



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023

## Calendar of Events

Complete calendar is on our website:

[www.columbusfumc.com](http://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 26— **UMM Prayer Breakfast** / *Al-Anon* /  
**Prayer Team**

July 27 — *Red Cross Blood Drive* / **Drive-Thru Petition  
Signing** / **Bible Study** (*Meridian Gardens*) /  
*AWARE* / **First UMC Food Pantry** / *Martial Arts* /  
*PVYP Reh* / *Driver's Ed*

July 28 — *Revolution Theatre Reh*

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

July 31 — *Revolution Theatre Reh* /  
**Monday Bible Study** / *PVYP Reh*

August 1 — **Quilters** / **Tues AM Bible Study** /  
*PVYP Reh*

## 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](http://www.ministrymatters.org).

Presented by

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

Please be advised that due to the ongoing air conditioning issue in the Sanctuary, Sunday morning services **MAY BE** relocated. An E-blast will be sent as soon as a final decision has been rendered.

# Coming Soon

## Upcoming

mark your calendars

**August 3-6 /**

**Men's Walk to Emmaus\***

**August 6 / 1st Sunday Potluck**

Thanks to Marilyn Zehring & the Tuesday Morning Bible Study for coming to our rescue as hosts!

**August 10-14 /**

**Women's Walk to Emmaus\***

**August 10 / Salad Lunch**

Hosted by First UMC  
Missions Committee

**August 16 / Youth Kickoff Event**

Potluck dinner at Pawnee Park East Shelter!

**August 26 / Missy Buchanan**

9 AM—11 AM    \$20 per person

**September 3 / 1st Sunday Potluck**

Hosted by United Women in Faith.

**September 10 / Rally Sunday**

The official start to the 2023-2024 Sunday JAM season! Come meet your JAM teachers!

**September 17 /**

**3rd Grade Bible Sunday**

Come to 9 AM JAM to learn more about your new bible!

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

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 30**

Join us for On-Site Worship at the Church.  
Online via Facebook page OR website:  
[www.columbusfumc.com](http://www.columbusfumc.com)

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

**Youth Mission Trip to Boston**  
**Presentation!**



**Scripture Readings**

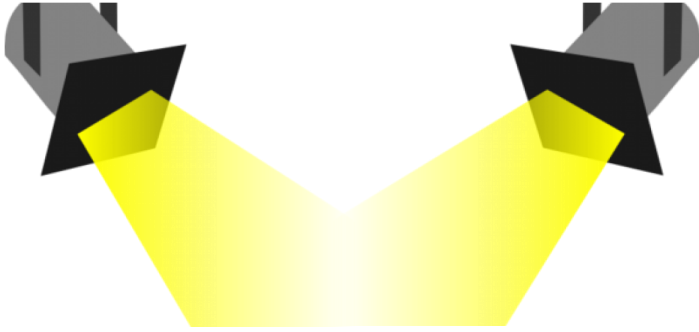
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**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!*

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

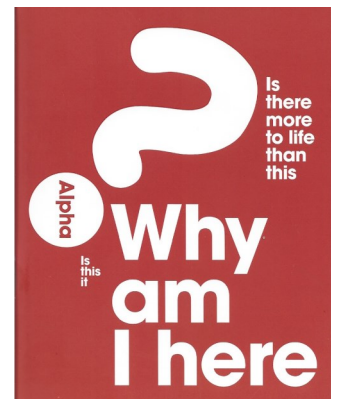
You've heard a lot about how God has used the Alpha Course to touch many hearts in our church and community. Now for the first time we are offering Alpha in the **afternoon!**

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.

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

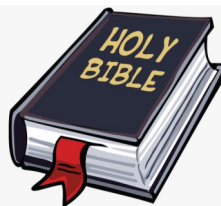


# Christian Education, Youth & More

**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 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.

**Activity: A WATER WAR!!!**

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



# Our Church Family



## July 25

Joan Adams

## July 26

Sandy Fricke  
Sharon Roberts  
Randy Rohde

## July 27

Brianna Blunk  
Michelle Stephan

## July 28

Terry Boss  
Richard Karlen  
Larry Reed  
Stephanie Bourek-Hoyt

## July 29

Judy Cetak

## July 30

Cecil Jones

## July 31

Colin Flyr  
Pat Fowler  
Bonnie Summers

## August 3

Gayle Callan  
Trevor Fricke  
Nancy Hanna

## August 4

Gary Abbott  
Oliver Kleckner

## August 5

Lynn Wemhoff  
Kevin Whited

## August 6

Chad Gernstein

## July 28

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

## August 1

Tony & Sandra Carlson (38)  
8 Clear Lake

## August 3

Tom & Sue Burton (49)  
2705 35th Street

Troy & Patti Holmberg (21)  
PO Box 383  
Leigh, NE 68643

## August 4

Jeff & Jenny Claborn (39)  
508 Apache Street

## August 5

Kyle & Felicia Hein (6)  
30166 190th Avenue

## August 6

Justin & Chris King (35)  
319 S 3rd Street

Doug & Linette Molczyk (35)  
2870 N Park Lane

## August 7

Sean & Nicole Wetgen (13)  
34380 235th Avenue  
Platte Center, NE 68653

## August 8

David & Ann Dales (53)  
2913 33rd Street

Keith & Katie Ferris (15)  
44131 State Hwy 22  
Monroe, NE 68647

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 Church History

## The Tide of Idealism (1865—1918)

As one would expect, Methodism was not exempt from the aftereffects of the Civil War. *200 Years of United Methodism: An Illustrated History* tells us that “two kinds of idealism irradiated the American spirit” in the years that followed the War between the States. “Southern idealism worshiped at the shrine of departed glory, northern idealism at the shrine of approaching glory.” Southern sentiment was nostalgic; northern was progressive — visualizing “a material and moral progress marching in lock step toward the kingdom of God in America. This was the genesis of the belief that “American might and Christian right were leading the procession to God’s kingdom.”

Prior to moving forward with this vision, however, the Methodist, United Brethren and Evangelical churches in the newly re-United States had to help shore up the hard feelings the Civil War had left behind. To this end, two dozen ministers and a dozen laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church-South met in Palmyra, Missouri in June of 1965. Following this meeting, they issued this statement: “We consider the maintenance of our separate and distinct ecclesiastical organization as of paramount importance and our imperative duty.” Between the lines, this read that they believed “northern Methodist preachers had ‘become political hucksters instead of gospel ministers.’” This narrative continues in multiple and varying forms today.

But despite these differences, the work of the church in the early Reconstruction years, both north and south consisted strongly of further expanding the church’s geographical reach, particularly west, and reopening colleges that had to close during the war years.

At the close of Reconstruction, worship in these three ecumenical denominations had become “less spontaneous and more staid, although it was primarily Methodists who took steps to introduce formal orders of Sunday worship.” (Well, we were originally coined “Methodists” due to our founders’ devoted fixation on method!)

Stay tuned for the next column,  
***The Tide of Pluralism (1919-1984).***

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

**7/23**

**Sunday, 8 AM — 40**

**Sunday J.A.M. — 37**

**Sunday, 10:30 AM — 120**

# 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

### **Facebook Page:**

First UMC & Outreach Center  
Columbus, NE

**Instagram:** Firstumccolumbusne

### **YouTube Channel:**

First UMC & Outreach Center  
Columbus, NE



## Church Staff

### **Senior Pastor**

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Martha Davidson

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### **Front Desk Volunteers**

*Contact the office  
for more information!*

## **Columbus First United Methodist Church**

**[www.columbusfumc.com](http://www.columbusfumc.com)**

**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.

