



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, September 5, 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

September 6 — UMM Prayer Breakfast /
UWF Ex Team Mtg / Wednesday J.A.M.! /
Al-Anon / Robotics (Kitt) / Prayer Team

September 7 — Kitchen Cleaning /
Red Cross Blood Drive / Bible Study (Meridian Gardens) /
AWARE / Alpha Course / First UMC Food Pantry /
Martial Arts / Girl Scouts (Hobza) / NAMI

September 8 — Columbus Homeschool Assoc.

September 10 — At the OC! Worship On-Site at 8 AM /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM /
Rally Sunday / Parents Confirmation Meeting /
Robotics (Kitt) / Girl Scouts Info Fair

September 11 — Habitat for Humanity /
Center for Survivors /
Church Council & Discipleship Committee Mtgs.

September 12 — Quilters / Tues AM Bible Study /
CMS Dodgeballers / Choir Rehearsal /
Boy Scouts (Pack 212) /
Loup Valley Gem/Mineral Society

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Ritter's mother, Elizabeth Ritter Matschullat, who died August 31. Her funeral will be tomorrow, Sept. 6 at Pleasanton UMC at 11 AM, with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM.

If you love to spend time with children, why not get paid to play?

Each year the Great Plains Conference holds **Orders and Fellowship** — a big gathering event for all Great Plains UMC clergy members. This year's Orders and Fellowship will be held at the **Younes Center North in Kearney, NE** from **Monday, October 23 through Wednesday, October 25**. The conference is looking for people who are willing and able to **provide quality child care for children ages 6 months through 6 years**.

Childcare workers will be **paid \$15.00 per hour**, and will have to fill out a W-9 form. (If someone cannot receive compensation due to immigration status, a gift card could possibly be given in place of compensation, depending on conference policy and/or approval.)

The conference will provide hotel rooms for hires who work both days and live at least 50 miles away from Kearney.

Other Important Information

- ▶ Must be **Safe Gatherings Certified**. If not, the conference will pay the fee for you to take the SG course. (In the event that someone is not able to become certified due to immigration status, they will be paired with one or more workers who are.)
- ▶ **Curriculum, toys, games, puzzles, etc. are provided.**
- ▶ Childcare staff will help children with **lunch**. (Provided by the hotel. Childcare staff will also receive lunch.)
- ▶ **Staff members can be youth, as long as they are 16 years of age or older and Safe Gatherings Certified.**
- ▶ Any **helpers** who would be **available the on first day (Monday, Oct. 23)** to assist with setting up the childcare rooms would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help with childcare at this year's Orders & Fellowship gathering, please contact Seulki Choi at slhoho87@gmail.com

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 10
at the Outreach Center!**

- ♦ 8 AM Service
- ♦ **Rally Sunday!**
- ♦ 10:30 AM Service



Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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)

Still on the lookout for the following ...

Ping-Pong Table

Wanted: One new or gently, lovingly used **ping pong table for the OC!** Second possibly only to Gaga Ball, Ping-Pong is a BIG 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.

Plant Pots

Do you have some empty plant pots you would like to hand off? Our office window sill plants are thriving and happy — but they won't be for long if they aren't "rehomed" to bigger pots! No larger than 8 1/2" at the base. In the interest of our 2nd R — **"Reuse"** — we're sending out one last appeal before we go shopping for new ones.

The MMDC Missionaries leave for Chatham, Illinois THIS SUNDAY!

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 bring all donations to the Church Office by 6 PM This Thursday!

What's New

Save the Date ... for the Vertical Voices Christmas Cantata 2023!

**Concert Date: Sunday,
December 10 2 pm**

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

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

Many of you have either attended, sang or played in our annual Christmas Cantata. We would love for you — *and* anyone new — to join us this year, preferably in one of the latter-listed capacities! To join us, just send me your name, voice part (S,A,T or B) or instrument and email address at fritterchoirguy@gmail.com, or at **402-285-2343** (call or text is fine). And you can stay connected with what is happening on our Facebook page, Columbus Area Vertical Voices!

Sincerely, Fred Ritter

Retired Music Educator
Past President, Nebraska Music Educators
Association & Nebraska Choral Directors
Association
Co-Founder of **Voicehouse.net**



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.

Christian Education, Youth & More



Sunday JAM is being held at the Outreach Center 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

At the Outreach Center!

Locations of classes will be posted!



**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!

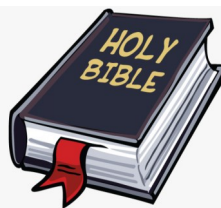
2:30 PM — Afterschool Program

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!**



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

Our Church Family



HAPPY Anniversary!

September 7

Nicole Lovelace
Jessica Sebade

September 8

Sarah Borgman
Darla Schiefelbein

September 9

Brent Hogeland

September 10

Max Becker
Scott Borgman
Hallie Henk
Mark Merrill

September 11

Phyllis Sladek

September 12

Patrick Kuehler
John Shannon

September 14

John Heule
Graeme Mueller
Jeff Naylor
Chris Thoms
Miles Hill
Jeff Overturf
Arlee Schaefer

September 15

Amanda Andel
Ava Blaser
Mya Blaser
Beth French
Brock Grube

Glenn Loseke

2429 33rd Street

September 16

Jon Evans

September 17

Miles Hill
Jeff Overturf
Arlee Schaefer

September 18

Becky Keep
Bev Weil

September 19

Gaylene Hassebrook
Sharon Hunt
Bob Walgren

September 21

Lillian Hudnall

September 22

Nick Galley
Brenda Nuttleman

September 5

Julian & Amy Polanco — 8 years
4817 35th Street

September 7

Rich & Jamie Snyder — 49 years
126 Lakeshore Drive

September 9

Timothy & Catherine Garretson — 17 years
16 44 AB Road

September 10

Steven & Holly Champlin — 29 years
4914 33rd Street

September 13

Andrew & Jamie Scott — 9 years
22785 242 Avenue

September 15

Michael & Katie Rigsby — 5 years
PO Box 7 Monroe NE 68647

September 18

Dave & Suanne Boswell — 30 years
1717 9th Street

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.

Thank you to the quilting group for the wonderful quilt given to me after my hip replacement surgery. It looks very nice on our couch, and will come in handy to take off the chill as the weather gets cooler!

Jon Hiemer

Our Missions & Outreach



Monday, 9/11— Friday, 9/15
from Columbus Community Hospital.

Contact **Paul Badje** at **402-564-8863**
if you would like to assist!

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

“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.

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
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Front Desk Volunteers

*Contact the office
for more information!*



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Church

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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.