



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, August 8, 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 9 — **UMM Prayer Breakfast / Salad Luncheon Set-Up** / *Al-Anon* / **Prayer Team** / **Praise in the Park Reh**

August 10 — **Salad Luncheon** / *Revolution Theatre Reh / Red Cross Blood Drive* / **Bible Study** (*Meridian Gardens*) / *AWARE* / **Memorial Committee** / **First UMC Food Pantry** / *Martial Arts* / *PVYP (Dress & Make-Up)*

August 12 — **Praise in the Park Reh**

August 13 — **At the OC:** **Worship On-Site at 8 AM** / **Praise in the Park** (*Frankfort Square*) / **Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM**

August 14— *Habitat for Humanity* / *Center for Survivors* / **Program Committees & Discipleship Team Mtgs**

August 15— **Quilters** / **Tues AM Bible Study** / **Board of Trustees**

Salad Luncheon this Thursday!
Still need a few salads and a few more sets of hands ... Can you help? Call the Church Office at #402-564-8463

Community Happenings

Columbus Days

Thursday, August 10—Sunday, August 15
Salad Luncheon—Thursday, 11 AM—2 PM

Praise in the Park—Sunday, 9:15 AM

Popcorn Tent—Sunday afternoon during the Columbus Days Parade

Platte Valley Youth Players presents "Dorothy and The Wizard"

Wednesday Night,

7 PM @ Federated Church

FREE ADMISSION!

Thursday Night, 8:45(ish) in Frankfort Square (immediately following the Community Band Concert). Still FREE!

Columbus Rescue Mission Open House

Friday, August 11, Noon—3 PM

Come enjoy grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and a tour of this important community facility that so many Columbus citizens have helped to make happen!

Sunday, August 13

8 AM Service

All Sunday JAM sessions

AND

10:30 AM Service

are at the Outreach Center!

Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

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 Buchannan

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!

September 30 /

Camp Fontanelle Annual Fundraiser

Fontanelle Fall Fest Cornhole Tournament!

Doubles—6 games guaranteed

\$40 per team; registration starts at 11 AM;
playing at 12 PM

October 1 /

Fontanelle Fall Fest

Craft/Vendor Fair; Food; Corn Maze;

Petting Barn; Pumpkins; Zip Line

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 13
at the Outreach Center!**

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



Scripture Readings

Romans 10:5-15 and
Matthew 14:22-33

**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)

Missy Buchanan

Saturday, August 26

9 to 11 AM

First United Methodist Church

2710 14th Street



**Call the Church Office or Martha Davidson
to reserve your spot!**

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.**



Board of Trustees Report on the Air Conditioning Status

by Gordon Kosch

Approximately three weeks ago, we experienced a power outage that affected both the Church and the Outreach Center. When the power was restored, we had three air conditioning units that were no longer working at the Outreach Center. While we were able to fix one unit, we had to replace the other two. The approximate cost for this is \$12,000.

A few days later, the compressor for the unit that cools the Sanctuary at the Church failed. The cost to replace this compressor would be \$15,000. The Board of Trustees has determined that this would not be a practical course of action because the unit is 20-plus years old and we continue to experience problems with the heating side of it each winter. We decided that a better choice would be to replace the unit at a cost of \$40,000.

While the Church has money to cover this expense in the Peg Jeffreys Emergency Maintenance Fund, this expenditure will substantially deplete the fund's balance. As such, we're asking for your help to replenish it. Please prayerfully consider a donation toward this endeavor. Shelly and I are pledging \$5,000 to jump-start this effort. Together, we can help ensure that the next unexpected yet essential repair or replacement expense can be met.

Coming Soon (con't)

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

They'll 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:

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



Updated First UMC Recycling Information is forthcoming!

Keep watch in the coming weeks for items like new table tents, simplified recycling bin signage and other tips on how you can help First UMC-Columbus be a good steward of our beautiful God-given earth and its many abundant resources! The **Three Rs** — **Reduce**, **Reuse** and **Recycle** — will help lead the way. If or when recycling seems overwhelming, just remember — it's not about everyone doing absolutely everything that could possibly be done. It's about everyone doing WHAT THEY CAN!

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

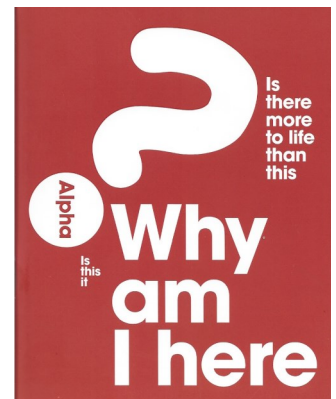
You've heard a lot about how God has used the Alpha Course to touch many hearts in our church and community. Now for the first time we are offering Alpha in the **afternoon!**

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



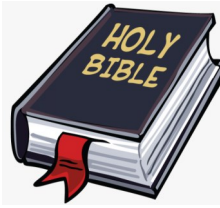
Christian Education, Youth & More



Sunday 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



**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!



**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!



**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!

**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



August 8

John Gernstein
Haley Patchen
Haley Timm

August 9

Makiaya DeLaCruz
Renee DeLaCruz
Lureta Dierberger
1704 L Street, Apt. 302
Aurora, NE 68818
Joshua Fricke
Jackie Harnisch
Karleigh Hobza

August 10

Sadie Luebbe
Cyndi Makovicka
Taylor Moore

August 11

Dennis Worden

August 12

Jessie Nelson

August 13

Kaye Joslyn
Linda Kretchman
Caiden Sorenson

August 14

Melody Avila
Phyllis Blaser
Noah Degn
Mary Plettner

August 16

Ben Cunningham
Lexi Hajek
Kenzie Harnisch
Nancy Patras

August 8

David & Ann Dales (53)
2913 33rd Street

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

August 9

Todd & Beth Kurtenbach (37)
4009 31st Street

August 10

Dick & Patti Luebbe (55)
3416 50th Street

August 12

Edward & Leta Greene (51)
#2 Beaver Lodge Road

August 13

Bob & Becky Shepherd
3513 17th Street

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

Dear First UMC members,

Thank you so much for the prayers, texts, calls, cards and visits during my shoulder incident. I send my gratitude to the quilters for the beautiful quilt I received. The special food treats were enjoyed so much! It is such a blessing to belong to this very loving and caring church.

Deb Meek & family

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 & J.A.M. Attendance

8/6

Sunday, 8 AM — 54

Sunday J.A.M. — 35

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 121

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.

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



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Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*

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2710 14th Street
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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.

