



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 10/25 — Tuesday, 10/31

Wednesday October 25	Thursday October 26	Friday October 27	Saturday October 28	Sunday October 29	Monday October 30	Tuesday October 31
UMM Prayer Breakfast 6:30 AM • FH <u>Wednesday Afterschool</u> 2:30 PM • CmR <u>Wednesday Nite Meal</u> 5:30 PM • CmR <u>Wednesday Nite JAM</u> 6:30 • WR <u>Youth Sunday Play Practice</u> 4:30 PM • WR Al-Anon 5:30 PM • #007 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 <u>First UM Food Pantry</u> 4 PM — 6 PM <u>Youth Sunday Play Practice</u> 4:30 PM • WR Martial Arts 5:30 PM • #006 Girl Scouts (Hobza) 6 PM • FH <u>Driver's Ed</u> 7 PM • CmR CSW 7 PM • GA	<u>Columbus Homeschoolers</u> 9 AM • CmR	Youth Sunday Play Practice 6 PM • YR	<u>Worship On-Site at 8 AM</u> <u>Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM</u> <u>Youth Sunday Play Practice</u> 11:30 AM • WR 4H Robotics 1 PM • Ald Teen Alpha 6:30 PM • YR	First UMC Blood Drive 11 AM • CmR <u>Crown Villa Bible Study</u> 1 PM • Dining Room Grief Share 4 PM • Lib Murray Comm Mtg 4 PM • CP	<u>Quilters</u> 9 AM • Quilter's Rm <u>Tues AM Bible Study</u> 9 AM • CP <u>CMS Dodgeballers</u> 4 PM • CmR Choir Rehearsal 6 PM • WR <u>Boy Scouts #212</u> 6:30 PM • CmR <u>Driver's Ed</u> 7 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!**

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 available November 5!

Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

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 29
at the Outreach Center!

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



Scripture Readings

Romans 9:14-24



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.river@greatplainsumc.org

Spiritual Gifts in Action

"I really don't think I have Spiritual Gifts ..."

Ahhh, but you DO. You REALLY DO! Why? Because God SAYS you do! "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (Emphasis mine. The "in advance" part? That references the spiritual gifts He gave us!)

He also told us that "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

And "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." Romans 12:6-8

While many of us exercise our spiritual gifts to some extent in our day-to-day lives, not purposefully identifying—then further living into them—serves as a barrier between us and our opportunities to fulfill the plans God has for us. Watch in future issues of the Circuit Rider for Spiritual Gifts Exploration opportunities in 2024!



Some words from The Green Team

Paper recycling facts/stats

Paper is one of the most-often recycled materials. It accounts for half of materials collected for recycle by weight. • More than 50 million tons of paper was recovered for recycling in 2021— a 68% recycling rate. • In 2021, 91.4% of corrugated cardboard was recycled. • Almost half of the paper recycled in 2021 was used to make cardboard boxes.

Aluminum recycling facts/stats

Due to high recycling rates, aluminum only accounts for 1% of the waste stream in the US. Like glass, aluminum can be endlessly recycled, with far less energy needed versus creating a product out of raw materials. • The US consumed 4.3 million metric tons in 2021—up from 3.98 million metric tons in 2020. • Global demand for aluminum is expected to grow by more than 80% by 2025. • Although aluminum can be infinitely recycled, 7 million tons of it still go unrecycled each year.

Glass recycling facts/stats

Glass is made of common materials like sand and limestone. It is one of the cheapest, most efficient materials to recycle. • About 110 million glass bottles are thrown away every day in the US, of which only one-third is recycled. • It is cheaper to make glass products out of recycled materials than virgin raw materials. • Unlike plastic, glass bottles and jars are fully recyclable. They can be recycled endlessly without degradation of quality or purity.

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.

Mark Your Calendars



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

**Over 10 toppings for your Baked Potato...
and over 7 toppings for your Ice Cream Sundae
!**

**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

**Goodie Walk, Cupcake Decorating, Pumpkin Decorating,
Inflatable, Games, Cornhole , caramel apples, Prizes,
Scavenger Hunt Bingo, Make your own Pumpkin Candy
Catapult, and much more!**

The “Want” Ads

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.

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!



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**.

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.

Last Call for Pie Sales!!! Wednesday, Oct. 25!!!

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

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.

Advent Worship Leaders

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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 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

November 1

Kara Asmus
Jim Dittmer

November 2

Carl Roberts

November 3

Kyle Hein
Chris King
Blakely Scott

November 4

Gisela Gross
Sue Overturf

November 5

Kaylee Allen
Kyle Allen
Audrey Burns

November 6

Aden Andel
Hayden Hobza

November 7

Darrell Burrows

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

November 5

Jason & Ann Hardy — 29 years
4512 27th Street

November 6

Chris & Raenelle Thoms — 19 years
2717 36th Street

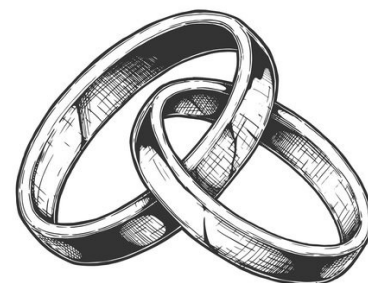
November 7

Dean & Ann Chesley — 59 years
2753 38th Avenue

November 8

Terry & Vickie Boss — 43 years
12 Clear Lake

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.



**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.

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

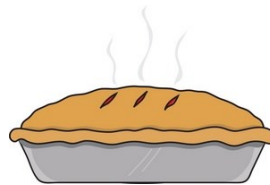
2:30 PM — Afterschool Program

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!!



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

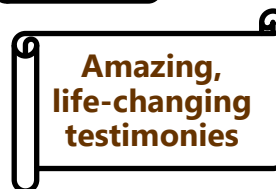
1072 21st Avenue

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

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

Columbus Rescue Mission Celebration Banquet

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



Call 402-563-1096 for your FREE RESERVATION!

It's not too late ...

To sing with the Vertical Voices
Christmas Cantata 2023!

**Sunday, December 10 • 2 pm
Rehearsal Dates**

Sunday, Oct. 29 — 7 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, Nov. 5 — 7 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, Nov. 12 — 7 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, Nov. 19 — 7 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, Nov. 26 — 7 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, Dec. 3 — 7 pm to 8 pm

**Dress Rehearsal: Saturday,
December 9 • 9 am to Noon**

All rehearsals and the performance
will be held in the Columbus High
School Music Hall.

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.

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
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Front Desk Volunteers

*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.

The West Doors are open during business hours.