



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Calendar of Events

Complete calendar is on our website:

www.columbusfumc.com & click on Events tab

Brown = program & administrative meetings & events

Green = worship **Blue** = women's groups **Dark Red** = men's groups

Orange = JAM / Youth & studies for all ages

Purple = caring ministries and/or Lenten studies

Pink = additional events / small groups

Black & Italicized = community partnerships and/or events

Bright Red = EXTRA announcements

Underlined = located at our Outreach Center

July 19 — **UMM Prayer Breakfast** / **UWF Retreat** /
Al-Anon / **Prayer Team** / *Driver's Ed*

July 20 — *Red Cross Blood Drive* /
Bible Study (*Meridian Gardens*) / **AWARE** /
First UMC Food Pantry / *Martial Arts* / *PVYP Reh* /
NAMI / *Driver's Ed*

July 21 — *Revolution Theatre Reh*

July 23 — **Worship On-Site at 8 AM** /
Sunday J.A.M. — All Ages /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM /

July 24 — *Revolution Theatre Reh* / **Monday Bible Study** / *PVYP Reh*

July 25 — **Quilters** / **Tues AM Bible Study** /
Revolution Theatre Reh / *PVYP Reh* / **SPRC**

New Daytime **Alpha** Course to begin **Thursday, August 31** with **Taste of Alpha!**

You've heard a lot about how God has used the Alpha Course to touch many hearts in our church and community. Now for the first time we are offering Alpha in the **afternoon!**

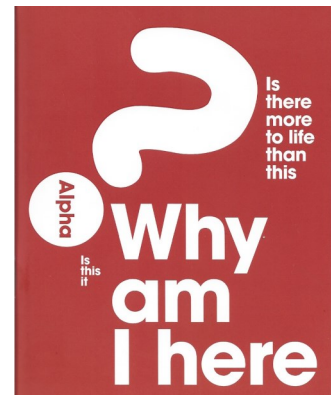
Those who prefer a daytime meeting can come see why so many at First UMC have enjoyed making new friends and growing in their faith during this 11-week small group experience.

You can come see what an Alpha small group meeting looks like on **Thursday, August 31 at 2 PM**. There is *always* food at Alpha...not a full meal this time, since it's in the afternoon, but goodies for sure! AND a video presentation by an inspiring speaker. All this can help you decide if Alpha is for you.

ALL are welcome at Alpha. If you have a friend or neighbor whom you'd like to invite, please do! Please let us know in advance if you plan to come so we have an idea of how many to expect.

FYI: The office is working with Applied Connective to obtain a Columbus First UMC email address for Pastor K. In the meantime, please use **klee@greatplainsumc.org**

You can call the church office at **402-564-8463**
or **Anne Kallesen** at **402-563-1570**
by
Thursday, August 24



Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

August 3-6 / Men's Walk to Emmaus*

August 6 / 1st Sunday

Potluck (We Hope)

Still seeking a host group

for the August Potluck,
but confidence is high! Please
contact Lisa in the Church Office
if your group can help!



August 10-14 / Women's Walk to Emmaus*

August 10 / Salad Lunch

Hosted by First UMC
Missions Committee



August 16 / Youth Kickoff Event

Details forthcoming ...

August 26 / Missy Buchannan

9 AM—11 AM \$20 per person

September 3 /

1st Sunday Potluck

Hosted by United Women in Faith.

September 10 / Rally Day

(Date is tentative; to be confirmed ASAP.)

September 17 / 3rd Grade Bible Sunday

(Date is tentative; to be confirmed ASAP.)

** Both Walk to Emmaus retreats will be held
in Norfolk at the Immaculata Monastery
and Spirituality Center.*

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16

Join us for On-Site Worship at the Church.

Online via Facebook page OR website:

www.columbusfumc.com

Sunday @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM
On-Site Worship at the Church
(10:30 AM Online)

Scripture Readings

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

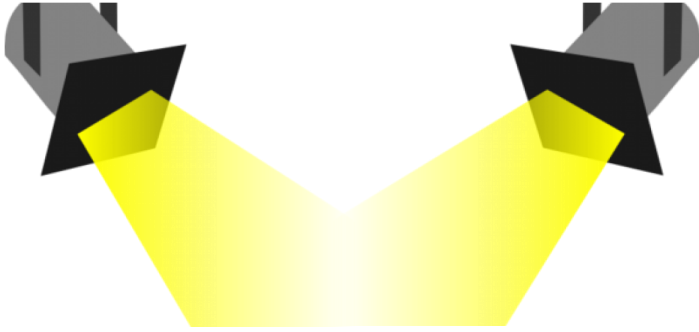


The 2022-2023
First UMC Photo Directories
are nearly ready for print!



More than a year in the making, but hopefully worth the wait! If you are new to our church and have a recent photo individual or family photo you would like to have included, please let Lisa in the church office know ASAP. Also, if you missed the church photographers but have had pictures taken in the meantime, please feel free to submit those for use. (And thanks to everyone for your patience while it was "under construction"!

Coming Soon (con't)



Salad Luncheon!!!

Thursday, August 10

11 AM — 1 PM

First United Methodist Church
2710 14th Street

**Featuring our infamous
HOT CHICKEN SALAD!!!**

Pay at the door!

Adults — \$8

Children under 12 — \$3

Wednesday J.A.M. Youth Season Kick-Off!

Wednesday, August 16 6—8 PM*

**Pawnee Park EAST Shelter
Main Dish Provided
Bring a Side!**

And have an EPIC WATER FIGHT!!!

**Come when you can; leave when you must!*

Missy Buchanan

Saturday, August 26

9 to 11 AM

First United Methodist Church
2710 14th Street



\$20 per person (scholarships available)

For a brochure or more information,
contact the church office at 402-564-8463.

A popular author/writer and speaker on topics of aging and faith, Missy Buchanan's books *Living with Purpose in a Worn-Out Body: Spiritual Encouragement for Older Adults*; *Talking with God in Old Age: Meditations and Psalms*; *Don't Write My Obituary Just Yet: Inspiring Faith Stories for Older Adults*; *Aging Faithfully: 28 Days of Prayer* and *Joy Boosters: 120 Ways to Encourage Older Adults* are all top-sellers for Upper Room Books. She has appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America*, often contributes to "Aging Well" — a column for the United Methodist Reporter, and to www.ministrymatters.org.

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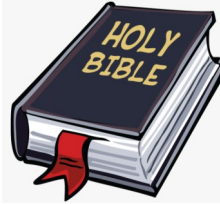
**Columbus First UMC Healthy Congregations
& Care Team, community partners
and individual donors.**

Christian Education, Youth & More

**Sunday,
July 30**



The Youth Mission Team will share their adventures and ministry from Boston at both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services.



**3rd Grader Bible Day
Sunday, Sept, 17
10:30 Service**

Come to J.A.M. at 9:00 AM to learn more about receiving your Bible, as well as explore some special things about your new Bible.



The official start to
the 2023-2024
Sunday J.A.M. season
begins on Rally Day!

Sunday, Sept 10 9:00—10:10 AM

Come meet your JAM Teachers, enjoy some fun and games, and a snack!

**ALPHA
YOUTH**
Series

Alpha

**Youth Alpha
starts with YOU!**

Want to grow closer to God or do you just want to know who God is? Then Alpha is for you! Our first session is starting soon!

Potluck Dinner



**Wednesday J.A.M.
Youth Season Kick-Off!**

Wednesday, August 16 6—8 PM*

Pawnee Park EAST Shelter

- Meat entrée, beverage, and table service provided.
- Bring a side dish to share.
- Parents please don't drop and run ... LOL!! We have *much* to share about some changes coming up for this year concerning our schedule and meals.

**Oh ... and
BE READY FOR AN EPIC WATER FIGHT!!!**

** Come when you can, leave when you must*

Our Church Family



July 18

Stephanie Bourek-Hoyt

July 19

Courtney Hamling
Landon Heule
Gabriel Reuling

July 20

Robin Curry

July 21

Morgan Merrill
Collin Polanco
Aaron Rohde
Jane Schneider
Warren Voorhees
Sylvia Walters

July 22

Corrina Griffiths
Ann-Marie King
Jamie Snyder

July 24

Jose DeLaCruz
Lori Pickinpaugh
Jaden Williams

July 25

Joan Adam

July 26

Sandy Fricke
Sharon Roberts
Randy Rohde

July 27

Brianna Blunck
Michelle Stephan

July 28

Terry Boss
Richard Karlen
Larry Reed

July 29

Judy Cetak

July 30

Cecil Jones

July 31

Colin Flyr
Pat Fowler
Bonnie Summers

HAPPY
Anniversary!

July 20

Korey & Peggy Hobza (10)
19466 340th Street

July 23

Jesse & Haley Timm (7)
7 Timberwood Drive

July 28

Oliver & Jamie Kleckner (11)
615 Gold Street
Schuyler, NE 68661

August 1

Tony & Sandra Carlson (38)
8 Clear Lake

Our Church History

The Tide of Nationalism (1784—1860)

The settlers of the recently established United States were, in a word, feisty. As taken from *200 Years of United Methodism: An Illustrated History*, “these citizens of a budding land bowed to no one.” Evidently an English Methodist Bishop named Thomas Coke made a remark indicating that he thought himself superior to American-born preachers — to which one is reported to have replied, “We think ourselves equal to Doctor Coke and to Doctor Coke’s king.”

Following the Colonies’ acquisition of independence, the very first denomination to organize itself as an American church as the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was founded in Baltimore, Maryland at the end of 1784. One contributing factor for this was that John Wesley insisted that his followers receive the sacraments of baptism and communion from Church of England priests. At the close of the Revolution, few such priests remained in America.

Joseph Pilmore, one of the first two preachers sent by Wesley to America, summed it up concisely: “The chief difficulty we labour under is want of Ordination and I believe we shall be obliged to procure it by some means or other.” Some Methodist preachers in Virginia simply began to ordain one another. This gave Francis Asbury much angst. When he wrote to Wesley with his concerns, John dispatched Thomas Coke and Asbury to be joint superintendents, along with lay preachers Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey, for ministry in American on September 1, 1784.

As Methodism continued to spread further west into the New World over the next 70-plus years, there were many conflicts to work out. For instance, some believed the establishment of seminaries was critically important. Yet one writer of the time couldn’t understand how obvious it was that “three or seven years is too long a period to doom a pious youth to Christian theology.”

But eventually, Methodist seminaries were established — first in New England in 1841, then in Evanston, Illinois in 1854. Stay tuned for our next installment, *The Tide of Idealism (1866-1918)*.

On-Site Worship & J.A.M. Attendance

7/16

Sunday, 8 AM — 46

Sunday J.A.M. — 36

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 85

XYZ Members (in bold) have addresses listed. Send birthday greetings to our 90+ years young members! 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.

Our Missions & Outreach

"CAN **YOU** HELP US?"

**First UMC Blessing Box
& Food Pantry needs 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
Boxed Meals: Tuna Helper/ Mac & Cheese

How does First UMC address food insecurity?

If you or someone you know
is in need of food and/or other supplies,
please check out:

First UMC Blessing Box
Located on east side of OC /
FOOD ADDED DAILY

First UMC Food Pantry
***New* Hours: OPEN THURSDAYS,**
4 to 6 PM or by appointment
(use east entrance of OC)

Platte County Food Pantry Needs:
Oatmeal, Soups, Hand Soap, Laundry Soap

Columbus Rescue Mission Needs:
Laundry detergent, cleaning supplies,
one-pound hamburger rolls

It's Christmas in July!!!

for the **Columbus Rescue Mission!**

The Mission Committee's "Star Trees" are
up, and receiving contributions!

Star Items include ...

- ◆ Kitchen Towels & Rugs
- ◆ Pot Holders & Hot Pads
- ◆ Ziploc® bags (gallon or larger)
- ◆ Dinner Napkins
- ◆ Trash Bags (kitchen & larger)
- ◆ Serving Utensils (large spoons, ladles, etc.)
- ◆ Super Saver & HyVee Gift Cards
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies (cleaners, dish soap, etc.)

Leave items under the tree on Sundays before or
after services. They will be collected and stored
in a secure location each week. Or please feel free
to drop them off in the church office at any time
Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6 PM!



Place your Scrip orders TODAY!

Have **special gift cards** in mind for the
mothers, graduates and engaged couples in
your life? Just call the church office and let
us know what you would like! Calling ahead
helps ensure that we'll have enough of the
most popular requests for everyone.

Thank You for your generosity with monetary donations that have allowed
for food pantry / blessing box food items to be purchased.

Need Shoppers & Volunteers
for Thursdays, 4 to 6 PM at our Outreach Center

Would you like more info? Talk to Rod Supencheck, Janie Schneider and/or Rex Hash.

Worship & Study

Sunday: 8 AM (On-Site at Church)
10:30 AM (On-Site at Church & Online)
Ignite is taking a pause — stay tuned!

Wednesday: 7:30 AM
(On-Site ONLY at Church)

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Time

Sundays @ Church, 9 AM for all ages

AND Sarah's Bible Story on Facebook
& Website @ 9 AM on Sundays

**Wednesdays @ Outreach Center,
2:30 to 8:15 PM**

(see schedule for more info)

***FREE* Sermon By Phone:** **402-205-2469**

Listen to the Sunday message –
updated Sunday mornings by 8 AM



Facebook Page:
First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE



YouTube Channel:
First UMC & Outreach Center
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*Contact the office
for more information!*



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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.