



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, August 22, 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

August 23 — **UMM Prayer Breakfast /**  
**Wednesday J.A.M.!** / *Al-Anon* / **Prayer Team** /

August 24 — *Red Cross Blood Drive* /  
**Bible Study** (*Meridian Gardens*) / *AWARE* /  
**First UMC Food Pantry** / *Martial Arts* /  
*Girl Scouts (Hobza)*

August 26 — **Aging Well with Missy Buchanan**

August 27 — **At the OC! Worship On-Site at 8 AM /**  
**Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM**

August 28 — **First UMC Blood Drive**

August 22— **Quilters** / **Tues AM Bible Study** /  
*CMS Dodgeballers* / *Boy Scouts (Pack 212)*

**Don't miss**  
**Missy Buchanan**  
**this Saturday!!!**



**Saturday**  
**August 26**  
**9 to 11 AM**  
In Fellowship Hall

**Call the Church Office or**  
**Martha Davidson to register!**

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.

**GROW Men will meet**  
**Tuesday, Sep 5 at 6:00**  
**PM at the Downtown**  
**Church Fellowship Hall**  
**for dinner and special**  
**program by Jeff Page**  
**on "Trips to Malawi,**  
**Africa". All are welcome.**

# Coming Soon

## Upcoming

mark your calendars

### August 26 / **Missy Buchannan**

9 AM—11 AM

### 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!

### September 30 / October 1

### **Camp Fontanelle Annual Fundraiser**

(Saturday, 9/30)

### **and Fontanelle Fall Fest**

(Sunday, 10/1)

### Saturday is the Cornhole Tournament!

Doubles — 6 games guaranteed  
\$40 per team

Registration starts at 11 AM;  
Playing begins at 12 PM

### Sunday is the Fall Fest!

Craft/Vendor Fair; Food; Corn Maze;  
Petting Barn; Pumpkins; Zip Line

**Admission:** \$15-adults; \$10-kids 12 and under

Worship at 3:30 PM with Bishop David Wilson  
Dinner at 5 PM (advanced ticket purchase required)

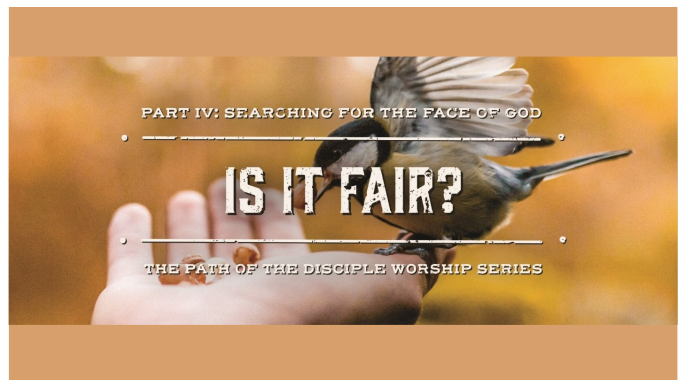
**Dinner Speaker:** Bob Kahle

Director of Great Plains Camping Ministries

## Worship

### Sunday, August 27 at the Outreach Center!

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ All Sunday JAM sessions
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



## Scripture Readings

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

## Community Happenings

### **"God's Work; Our Hands: A Community Spaghetti Dinner"**

**Sunday Night, September 10**  
**5 to 7 PM @ St. John's by Shell Creek**  
**10785 280th Street**

(4 1/2 miles east off Monastery Road)

**No charge; free will offering will go to  
the Platte County Food Pantry.**

**Bounce houses ... kiddie train ride ...  
fun for the whole family!**

## Coming Soon (con't)

### The MMDC Trip to Chatham, Illinois is Coming Up in September!

Participants depart on **Sept. 10**, work the 11-13, and return to Columbus on 9/14.

This year's participants are Steve and Donna Davis, Rich and Cindy Rohde, Bob Williams, Dick Breuer, Bev Weil, Denny and Dee Kinkaid, and Gwen Murcek. We are collecting the following donation items for the team to take with them when they go:

- ♦ Toothpaste (2.5 oz or larger)
- ♦ Hand Towels
- ♦ Wash Cloths
- ♦ Flannel fabric by the yd. for diapers and receiving blankets (no camo, hand prints, foot prints or paw prints)
- ♦ Liquid Laundry Soap\*
- ♦ Liquid Dish Soap\*
- ♦ Rulers (12" w/metric)
- ♦ Colored Pencils (12-pk)
- ♦ Scissors (student size)

*\*any size*

**Please return all donated items to the Church Office by 6 PM on Thursday, September 7!**

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

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 over this 11-week small group experience.

Come see what an Alpha small group meeting looks like on **Thursday, August 31** at **2 PM**. There's *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. Then you can decide if Alpha is for you!



Call the  
church office at  
**402-564-8463**  
or **Anne Kallesen** at  
**402-563-1570** by

**Thursday,  
August 24**

## What's New



### **Ideas on How to Reduce and Reuse**

#### **Think Green Before You Shop**

Combine several small trips into one big trip to help reduce pollutants and greenhouse gasses.

#### **Reduce Your Food Waste**

Shop smart. Buy what you need, compost food scraps, and donate unused food to food banks or shelters. It's a great way to reduce your environmental impact.

#### **Reuse or Repurpose Items**

Donate old clothing, reuse cloth grocery bags and containers to prevent waste.

#### **Buy Used Items**

This cuts back on the emissions produced by manufacturers and reduced the number of items sent to landfills.

#### **Donate Items You Don't Plan To Use**

"But it's still good!" Only if you're using it. If you donate it, it will be good for someone else!

#### **Buy Products Made of Recycled Content**

Check labels to see if a product or its packaging is made from recycled materials.

#### **Know Before You Throw**

Check with your local recyclers to know what and how they accept recyclables. Many people think you have to sort your items — but that's not always the case.

**Please remember to retrieve  
your Salad Luncheon and  
First Sunday Potluck dishes  
from the alcove next to the  
Fellowship Hall!**

### **If you give a mouse a cookie...**

The project that began with painting Pastor K's office turned into several painting projects! The entire office areas are now refreshed and the church library is also painted (and has some new furnishings!). We are thankful to have accomplished so much and many hands played a key role!

Thank you, painters: **Denene Owens, Dick Breuer, Chuck Kinnison, Doug Kallesen, Rich Snyder, Gordon Kosch, Miki Naylor, Tracy Krepel, and Jackie Pope!** Also, thanks for providing snacks, drinks, and lunch: **Sue Overturf, Bev Weil and Anne Kallesen!** And hats off to the staff and others that helped move furniture, etc. out of the way: **Rex Hash, Lisa Nielsen, Sue Overturf, Sarah Borgman, Elisha Maxwell, and Jim Hanna!**

Thank you for serving in mission to our church! Your Trustees are very grateful!



# Christian Education, Youth & More



Sunday JAM will be held at the Outreach Center in August due to no air conditioning at the church.

Classroom locations will be posted throughout the building.

**Sundays: 9:00—10:10 AM**



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!



**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. Fundraisers will begin soon!

Join us this week for our first  
**Wednesday J.A.M**  
of the 2023/2024 season!

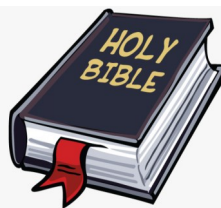
2:30 PM — Afterschool Program

5 PM to 6:30 PM — Meal

6:45 PM to 7:15 PM — Worship

7:15 PM to 8 PM—J.A.M Groups

**Everyone is welcome —  
hope to see you there!**



**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.

**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!

# Our Church Family



## August 22

Lora Lighter  
William Novak

## August 24

Mark Benne  
Justin Sorenson

## August 25

Damon Hanson  
Nash Henk  
Zaylee Jarosz

## August 26

Dominick Henk  
Kelsey Jarosz  
Chuck Kinnison  
Bonnie Schroeder  
Trevor Wetgen  
Jordan Williams

## August 27

Oritha Loveless  
Lauren Mueller  
Lacey Salak  
Riley Salak  
Tim Swearingen

## August 28

Schuyler Condon  
Dave Merrill  
Tammy Riley

## August 30

Carlie Kuehler  
Brian Nelson

## August 31

Victoria Dannelly  
Angie Luebbe  
Jana Schindler

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

## August 18

Bruce/Connie Schneider (45)  
1967 E Camino Real

## August 20

Patrick & Jackie Pope (46)  
324 SE Calle Colombo

## August 21

Bob & Shirley Walgren (68)  
4607 Hillcrest Drive

## August 24

Jon & Sharon Hiemer (38)  
1505 7th Street

## August 25

Doug & Dorothy Olson (39)  
662 4th Avenue

## August 27

Matt & Nicole Konz (12)  
3586 Brookfield Drive

## August 29

Dennis & Jan Inselman (53)  
2511 Muirfield Place

## August 31

Jim & Tania Stahl (10)  
2763 40th Avenue

## Searching for the following items ...

The Youth are looking for a new **ping pong table at the OC**. (Our old one has been removed because it had become unsafe.) Ping-pong is a highlight for Wednesday nights, lock-ins and other special events. **Requirements:** cheap/free; good, sturdy condition; easy to fold up/move. If you have or see something that might work, please contact Sarah Borgman or the church office.

The Office is seeking **plant pots** (no wider than 8 1/2" bases). Our windowsill plants are outgrowing their current homes! And if anyone has a **BIG floor pot** they would like to get rid of, our aloe vera plant has become enormous. It would like some more growing room! Please call the office if you have or see something that might work for us.

## **OC On-Site Worship for Sunday, 8/20**

**8 AM — 42**

**10:30 AM — 110**

**Total Worshipers: 152!**

*(Plus J.A.M. attendees, to be reported in next issue.)*

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**

**1st Sunday Potluck dates  
still unclaimed ...**

Many thanks to the  
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible  
Study for offering to host our  
August 6th 1st Sunday Potluck!

**We still need hosts for**  
**Sunday, November 5**  
**and**  
**Sunday, December 3**

If your Sunday School class, Small Group or  
Committee would like to help, please  
contact Lisa Nielsen in the Church Office.



**Place your Scrip orders TODAY!**

Have **special gift cards** in mind for the  
special people 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.

## 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!**

**FYI: Due to an issue with the air  
conditioning unit that cools our Sanctuary,  
all regular Sunday morning worship  
activities have been relocated to our  
Outreach Center for the month of August.**

## Outreach Center Worship

**Wednesday Nite JAM — 6:45 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

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### Volunteer Parish Nurse

Martha Davidson

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### 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.