



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, December 12, 2023

In November, the Missions Committee reached out to the **Emerald Nursing and Rehab** facility to see if they have residents who would benefit from some extra love this holiday season. They returned to us a list of 18 people who are fulltime Emerald residents with no immediate family or friends in the area. **Our Angel Tree in the Gathering Area has "Share the Light" cards for each of these individuals** listing their initials and some items that would brighten their holidays.

If you would like to shine some joy on a care facility resident, just **take a card off the tree, purchase the items you choose and bring them to the church office WITH THE CARD.** (This step is critical. If we don't get the card back, we won't know who your gifts go to.) Please have all gifts dropped off to the church office by **Tuesday, December 19** so they can be delivered on Wednesday, December 20. You are welcome to wrap the gifts if you like, but it's not required. Thank you for your generosity toward those less fortunate in our area this year.

I'll close with a friendly request to turn **stewardship pledge letters** in to the church office by **12/31/2023** if you haven't already. 2023 has been a wonderful year for Columbus First UMC. Your generous stewardship pledges will help ensure that 2024 is just as strong or stronger.

Lisa

Mission Shares 2023!



Thank You!!!

26 Stars to go!



Only \$26,000 away!

Alice Plettner turns 90 on December 27. Let's help her celebrate with a card shower! Send notes and cards to:

Crown Villa
4005 38th Street, Room 310
Columbus, NE 68601

The Church

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 12/13 — Tuesday, 12/19

Wednesday December 13	Thursday December 14	Friday December 15	Saturday December 16	Sunday December 17	Monday December 18	Tuesday December 19
UMM Prayer Breakfast 6:30 AM • FH Wednesday Afterschool & JAM Activities 2:30 PM • FH AI-Anon 5:30 PM • #007 <u>Robotics (Kitt)</u> 6 PM • RR Prayer Team 4 PM • Lib	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 Support Group 6:15 PM • CP	<u>NO Columbus Homeschool</u> 9 PM • CmR/YU <u>Habitat for Humanity Resource Committee</u> Noon • WR <u>Boy Scouts (Levos)</u> 6:30 PM • CmR (overnight)	Funeral Luncheon 2:30 PM • FH	Worship On-Site at 8 AM Fair Trade Market GA Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM <u>4H Robotics</u> 1 PM • Ald Teen Alpha 6:30 PM • CmR/YU	Crown Villa Bible Study 1 PM • Dining Room ARC of Platte County 7 PM • FH	<u>Quilters</u> 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 Board of Trustees 7 PM • CP

Blue
women's groups
Dark Red
men's groups

Orange
youth
Purple
caring ministries

Pink
small groups
Bright Red
special events

Green
worship

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 17 / 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Program & Bake Sale!

December 24 / Christmas Eve

5 Services!

8 AM • 10:30 AM
 5 PM—Family Service
 7 PM—Carols, Candles & Brass
 11 PM—Carols & Candles

January 7 / 1st Sunday Potluck

Soup Cook-Off!

Contact the Church Office
for more information.

Worship

Sunday, December 17

8 AM Service

Scripture Reading

John 3:22-30

10:30 AM Service

Christmas Program



Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-8

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 2:1-7

Luke 2:8-20

Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 9:6-7

The Kids



**Thursday, December 14
5-8 PM**

Has been **POSTPONED** due to
the Husker Volleyball Game! **GBR!!!**



December 20

Wear something Christmas!



**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-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

The link to sign up to provide snacks and meals
is below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C0D44AAAA23A6FD0-46162012-lock](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AAAA23A6FD0-46162012-lock)

The “Want” Ads

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**.

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 way 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.

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.

First UMC Spreads the Warmth

The “We’ve Got You Covered” winter coat and accessories drive has already made a difference in the life of our community. Through United Way, three coats are now in the hands of folks who needed them!

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!

Our Church Family



HAPPY Anniversary!

December 13

Paul Badje
Kody Carlson
Connor Criswell
Joe Gernstein
Brooke Griffiths

December 14

Jim Osborn
Amy Polanco
Ron Range

December 15

Kristi Nelson
Zach Schindler
Kindon Zakrzewski

December 16

Doug Davidchik
Suzie Discoe
Lisa Nielsen

December 18

Sandra Carlson
Tony Carlson
Barb Davis
Kitai Schrader

December 19

Dagan Moore

December 21

Delanie Hudnall
Patrick Pope
Lia Whited

December 22

Jan Arment
Michelle Schindel
Andrew Scott

December 23

Elizabeth Weber

December 25

Amy Schneider

December 26

Loren Beckler

Legacy House Centennial
6310 N Durango Drive
#217
Las Vegas, NV 89149

Kim Merrill
Roxanne Murphy
Jackie Pope

December 12

Dennis & Judy Cetak — 53 years
3975 33rd Avenue

December 14

Joe & Terri Brown — 49 years
3376 37th Avenue

December 17

Pastor K and Seulki Choi Lee — 12 years
2752 E 5th Avenue, #506

December 18

Gordon & Shelly Kosch — 41 years
3136 36th Street

December 19

Joe & Tracy Krepel— 26 years
2416 31st Street

December 22

Chad & Chris Gaedeke
3106 36th Street

December 29

Jeff & Jane Schneider
2114 14th Street

December 31

Chuck & Nadine Kinnison
3433 Lakeview Lane

January 9

Tom & Jeri Rieken
Norfolk Veterans Home
600 E Benjamin Ave
Norfolk, NE 78701-1830

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.





\$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

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

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.