 402-563-1096 for your **FREE RESERVATION!**

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!**

**FYI: Due to an issue with the air
conditioning unit that cools our Sanctuary,
all regular Sunday morning worship
activities have been relocated to our
Outreach Center for the month of September.**

Outreach Center Worship

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

Facebook Page

First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE



Instagram

Firstumccolumbusne

YouTube Channel

First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE



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Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



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Church

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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.