



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Greetings, First UMC Readers. Another week, another look! I've moved the Weekly Calendar to page 2. Please let me know what you think of this change.

There's so much going on in the life of the church this time of year! **Sunday, December 3** will be a busy one with **Hanging of the Greens** between services and **1st Sunday Potluck** at 11:30 AM.

Saturday morning, December 9, United Women in Faith will host their annual **Christmas Coffee** at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

The **Christmas Program** will be Sunday, **December 17** at the **10:30 AM service**. Sarah is looking for some **special music selections** for this service as well. Contact her or the Church Office if you would like to share a special song.

We're looking for some people who would like to provide **special music** for the **7 and/or 11 PM Christmas Eve services**. Vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome. Please contact the Church Office at 402-564-8463 or me at lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com if you want to participate.

In the meantime, have a **safe, happy and BLESSED Thanksgiving!** All of you are what make our church such a special place.

Lisa

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Remember ... when you
buy Scrip cards from the
church for the Hearts
Mission Project, you give
TWO gifts — one to your
heart child, and one to
First UMC!

Help someone stay warm this season with "We've Got You Covered" — a service project sponsored by the Andrew & Rachael Carlson's family. We're collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, to distribute to people who need them. Bring new or gently used items you would like to donate to the church office.

First UMC News

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 11/22 — Tuesday, 11/28

Wednesday November 22	Thursday November 23	Friday November 24	Saturday November 25	Sunday November 26	Monday November 27	Tuesday November 28
UMM Prayer Breakfast 6:30 AM • FH <u>Red Cross Blood Drive</u> 8:30 AM • CmR Meyer Funeral 1 PM • Sanct/FH Al-Anon 5:30 PM • #007 Prayer Team 6:30 PM • Lib	Happy Thanksgiving!	<u>Columbus Homeschoolers</u> 9 AM • CmR		Worship On-Site at 8 AM Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM <u>4H Robotics</u> 1 PM • Ald	<u>Red Cross Blood Drive</u> Noon • CmR Crown Villa Bible Study 1 PM • Dining Room Grief Share 4 PM • Lib	Quilters 9 AM • Quilter's Rm Tues AM Bible Study 9 AM • CP <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
Pink
small groups
Bright Red
special events
Brown
First UMC program/admin mtgs

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

Upcoming

mark your calendars

December 3 / 1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens and 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, Candles & Brass
 11 PM—Carols & Candles

Worship

Sunday, November 19

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



Scripture Readings

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

First UMC News, con't



Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday, December 3

between the 8 and 10:30 AM services

Progress on Elise's School in the Democratic Republic of Congo

A number of people have asked about the progress of the school that Elise Musungay is building in her hometown in the DRC, Africa. To see what's been happening with the money that was raised at the benefit held at the Outreach Center by Friends of Elise, copy and paste the link below into your internet browser.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l_mAzQceJVuYM-vr9GYbZezTzWD9umkZ/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l_mAzQceJVuYM-vr9GYbZezTzWD9umkZ/view?usp=drive_link)

At this time the work is paused because all the money that was raised has been spent. However, Elise continues to use her paycheck to pay the tuition for many of the orphans who had attended her previous school before it was destroyed by fire. At the time of the fire, the school had 300 students, although not all were orphans.

Elise is still accepting donations if there are those who would like to offer that help. We've found the best ways to give are cash or a check made out directly to **Elise Musungay**. We asked Elise how much a cement block would cost, and she said that they would be **70 cents each**. Because this is not a United Methodist related project, we are not able to include donations as part of our giving to the church.

Elise has expressed deep gratitude for the support of her church family, and she is an inspiration to many of us who have gotten to know her.

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.

"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!

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



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 •
Brooke Seams, seambrooke@gmail.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

**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.

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.

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 21

Darrell Frederick
Michael Rigsby

November 29

Keedyn Krepel
Christina Kretchman

November 22

Chad & Chris Gaedeke — 15 years
3106 36th Street

November 22

Pat Brown
Chuck Lash

November 30

Brian King
Steve Kitt
Robin Swearingen

November 23

Bob & Betty Blaser — 60 years
26988 145th Street

November 23

Dean Chesley

December 1

Joe Krepel

November 28

Darrell & Carrol Burrows — 37 years
8534 Grandview Plaza

November 24

Kyle Blunck
Lisa Rieken
Suzi Zwick

December 2

Ailyah Avila
John Davidson
Dana Gernstein
Jeri Glenn
Dale Murcek

November 30

David & Shirley Bohaboj — 38 years
209 27th Street, #14

November 25

Dylan Driver

Gregory & Stephanie Boruch — 11 years
14016 M Road Osceola, NE 68651

November 26

Rich Snyder

December 3

LaDonna Anderson
Cade Gaedeke
Sam Hogeland

Mark & Michelle Hanson — 10 years
2236 37th Street

November 27

Jon Hiemer

Brian & Angela King — 32 years
2215 20th Street

November 28

Isabella Ferris
Lynda Hellbusch
Linda Johnson
Bob Williams

December 6

Kim Bosak
Derek Gassman
Mike Hasselbach
Pat Hoffman

December 6

Schuyler & Jessica Condon—9 years
PO Box 123 • Silver Creek, NE 68663

December 12

Dennis & Judy Cetak—53 years
3975 33rd Avenue

December 14

Joe & Terri Brown—49 years
3376 37th 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 @ 9:00 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
9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

November 26-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 - \$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	Scheels Sporting Goods—\$25
CVS Pharmacy - \$25	Stack 'n Steak - \$10
Dairy Queen - \$10	Starbucks - \$5 (*) , \$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 - \$10 (*) , \$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 - \$10 (*) , \$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

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Coordinator of Communications & Laity Development

Lisa Nielsen

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Martha Davidson

davidsonj6@outlook.com

Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



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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.