



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Do you or someone you know of need help along your grief journey? **GriefShare coordinator Dee Kinkaid** will lead a one-time **Loss of Spouse** session on Monday, January 15 at 3 PM in the Church Library. The following week, our next 13-week long **GriefShare** group will begin. This group will meet at 3 PM in the Church Library through Monday, April 8.

GriefShare is in its 25 year of service to those moving through the grieving process. Though this session of GriefShare is an updated version of the program used in the past, it will still feature videos, a workbook, journaling and discussion.

Many grieving people have found the GriefShare program to be a special sort of sanctuary for them as they process their loss. If you or someone you know would benefit from learning more about GriefShare, **please contact Dee Kinkaid at [rud2@eaglecom.net](mailto:rud2@eaglecom.net)**.

If you would like to help with the **sleeping mat project** but can't attend the Thursday afternoon weaving sessions, you can **cut plastic bags** at home to be used during the weaving sessions! Check out the tutorial video at [www.midwestmission.org/loom](http://www.midwestmission.org/loom), or stop into the office and have Lisa show you. It's easy, it's fun, and it's for a great cause!

FYI — there will be **no Circuit Rider** the week of Tuesday, December 26 or Tuesday, January 2. Watch for all the latest news and updates in the January 9 Circuit Rider issue!

As we approach the Christmas holiday season, please be advised of the following: The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th, but will be open the following day, Tuesday, December 26th, with reduced office hours. The door will be locked due to the absence of church staff, so if you plan to visit during this time, kindly call the church beforehand.

## Mission Shares 2023!



Thank You!!!

19 Stars to go!



Only \$19,000  
away!

**First UMC Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, December 26**  
**Noon—6 PM**

Use this QR code to schedule your appointment or call Connie Jensen at 402-910-9725.



# The Church

## This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 12/20—Tuesday, 12/26

Wednesday December 20	Thursday December 21	Friday December 22	Saturday December 23	Sunday December 24	Monday December 25	Tuesday December 26
<b>UMM Prayer Breakfast</b> 6:30 AM • FH	Aware 10:30 AM • Marilyn's House	<u>NO Columbus Homeschool</u> 9 PM • CmR/YU		<b>Worship On-Site</b> at 8 AM	<b>NO Crown Villa Bible Study</b> 1 PM • Dining Room	<u>Quilters</u> 9 AM • Quilter's Rm
<b>Friendship Circle</b> NOON • GA	<u>Red Cross Blood Drive</u> Noon • CmR			<b>Worship On-Site &amp; Online</b> at 10:30 AM	NO ARC of Platte County 7 PM • FH	<b>NO Tues AM Bible Study</b> 9 AM • CP
<b>Wednesday Afterschool &amp; JAM Activities</b> 2:30 PM • FH	<u>Sleeping Matt Weaving</u> 1 PM • Room down from Quilting Room			<u>Scheduled Event</u> Noon • CmR		<u>NO CMS Dodgeballers</u> 4 PM • CmR
Al-Anon 5:30 PM • #007	<b>Food Pantry</b> 4 PM			<u>NO 4H Robotics</u> 1 PM • Ald		<b>NO Choir Rehearsal</b> 6 PM • Sanct
<b>Prayer Team</b> 4 PM • Lib	Martial Arts 5:30 PM • #006			<b>NO Teen Alpha</b> 6:30 PM • CmR/YU		<u>NO Boy Scouts #212</u> 6:30 PM • CmR
	Girl Scouts (Hobza) 6 PM • FH			<b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b> 5 PM		<b>Board of Trustees</b> 7 PM • CP
	Support Group 6:15 PM • CP			<b>Christmas Eve Carols, Candles &amp; Brass Service</b> 7 PM		
	NAMI 7 PM • Lib			<b>Christmas Eve Carols &amp; Candles Service</b> 5 PM		

**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 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 24**

8 AM Service  
10:30 AM Service

### Scripture Readings

Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

# The Kids



**Thursday, January 4  
5-8 PM**

This is the rescheduled date from the postponed night from December 14.



**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!

## **Christmas Break Youth Schedule**

Lock In– December 26-27  
(see above for times)

No Youth Group– December 27

Youth Group Resumes– January 3



Youth Choir is back!!!

Practice will be Sundays from  
9:50—10:10 AM at the church.  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall!

For Grades 3-12!

# The “Want” Ads

## Still Seeking Sanctuary Servants for Evening Christmas Eve Services

### 5 PM

Greeters (1)

Ushers (2)

Video Tech (1)

### 7 PM

Advent Wreath Lighters (1)

Communion Assistants (2)

Video Tech (1)

### 11 PM

Greeters (1)

Ushers (3)

Communion Assistants (3)

Advent Wreath Lighters (1)

Participating in our Christmas Eve services is a special way for you and your family to serve! If you are able to help, please contact Lisa in the church office at 402-564-8463 or [lisa.nielsencolumbusfumc.com](mailto:lisa.nielsencolumbusfumc.com) as soon as possible.

## 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!

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**.

## 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.

# 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

## 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

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group listed?  
Contact Lisa  
at 402-564-8463  
or

[lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com](mailto:lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com)!

*\*as scheduled*

# Our Church Family



# HAPPY Anniversary!

## 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 27

Vickie Boss

Denny Kinkaid

Alice Plettner

## December 28

Dayna Driver

Pennie Garretson

Angela King

Nancy Olcott

Tim Olcott

## December 29

Elizabeth Plettner

## December 30

Koen Driver

Nancy Hansen

Alicia Holmberg

## December 31

Mark Davidson

Don Peterson

## December 19

Joe & Tracy Krepel—26 years

2416 31st Street

## December 22

Chad & Chris Gaedeke

3106 36th Street

## December 29

Jeff & Jane Schneider

1754 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## December 31

Chuck & Nadine Kinnison

3433 Lakeview Lane

## January 11

Carl & Sharon Roberts—39 years

26106 Shady Lake Road

## January 14

Ken and Robin Curry—40 years

3780 30th 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 402-564-8463 to let us know.

**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**



## \$crip available for Purchase

Ace Hardware - \$25  
Amazon - **\$10 (\*)**, \$25  
Amigos - \$10  
Applebee's - \$10, \$25  
Arby's - \$5  
Bath & Body Works - \$10  
Bed, Bath, and Beyond - \$10, \$25  
Big Apple Bagel - \$5  
Buckle - \$25  
Burger King - \$10  
Cabela's - \$25  
Casey's - \$25, \$100  
CVS Pharmacy - \$25  
Dairy Queen - \$10  
**Dunkin Donuts - \$25**  
**"NEW"**  
El Tapatio - \$10  
Famous Footwear - \$25  
Godfather's Pizza - \$10  
Hobby Lobby - \$25  
Husker House - \$20  
Hy-Vee - \$25, \$50, \$100  
iTunes - \$15  
J.C. Penney's - \$25  
Kohl's - \$25  
Maurice's - \$20



McDonald's - \$10  
Menard's - \$25, \$50  
Olive Garden - \$25  
Panda Express - \$25  
Panera Bread - \$10  
Papa Murphy's - \$10  
Picket Fence - \$10  
Pizza Hut - \$10  
Pizza Ranch - \$25  
Runza - \$10  
Scooter's - \$10  
**Sephora - \$25 "NEW"**  
Sheels Sporting Goods - \$25  
Stack 'n Steak - \$10  
Starbucks - **\$5 (\*)**, \$10  
Subway - \$10  
Super Saver - \$20, \$50, \$100  
Taco Bell - \$10  
Target - **\$10 (\*)**, \$25  
Tooley Drug - \$10, \$20, \$50  
Under Armor - \$25  
Valentino's - \$10, \$20  
Walgreen's - \$25  
Wal-Mart - **\$10 (\*)**, \$25, \$100  
Wendy's - \$25

**(\*) = 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

[sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com](mailto:sue.overturf@columbusfumc.com)

### Coordinator of Communications & Laity Development

Lisa Nielsen

[lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com](mailto:lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com)

### 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

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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.