



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Our **1st Sunday Potluck for January, 2024** will be a **Soup Cook-Off!** Please contact Lisa in the Church Office if you would like to bring soup so we can get an idea of how many and what kinds of soup to expect. **Manuel Ortiz** currently holds the Golden Ladle Award for Best Soup — who knows where this treasured prize will go next?

We were blessed several years ago with a generous monetary gift to cover the entrée cost for our **1st Sunday Potlucks**. Those funds are now gone, so we're looking for ways to cover this expense. So far, suggestions have included setting out a free-will donation box, holding some sort of fundraiser, and assigning by first initial of last name the type of food to bring (Ex: A-H—entrée item; I-P—side dish item; Q-Z—dessert item). If you have an **idea or preference**, please contact the church.

**Please be advised** that Pastor K's email account has again been cloned by scammers. (Cloning is when scammers take someone's name, create a new address for it and send messages to that individual's contacts.) Pastor K uses ONLY his church email address: [pastor.k@columbusfumc.com](mailto:pastor.k@columbusfumc.com), and only his cell number: 862-246-5846. Any email or text message that has his name but not this email address or text number is NOT HIM. Remember, also, that Pastor K will never email or text asking for money or gift cards.

Lisa

Lay Servant Ministries is a crucial program in the United Methodist Church that enables laypeople to take on leadership roles within the church and engage in meaningful service to the community. Lay servants are individuals who have undergone specialized training and certification to serve in various capacities, such as preaching, leading worship services, teaching Bible studies, mentoring youth, and providing pastoral care.

Through Lay Servant Ministries, the church acknowledges the inherent gifts and talents of its laypeople, fostering a spirit of shared ministry and empowering individuals to use their abilities to serve God and others. By encouraging laypeople to step up and take on leadership roles, the church ensures that its mission of spreading the Gospel and making a difference in the world continues to thrive.

In the Columbus First United Methodist Church's area, we have two candidates, Mr. Rex and Ms. Lisa, who are interested in joining the Lay Servant Ministries. We plan to fully support their spiritual growth and leadership in various ways. Please keep them in your prayers and support them as they work to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Blessings,  
Pastor. K

**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, 12/6 — Tuesday, 12/12

Wednesday December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8	Saturday December 9	Sunday December 10	Monday December 11	Tuesday December 12
<b>UMM Prayer Breakfast</b> 6:30 AM • FH  <b>Wednesday Afterschool &amp; JAM Activities</b> 2:30 PM • FH  AI-Anon 5:30 PM • #007  <u>Robotics (Kitt)</u> 6 PM • RR  <b>Prayer Team</b> 6:30 PM • Lib	Aware 10:30 AM • Marilyn's House  <u>Red Cross Blood Drive</u> Noon • CmR  <b>Food Pantry</b> 4 PM  <b>Grief Share</b> 4 PM  Martial Arts 5:30 PM • #006  Girl Scouts (Hobza) 6 PM • FH  Support Group 6:15 PM • CP  NAMI 7 PM • Lib	<u>Columbus Homeschool</u> 9 PM • CmR/YU  <u>Habitat for Humanity Executive Committee</u> Noon • WR	<b>United Women in Faith Christmas Coffee</b> 9:30 AM • FH	<b>Worship On-Site at 8 AM</b>  <b>Fair Trade Market GA</b>  <b>Worship On-Site &amp; Online at 10:30 AM</b>  <u>4H Robotics</u> 1 PM • Ald  <b>Teen Alpha</b> 6:30 PM • CmR/YU	<b>Crown Villa Bible Study</b> 1 PM • Dining Room  <b>Grief Share</b> 4 PM • Lib  <u>Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors</u> 5 PM • WR  <u>Center for Survivors</u> 5:30 PM • YU  <b>Program Committee Meetings</b> 6:30 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  Survivors of Suicide 7 PM • GA
<b>Blue</b> women's groups  <b>Dark Red</b> men's groups  <b>Green</b> worship	<b>Orange</b> youth  <b>Purple</b> caring ministries  <b>Brown</b> First UMC program/admin mtgs	<b>Pink</b> small groups  <b>Bright Red</b> special events	<b>Bold</b> = First UMC event  <b>Unbold</b> = outside event or community partner  <u>Underlined</u> = at the Outreach Center	<b>Room Key: Church</b>  <b>Sanct</b> Sanctuary <b>BP</b> Backpack Room <b>CR</b> Community Room <b>MR</b> Meditation Room <b>QR</b> Quilter's Room	<b>Room Key: Outreach Center</b>  <b>Ald</b> Aldersgate <b>CP</b> Chapel Parlor <b>FH</b> Fellowship Hall <b>GA</b> Gathering Area <b>Lib</b> Library	<b>RR</b> Robotics Room <b>WR</b> Wesley Room <b>YU</b> Youth Underground

## Upcoming

mark your calendars

**December 9/ UWF Christmas Coffee**

**December 10 / 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**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 10**

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



## Scripture Readings

2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

## Missions & Gifts

# Mission Shares 2023!

### Attitude of Gratitude Story

"I gave my gift card to the young man at Super Saver who was in the parking lot rounding up carts. He wasn't real sure about taking it but he did. It made me feel good. Thanks to the Missions Committee for organizing this project!"

Sandy Fricke



Thank You!!!

45 Start to go!



# \$45,000



Stewardship 2024 Pledge Letters were mailed with your Contribution Statements in early November. Please return to the Church Office by 12/31/2023.

Thank you for your 2024 pledge!

## The gift that keeps on giving.



We're stocked up on Scrip Cards in the office to assist with your holiday gift-giving needs! Come in anytime between 7:30 am and 6 pm to purchase, or on Sunday mornings before and after services.

# The Kids



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

The Youth Mission Team will receive  
10% of all sales and 100% of all tips.



**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](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!

# Our Church Family



# HAPPY Anniversary!

## December 6

Kim Bosak  
Derek Gassman  
Mike Hasselbach  
Pat Hoffman

## December 9

Liz Lash  
Colleen Staack

## December 10

Seulki Choi Lee  
Nicholas Day

## December 12

**Dorothy Gotschall**  
3122 7th Street  
  
Kay Mohr

## 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 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

## 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

**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.**







## \$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**

## 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.