



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

## This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 11/15 — Tuesday, 11/21

Wednesday November 15	Thursday November 16	Friday November 17	Saturday November 18	Sunday November 19	Monday November 20	Tuesday November 21
<b>Souper Soups Set-Up</b> <b>UMM Prayer Breakfast</b> 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  <b>New Member Mtg.</b> 4 PM • GA  <b>NO Friendship Circle</b> 5 PM • FH  Al-Anon 5:30 PM • #007  <b>New Member Mtg.</b> 6 PM • GA  <u>Robotics (Kitt)</u> 6 PM • RR  <b>Prayer Team</b> 6:30 PM • Lib	AWARE 10:30 AM • Marilyn Zehring's House  <u>Red Cross Drive</u> 11:30 AM • CmR  <u>First UMC Food Pantry</u> 4 PM — 6 PM  Martial Arts 5:30 PM • #006  Girl Scouts Service Project 6 PM • Lib/FH  <u>Driver's Ed</u> 7 PM • CmR  NAMI 7 PM • Lib	<u>Columbus Homeschoolers</u> 9 AM • CmR  <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> <u>Resource Committee</u> Noon • WR  Book Review Club 1:30 PM • Lib	<u>Teen Alpha Retreat</u> 9 AM • Isaak Walton	<b>Worship On-Site</b> at 8 AM  <b>Worship On-Site &amp; Online</b> at 10:30 AM  <u>4H Robotics</u> 1 PM • Ald  <u>Robotics (Kitt)</u> 1 PM • RR  <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> <u>High School Group</u> 3:45 PM • WR	<b>Crown Villa Bible Study</b> 1 PM • Dining Room  <b>Grief Share</b> 4 PM • Lib  ARC of Platte County 7 PM • FH	<u>Quilters</u> 9 AM • Quilter's Rm  <b>Tues AM Bible Study</b> 9 AM • CP  <u>CMS Dodgeballers</u> 4 PM • CmR  <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 6 PM • Sanct  <u>Boy Scouts #212</u> 6:30 PM • CmR  <b>Board of Trustees</b> 7 PM • CP

**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  
**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!

## Souper Soups helpers still needed!

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!

**We still need some helpers!** Contact the  
Church Office at **402-564-8463**  
to let us know how you can help!

# Coming Soon

## Upcoming

mark your calendars

### November 16 / **Souper Soups!**

Help is still needed — contact the office today!

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

#### **1st Sunday Potluck**

Host: Christian Social Witness / Education  
Entrée: TBD

### December 9 / **UWF Christmas Coffee**

### 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, November 19**

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service

**REJOICE ALWAYS,  
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,  
GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 THESS. 5:15-18



The United Methodist Church  
The people of The United Methodist Church

## Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30



## Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday, November 26

between the 8 and 10:30 AM services

Coming Soon, con't



# Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19 • 4 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Shell Creek (ELCA)

Desserts following  
the service

**Mission Shares  
2023!**

**\$58,000**

## Gifts and Ministries



Stewardship 2024 Pledge Letters were mailed with your Contribution Statements (through 09/30/2023) on November 2.

If you have any questions or need another one, please call the Church Office and Sue will assist you.

Thank you for your 2024 pledge.

**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.



**Meals on Wheels**

*We deliver smiles*

Monday, 11/13— Friday, 11/17  
from Columbus Community Hospital.

Contact **Paul Badje** at **402-564-8863**  
if you would like to assist!

### **Now collecting "Attitude of Gratitude" stories!**

Remember those gift cards the Mission Committee handed out a week ago Sunday? We would LOVE to hear your stories of what transpired when you gave yours away!

I have two to share. One, I gave mine away to the lady who helped me at the Post Office counter. She was very pleased to receive it, and thinks it's a really fun idea.

Two, was telling my friend Elicia about this activity, and she reached into her pocket and pulled one out. Someone had gifted it to her at work. She said it made her day!

So don't be shy! (But you CAN be anonymous.) Send your card gifting stories to me at [loisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com](mailto:loisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com)!

# Committee and Small Group Opportunities

## Committees

### Camping\*

Doug Kallesen, [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:rsnyder4@neb.rr.com)

### Education

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Raenelle Thoms, [rlwalgren@yahoo.com](mailto:rlwalgren@yahoo.com)

### Endowment\*

Doug Olson, [dmolson@neb.rr.com](mailto:dmolson@neb.rr.com)

### Evangelism

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Liz Lash, [lizzielash@gmail.com](mailto:lizzielash@gmail.com)

### Memorial

2nd Tuesdays • 2 PM • TBD, [Email]

### Missions

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Jane Schneider, [jeffschneider68601@gmail.com](mailto:jeffschneider68601@gmail.com)

### OPS Team

4th Tuesday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Miki Naylor, [mikinaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:mikinaylor@yahoo.com)

### Worship

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Alan Danforth, [awdhusker42@gmail.com](mailto:awdhusker42@gmail.com)

### Youth Ministry

2nd Monday/monthly • 6:30 PM • Sarah Borgman, [sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:jim.hanna@frontier.com), [rud2@eaglecom.net](mailto:rud2@eaglecom.net),  
[rg1plett@gmail.com](mailto:rg1plett@gmail.com)

### Seekers

Sunday AM • 9 AM • 006

Brook Seams, Doug Kallesen  
[seamsbrooke@gmail.com](mailto:seamsbrooke@gmail.com), [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dkallesen@neb.rr.com)

## Women's Groups

### United Women in Faith

#### Good Morning Circle

Third Wednesday of the Month • 9:30 AM, Chapel Parlor •  
Brooke Seams, [seambrooke@gmail.com](mailto:seambrooke@gmail.com)

#### Friendship Circle

Third Wednesday of the Month • NOON • Gathering Area •  
Martha Davidson, [davidsonj6@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rrwilliams3841@gmail.com)

#### GROWMen

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

## Music Groups

### Chancel Choir

Sarah Cunningham • Tuesdays, 6 PM • Sanctuary  
[lilun1973@gmail.com](mailto:lilun1973@gmail.com)

**Contact Lisa**  
**at 402-564-8463 or at**  
**[lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com](mailto: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

*\*as scheduled*

## 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

## — Sidebar —

This collection of committees and small groups is as comprehensive and correct as I could make it with the information I currently have. Please look at it carefully and contact me with any corrections, additions or deletions you know to be necessary. I will create a print piece we can give to people that will include more detailed information, but I want to have this information set first.

Don't see your group  
listed? Contact Lisa  
at 402-564-8463 or  
lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com!

# The “Want” Ads

## **Hospital Visitors Needed**

Our Hospital Visitation Ministry needs a few more servants! Training is provided, and time frames are flexible. 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.

## **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](mailto:rex.hash@columbusfumc.com).

## **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.

## **43rd Annual Columbus Women's Club Festival of Trees**

Friday, Nov. 17 — 11:30 AM to 7 PM  
Saturday, November 18 — 11:30 AM to 4 PM  
Sunday, November 19 — 11:30 AM to 4 PM

At 1C The Sanctuary

Use entrance east of The Broken Mug.

**Tickets:**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>
\$5 in advance	\$3
\$6 at the door	5 and under: free

You can buy tickets from Columbus Women's Club members, Tooley Drug and Home Care, or Art Editions Framing & Gallery.

## **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.

**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.**



***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 Church Family



# HAPPY Anniversary!

## November 15

Kathleen Johnson

## November 16

**Lois Athey**

2819 35th Street

Michael Briones

Troy Weil

## November 17

**Gloria Ball**

2866 29th Avenue

Alec Flyr

Kristi Phillips

Emmett Vering

Thomas Vering

## November 18

Marilyn Carroll

Baker Luebe

Tom Meek

Cindy Rohde

Melinda Jo Velecela

## November 19

Heidi Benne

Ann Hardy

## November 20

Sue Burton

Jase Vering

## November 21

Darrell Frederick

Michael Rigsby

## November 22

Pat Brown

Chuck Lash

## November 23

Dean Chesley

## November 24

Kyle Blunck

Lisa Rieken

Suzi Zwick

## November 25

Dylan Driver

## November 26

Rich Snyder

## November 27

Jon Hiemer

## November 18

Rudy & Renee DeLaCruz — 23 years

3213 18th Street

## November 22

Chad & Chris Gaedeke — 15 years

3106 36th Street

## November 23

Bob & Betty Blaser — 60 years

26988 145th Street

## November 28

Darrell & Carrol Burrows — 37 years

8534 Grandview Plaza

## November 30

David & Shirley Bohaboj — 38 years

209 27th Street, #14

Gregory & Stephanie Boruch — 11 years

14016 M Road Osceola, NE 68651

Mark & Michelle Hanson — 10 years

2236 37th Street

Brian & Angela King — 32 years

2215 20th Street

## December 6

Schuyler & Jessica Condon—9 years

PO Box 123 • Silver Creek, NE 68663

## December 12

Dennis & Judy Cetak—53 years

3975 33rd Avenue

**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



## Family Advent Wreath Creations

**Sunday, November 26 @ 9:30 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Parents and children create an advent wreath together that they take home.

Please RSVP to make enough supplies are on hand.



**November 29**

**Wear Flannel Day!**



## 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.



**December 26-27**

Grade 5-6: December 26 (2-9 PM)

Grade 7-12: December 26 –27  
(2 PM—10 AM)

Food, Gaga Ball, Reverse Can Jam, Werewolf, Capture the Flag, Hide N Seek in the Dark, Spoons in the Dark, Sardines, and MUCH MORE!



## Advent Opportunities

### November 26: Sunday

Family Advent Wreath Creation  
9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

### November 29-December 17: Sundays

Children's Bell Choir Practice  
During the Sunday JAM Hour

### December 17: Sunday

Children's Christmas Program  
10:30 AM service

### December 17: Sunday

Youth Bake Sale (Chapel Parlor)

### December 26-27: Tuesday-Wednesday

Youth Lock In

Grade 5-6: Dec 26 2-9 PM

Grade 7-12: Dec 26 2 PM to  
Dec 27 10 PM



## \$crip available for Purchase

Ace Hardware - \$25	Maurice's - \$20
Amazon - <b>\$10 (*)</b> , \$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	Scheels Sporting Goods—\$25
CVS Pharmacy - \$25	Stack 'n Steak - \$10
Dairy Queen - \$10	Starbucks - <b>\$5 (*)</b> , \$10
El Tapatio - \$10	Subway - \$10
Famous Footwear - \$25	Super Saver - \$20, \$50, \$100
Godfather's Pizza - \$10	Taco Bell - \$10
Hobby Lobby - \$25	Target - <b>\$10 (*)</b> , \$25
Husker House - \$20	Tooley Drug - \$10, \$20, \$50
Hy-Vee - \$25, \$50, \$100	Under Armor - \$25
iTunes - \$15	Valentino's - \$10, \$20
J.C. Penney's - \$25	Walgreen's - \$25
Kohl's - \$25	Wal-Mart - <b>\$10 (*)</b> , \$25, \$100
	Wendy's - \$10

**(\*) = Seasonal**

# Missions & Outreach

## Mission Committee 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**. Gifts must be **returned by Sunday, December 3** for **distribution on Thursday, December 7**. This year we request that all gifts be a \$35.00 Gift Cards to Target or Walmart per recipient. This is so parents can be part of the Christmas giving by buying gifts they know their children wants or needs. The Mission Committee will provide each family (usually around 30) with a grocery Gift Card, bag of Cuties and the Golden Book of the Real Christmas Story.

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

The First UMC Blessing Box & Food Pantry both need the following items on an ongoing basis:

**(NO GLASS, PLEASE!!!)**

### Food Pantry needs include:

Boxed Cold Cereal • Quick-Cooking Oats • Flavored Instant Oatmeal • Breakfast Bars • Pancake Mix • Pop Tarts • Pudding Boxes • Jell-O® • Canned Meats • Pasta & Sauces • Tuna Helper • Mac & Cheese



### 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.

## 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

First UMC & Outreach Center  
Columbus, NE



## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Keunsik Lee

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### Director of Outreach Center & Ministries

Rex Hash

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### Christian Education & Youth Director

Sarah Borgman

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### Business Coordinator

Sue Overturf

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### Coordinator of Communications & Laity Development

Lisa Nielsen

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### Volunteer Parish Nurse

Martha Davidson

[davidsonj6@outlook.com](mailto:davidsonj6@outlook.com)

### Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office  
for more information!*



## Columbus First United Methodist Church

[www.columbusfumc.com](http://www.columbusfumc.com)

### Church

2710 14th Street  
402-564-8463

### 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.