



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, August 29, 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

August 30 — UMM Prayer Breakfast /
Wednesday J.A.M.! / *Al-Anon* / **Prayer Team** /

August 31 — Red Cross Blood Drive /
Bible Study (*Meridian Gardens*) / **AWARE** /
First UMC Food Pantry / *Martial Arts* /

September 3 — At the OC! Worship On-Site at 8 AM /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM
First Sunday Potluck! Hosted by UWF — hot dogs,
with all the fixin's!

September 4 — Church and OC Closed for Labor Day

September 5 — Quilters / **Tues AM Bible Study /**
CMS Dodgeballers / **GROW Men**



Air Conditioning Status

Our Board of Trustees is working diligently to have the West Side air conditioning unit at the church replaced, and wish to thank the many people who have contributed toward replenishing the Peg Jeffres Emergency Maintenance Fund.

While all remain hopeful that the replacement can take place as soon as possible, there are many factors that will affect the timeline such as supply chain issues: re acquiring parts and the schedule availability of the companies or contractors who will handle the installation.

The Board of Trustees will continue to keep us apprised on any new information as they receive it, and they greatly appreciate everyone's patience.

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

Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

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

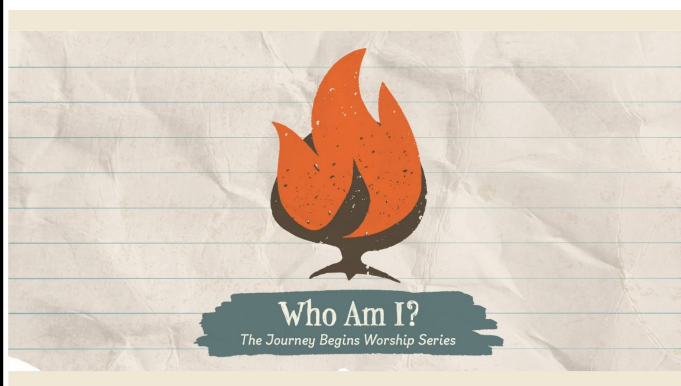
Director of Great Plains Camping Ministries

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

Worship

Sunday, September 3

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service
- ♦ First Sunday Potluck



Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

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)



Reduce Reuse Recycle

Why is recycling listed last? Because it's the weakest link. If we, especially as Christians, want to have a beneficial effect on creation by limiting physical waste and pollution, the best action we can take is to reduce the amount of waste we produce in the first place.

Where we can't avoid producing waste, we can make an effort to re-imagine the possibilities of what we are about to throw out. Instead, we can reuse it.

Recycling should be the last resort. The action we choose when we can't avoid producing waste and we can't reuse that waste, but we still want to dispose of it responsibly.

Recycling is not a bad option, just not the best. When we're done with something, we throw it out. Throwing away resources that can be recycled back into the economy is poor stewardship and a poor witness to the world.

Churches can recycle effectively. They have a lot to recycle: paper bulletins, plastic drink cups, water bottles, ink cartridges, and so on.

In the near future you will be seeing different recycle containers around the church for recycling within the church only. Educational materials and posters will also help you to identify what is recyclable and where it should be placed.

If you have any questions or comments, contact the church office and they will direct you to the proper channels to answer your recycling questions, or how to start a recycling program of your own at home.

*This information is brought to you by
the Christian Social Witness group.*

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!

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 for

Wednesday J.A.M

of the 2023/2024 season!

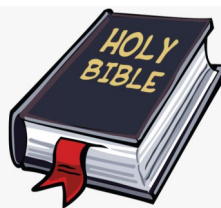
2:30 PM — Afterschool Program

5:30 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



HAPPY Anniversary!

August 30

Carlie Kuehler
Brian Nelson

September 8

Sarah Borgman
Darla Schiefelbein

August 29

Dennis & Jan Inselman — 53 years
2511 Muirfield Place

August 31

Victoria Dannelly
Angie Luebbe
Jana Schindler

September 9

Brent Hogeland

September 10

Max Becker
Scott Borgman
Hallie Henk
Mark Merrill

August 31

Jim & Tania Stahl — 10 years
2763 40th Avenue

September 1

Collin Anderson
Layla Westring

September 1

Ric & Sherry Karlin — 33 years
2775 North Park Lane

September 2

Jason Trotter

September 11

Phyllis Sladek

September 2

Reeve & Sarah Cunningham — 28 years
PO Box 222
Platte Center, NE 68653-0222

September 3

Ron Callan
Deb Meek
Jamie Smedley

September 12

Patrick Kuehler
John Shannon

September 3

Kelly & Jana Schindler — 40 years
3385 53rd Avenue

September 4

Susan Whited

September 14

John Heule
Graeme Mueller
Jeff Naylor
Chris Thoms

September 4

Duane & Laurie Fluckiger — 30 years
PO Box 155
Duncan, NE 68634

September 5

Chris Cook

September 15

Amanda Andel
Ava Blaser
Mya Blaser
Beth French
Brock Grube

September 5

Julian & Amy Polanco — 8 years
4817 35th Street

September 6

Dennis Cetak
Chris Gaedeke
Shelly Kosch
Bruce Mueller

September 7

Nicole Lovelace
Jessica Sebade

September 7

Rich & Jamie Snyder — 49 years
126 Lakeshore Drive

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

**Thank You,
UMM/GROW Men**

for offering to host the
Sunday, November 5
1st Sunday Potluck!

That leaves only
Sunday, December 3
to fill, but it will be here
before we know it!

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



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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.