



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Thursday, September 26, 2023

This Week at a Glance: Wednesday, 9/27 — Tuesday, 10/2

Wednesday September 27	Thursday September 28	Friday September 29	Saturday September 30	Sunday October 1	Monday October 2	Tuesday October 3
UMM Prayer Breakfast 6:30 AM • FH Souper Soups Mtg 9:30 AM • GA Wednesday Afterschool 2:30 PM • CmR Wednesday Nite Meal 5:30 PM • CmR Wednesday Nite JAM 6:45 • WR Missions Committee Souper Soups Mtg 4 PM • GA <i>Al-Anon</i> 5:30 PM • #007 <i>Robotics (Kitt)</i> 6 PM • RR Prayer Team 6:30 PM • Lib	<i>Red Cross Drive</i> 10:30 AM • CmR AWARE Noon • ZOOM Afternoon Alpha 2 PM • FH First UM Food Pantry 4 PM — 6 PM <i>Martial Arts</i> 5:30 PM • #006	<i>Columbus Homeschoolers</i> 9 AM — 1 PM • CmR <i>Habitat for Humanity</i> Noon • WR	<i>Girl Scouts (Nickels)</i> 6 PM (thru Sunday at 8 AM) • CmR Worship On-Site at 8 AM Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM <i>Robotics (Kitt)</i> 1 PM — 4 PM • RR	<i>Girl Scouts (Nickels)</i> Gone by 8 AM • CmR Worship On-Site at 8 AM Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM <i>Robotics (Kitt)</i> 1 PM — 4 PM • RR	Crown Villa Bible Study 1 PM • Dining Room) Grief Share 4 PM — 5:30 PM • Lib	Quilters 9 AM • Quilter's Rm Tues AM Bible Study 9 AM • CP OPS Meeting Noon • WR <i>CMS Dodgeballers</i> 4 PM • CmR Choir Rehearsal 6 PM • WR <i>NO Boy Scouts #212</i> 6:30 PM • CmR SPRC Meeting 7 PM • CP

Blue
women's groups

Dark Red
men's groups

Green
worship

Orange
youth

Purple
caring ministries

Brown
First UMC program/admin mtgs

Pink
small groups

Bright Red
special events

Bold = First UMC event
Unbold = special event or community partnership
Underlined = at the Outreach Center

Room Key: Downtown Church
CP Chapel Parlor
FH Fellowship Hall
GA Gathering Area
Lib Library
Sanct Sanctuary

Room Key: Outreach Center
BP Backpack Room
CR Community Room
MR Meditation Room
QR Quilter's Room
RR Robotics Room
WR Wesley Room
YU Youth Underground

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and MORE!

Please Note:

All October Sunday Morning Worship Services will remain at the **Outreach Center**. We will keep you apprised as to when we can look forward to returning downtown!

Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

September 30 / October 1

Camp Fontanelle Annual Fundraiser

(Saturday, 9/30)

and Fontanelle Fall Fest

(Sunday, 10/1)

October 1 / 1st Sunday Potluck

Host: Board of Trustees

Entrée: Pizza Ranch Fried Chicken

October 14 / Fall Craft Fair

Contact Sarah Borgman at

sarah.borgman@fumc.com

for information on how YOU
can become a vendor!

Seek Stillness UWF Fall Retreat

Contact Jackie Pope at

jacalynpope@gmail.com

for more information.

October 18 / UMW Circles

Good Morning: 9:30 AM

Friendship: Noon

Eve: 1:30 PM

October 29 / Youth Baked Potato Bar

& Fall Family Festival

Following 10:30 worship at the OC.

November 5 / 1st Sunday Potluck

Host: UMM/Grow Men

Entrée: TBD

November 16 / Souper Soups!

See **page 5** For more information.

Worship

**Sunday, October 1
at the Outreach Center!**

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32



FALL SERVICE DAYS 2023

Join us for any or all of our fall service days. In September help get the site ready for our Fontanelle Fall Fest and opening of the corn maze. In November you'll help get the site ready for winter.

September 9th and 23rd 9am

Come when you can,
leave when you must!

November 4th 9am

There are always a variety of tasks to complete, both outdoor and indoor, so you can choose what works best for you. Just check in at Riverview Lodge to see the list and choose your job.

If you have work gloves or tools please bring them as camp has a limited number available.

Lunch is provided

Questions? Contact the office 402-478-4296
or email Ryan.rsiver@greatplainsumc.org

Committee and Small Group Opportunities

Program Committees

Christian Social Witness

[Day, Date, Time] • Jamie Snyder, [Phone, Email]

Education

[Day, Date, Time] • [NAME] – [Phone, Email]

Evangelism

[Day, Date, Time] • Liz Lash – [Phone, Email]

Missions

[Day, Date, Time] • Jane Schneider – [Phone, Email]

Worship

[Day, Date, Time] • Alan Danforth – [Phone, Email]

Small Groups

United Women in Faith Circles

[Circle Name]

[Day, Date, Time] • Jamie Snyder, [Phone, Email]

[Circle Name]

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United Methodist Men

GROWMen

Under Construction !

Columbus First UMC News

Seek Stillness at the Prairie Rivers District UWF Fall Retreat

It's hard to imagine, but people in the 21st Century receive more audio/visual images in **ONE DAY** than someone living 100 years ago would have received in a lifetime. Our electronic devices, based on our information search history, ask us to respond to questions we never intended to ask.

While our relationship with God should be the most important in our lives, how often does it get lost in the audial and visual noise that drowns all of our senses on a daily basis? These distractions are **REAL**—and they aren't going anywhere soon.

If you find yourself longing for some quiet, undistracted time to focus on God, plan to attend the **Prairie Rivers District UWF Fall retreat, "Seek "Stillness"** on **October 14** at the **Wood River First United Methodist Church** from **9 AM to 3 PM**. Cost is **\$8**; carpooling available.

We will also give our **Della Lamb** offering that weekend. (This organization, located in Kansas City Missouri, focuses on early education, refugee services, social services and youth services.) Contact **Brooke Seams** at seamsbrooke@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

Now collecting In-Kind Gifts for Epworth Village

For Foster Kids

- ♦ Colorful 1" to 1 1/2" 3-ring binders (used to make life books for each foster child)
- ♦ Birthday Cards for teenagers (store bought or handmade)
- ♦ Gift cards to include with birthday cards (\$10 to \$15 increments) to WalMart, etc.
- ♦ Deodorant (for teenage boys and girls)

For Foster Homes

- ♦ WalMart or Casey's gift cards
- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ Cleaning Supplies
- ♦ Snacks to keep in the car for kids during travels (crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars, other non-perishables)
- ♦ Bottled Water

You can bring donations to the Church Office any time Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6 PM from now thru Thursday, October 12.

Our MMDC Volunteers Thank First UMC for Support and Assistance!

While there was definitely plenty of work, reportedly there was also much joy experienced on the First UMC-Columbus's 2023 Mission Trip to Chatham, Illinois earlier this month.

"It affected our hearts deeply to see so much love in action," said **Dee Kinkaid**, one of our First UMC participants. "We got to observe the blessing and send-off of an entire semitrailer full of supplies to Guatemala. That shipment alone was worth nearly \$150,000 "

Participants spent three days repairing bikes (12), building desks (9), packing bed packs (200), assembling personal dignity kits (100), counting vitamin packs to include with meal packs, counting donated items into inventory (baby sweaters, baby layette blankets, hygiene cloth bags, diapers, dust masks, quilts of love, girl outfits) and taping the lids of shampoo and other liquid items shut for transport and compiling information packets for distribution at the North Central Bishop's Assembly.

Our congregation contributed the following items to the trip: 11 laundry detergent jugs, 14 dish washing soaps, 6 Clorox cleaners, 3 tubes Desitin ointment, 22 rulers, 13 toothpastes, 45 colored pencil packs, 20 child scissors, 17 flannel pieces, 25 wash clothes, 12 hand towels, 51 crayon packs, 20 combs, 25 spiral notebooks, 2 letter openers, 8 sponges, 12 quilts of love, 11 girl outfits, 1 treadle sewing machine with cabinet, 1 portable sewing machine, \$250 from GROWMen, \$500 from UMM and other monetary gifts given by individuals.

Participants were **Dick Breuer, Steve & Donna Davis, Denny & Dee Kinkaid, Gwen Murcek, Rich & Cindy Rohde, Bev Weil and Bob Williams.**

The “Want” Ads

Mark your calendars ... **Souper Soups** is coming!

Thursday, 9/16, and destined to be
bigger and better than ever!

We're serving both lunch and dinner this year! Between that and our bake sale, we need to have all our goodie bakers, decadent dessert makers and dining room movers and shakers signed up and on deck!

Sandwich makers and **dessert cutters** start in the morning. Throughout the day, we'll also need **sandwich and dessert room runners**, as well as **staff for the dining room and bake sale areas**. **Meal times** are **11 AM to 2 PM** and **3:30 PM to 7:30 PM**.

Contact Lisa in the Church Office
402-564-8463 or

lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com
to let us know how you can help!

There's still a few vendor spots available
for the October 14 Craft Fair!

- \$10 deposit per table (Due with your registration, but is refundable if you cancel within 3 days of the event)
- 10% of sales will be collected prior to vendors' departure from OC.

Contact Sarah Borgman at 402-270-2372 or
sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com to participate!

Pie Sales! October 4—25

**Apple, Dutch Apple (crumb topping),
Pumpkin or Pecan.** Talk to Sarah
Borgman or any First UMC youth to
place your order.

Calling All Instrumentalists!

Christmas Eve will be here before we know it!
If you would like to play for the 7 PM
Christmas Eve service, contact Rex Hash
at rex.hash@columbusfumc.com.

Advent Worship Leaders

We need individuals or families to light the
Advent wreath and read the accompanying
scripture and prayer for each of the following
Advent Sundays:

December 3 • 8AM and 10:30 AM
December 10 • 8AM and 10:30 AM
December 17 • 8AM and 10:30 AM
December 24 • 8AM and 10:30 AM

Sign-up sheets will be available at all
worship services as of **October 15**, or you can
call the church office to reserve your date and
time. This is an excellent opportunity for you or
you and your family to live out and lead with
your faith at this, the most wonderful time of
the year.

United Women in Faith now collecting the following items to donate at their fall retreat ...

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- ♦ Colorful 1" to 1 1/2" 3-
ring binders (used to
make life books for
each foster child)
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teenagers (store
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Our Church Family



HAPPY Anniversary!

September

September 26

Ed Goerlinger
Chris Vering

September 27

Katie Driver
Arlene Loseke
Pam Range

September 29

Nick Schindel
Jason Wagner

September 30

Debra Carlson

October

October 1

Dylan Garretson
Luc Lighter
Douglas Molczyk

October 2

Rose Dannelly
Egan Harnisch
Diane Reeves
Richard Swartz
Jean Switzer

October 3

David Boswell
Gina Czapla

(October 3, con't)

Carly Gaedeke
Jeanie Henk
Malcolm Hill
Sally Oxley

October 4

Cindy Kitt
Shirley Walgren

October 5

Lynne Kotrous
Brady Napier

October 7

Easton Bell
Charlotte Kuehler

October 8

Olivia Behnk
Rita Zedicher

October 10

Gordon Kosch
Brian Whitefoot

October 11

Mark Asmus
Robert Cruise
Shelley Hancock
Jessica Kuehler
Jim McElfresh
Turner Trofholz

October 2

Gary & Lynda Hellbusch — 47 years
1667 Sunset Drive

October 4

Cecil & Janet Jones — 9 years
3179 39th Avenue

October 8

A.J. and Rachel Windle — 1 year
3259 44th Avenue

October 10

Neil & Donna Woodcock — 31 years
865 27th Avenue

October 15

Alan & Jean Danforth — 35 years
2908 33rd Street

October 16

Don & Bonnie Schroeder — 24 years
2967 18th Avenue

October 17

Brady & Cierra Napier — 3 years
3212 16th Street

Brian & Pam Nelson
1104 3rd Street

October 18

Bob & Joan Adams — 39 years
3521 50th Street

Chuck & Lois Athey — 73 years
2819 35th Street

October 21

Dexter & Kelli Reeves — 6 years
3509 18th Street

David & Lisa Schacher — 34 years
819 Becton Street

Our X-Y-Z Members (90+ years young and up) are listed in bold with the address included for your card-sending convenience! 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 402-564-8453 to let us know.

Christian Education, Youth & More



Sunday JAM is being held at the Outreach Center due to no air conditioning at the church.

Classroom locations are posted throughout the building.

Sundays: 9:00—10:10 AM



**Adult Prayer Buddies
Needed for Children
and Youth**

Contact Sarah if you wish to be a prayer buddy for one of our children or youth. **NO MONEY; NO GIFTS!!!** Just a note to your buddy once or twice a month and pray for them daily.

Join us for
Wednesday J.A.M!

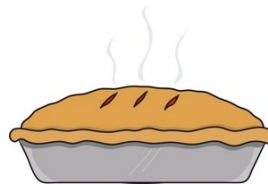
2:30 PM — Afterschool Program

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM — Meal

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM — Worship

7 PM to 8 PM—J.A.M. Groups

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



**Youth Homemade
Pie Sales**

Pies will be for sale
October 4-25, 2023

Pies will be Apple, Dutch Apple, Pumpkin, and Pecan. The pies are completely homemade by the youth, and they freeze perfectly!!!

Pies will be ready for pick up November 4, 2023.

See a youth or contact the church office to order.
All pies are \$13 each!!



**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!

**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 Oct 8. Talk to Sarah to sign up.

Missions & Outreach



Fair Trade items all week long!

Just stop by our newly refreshed library across the hall from the Church Office anytime from 7:30 AM to 6 PM, Monday thru Thursday. Coffees, teas, jewelry – there's a lovely selection of items on display, and any staff member will be happy to assist you!

“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



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.

Coming Up Around Town

Platte County Food Pantry Seeks Volunteers

Duties
sack groceries
sort donations
stock shelves

Time Commitment
1.5 to 2 hours
per week

Available Shifts

Mon., Wed. & Fri. from 10 AM to 11:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday from 2 PM to 4 PM
(same days/times each week, preferably)

They also need **data entry people** to interview clients and input information. (The program they use is written specifically for food pantries, and is very easy to learn.)

They also need one or two new members for the Food Pantry's Board of Directors. This group meets quarterly for about an hour to discuss items concerning the pantry.

Call Executive Director Jan Berry
if you would like to assist!
402-276-4283

Spread Holiday Cheer this year with Christmas for Our Troops!

Are any of your loved ones active military? If so, **email** the address where they will be from November through December to **ChristmasForOurTroops@pinnbank.com**. They will then receive a special care package for the holidays through Pinnacle Bank's "Christmas for Our Troops" project!

Boxes will be packed for mailing the night of Tuesday, November 14 if you would like to assist. Detailed information on donation and collection procedures are listed in the "Christmas for Our Troops" brochure. Please call Lisa in the Church Office or email lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com if you would like a brochure. Brochures are available on Sunday mornings at worship as well.



Christmas Cantata 2023!



Concert Date: Sunday,
December 10 • 2 pm

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday,
December 9 • 9 am to Noon

Rehearsal Dates

Sunday, Oct. 22 — 6:30 to 8 pm
Sunday, Oct. 29 — 7 pm to 8 pm
Sunday, Nov. 5 — 7 pm to 8 pm
Sunday, Nov. 12 — 7 pm to 8 pm
Sunday, Nov. 19 — 7 pm to 8 pm
Sunday, Nov. 26 — 7 pm to 8 pm
Sunday, Dec. 3 — 7 pm to 8 pm

All rehearsals and the performance will be held in the Columbus High School Music Hall. Contact Fred Ritter at fritterchoirguy@gmail.com, or at 402-285-2343 (call or text).

And check out
Columbus Area Vertical Voices
on Facebook!

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 September.**

Outreach Center Worship

Wednesday Nite JAM — 6:30 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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Coordinator of Communications & Laity Development

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Volunteer Parish Nurse

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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.