



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, March 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

March 29 — UMM Prayer Breakfast /
Word & Table / Lenten Lunch (12:10 PM in
Fellowship Hall) / Wed J.A.M. Afterschool,
Community Meal, Wed Nite Worship,
Youth Groups / Prayer Team / Al-Anon /
Ignite Music Team Rehearsal

March 30— Red Cross Blood Drive / AWARE /
***New* Hours: 4 to 6 PM, First UMC Food Pantry /**
UWF Bake Sale Set-Up / Driver's Ed

March 31 — Columbus Homeschool Co-Op

April 2 — Palm Sunday / Worship On-Site at 8 AM /
UWF Bake Sale Fundraiser /
Sunday J.A.M. — All Ages /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM /
First Sunday Potluck / Palms & Crosses
(5-7 PM @ Outreach Center) / Ignite On-Site & Online

April 3 — Mon Bible Study (Crown Villa)

April 4 — Quilters / Tues AM Bible Study /
CMS Nerf Dodgers / Martial Arts Class /
Chancel Choir / GROW Men /
Cub Scouts Pack 212



HOLY WEEK

Margin Moments... by Rev. Cindi Stewart

Jesus said, "It is completed."
Bowing his head, he gave up his life.
John 19:30 (*Common English Bible*)

This Jesus... Conquers Evil, Calms the Storm,
Quenches Thirst, Heals the Blind, Raises Lazarus...
And now as we prepare for **Holy Week**, we hear
how **This Jesus...** Enters Jerusalem this coming
weekend and prepare our minds, hearts and spirits
for Jesus' crucifixion and death.

► **Palm Sunday, April 2.** Worship at the Church
@ **8 AM & 10:30 AM** with palms waving
and Holy Communion! **First Sunday Potluck** at
11:30 AM hosted by GROW Men/UMM and with
main dish, the fan favorite fried chicken! Bring a
dish to share! In addition, check out **Palms &**
Crosses from **5 to 7 PM** at our Outreach Center
with **Ignite Worship** at **6 PM**.

► **Services on Maundy Thursday, April 6 & Good**
Friday, April 7 will be at **7 PM**. *More inside...*

► **Have you been collecting 30 Pieces of Silver**
Offering? Please remember to turn any coins
into cash and/or check to bring to Church!

Make this year's Holy Week a priority!
April 2—April 8

Our Church Family



March 29

David Caspar
Linda Hutson
Lila Lewis
Marsha Oncza

March 30

Amy Blaser
Janet Hibbs-Jones

April 1

Jayven Krepel
Gwen Murcek
2107 Oak Park Place

April 2

Rod Favors

April 3

Madison Fricke

April 4

Brinlee Schrader

April 5

Marissa Colegrove
Leon Houdesheldt

April 6

Callen Heule
Conner Sky

April 7

Addison Heule
Jordie Schindel

HAPPY
Anniversary!

April 1

Russ & Pat Kuhn (6)
3554 39th Avenue

April 3

Dale/LaDonna Anderson (47)
3618 53rd Street

April 4

Shawn/Debra Carlson (37)

April 7

Wayne/Jill Colegrove (22)
21813 319th 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.

Kay Snyder turns 80!

Kay's daughter, Tanya Grube, would like us to celebrate her mom's birthday on April 10 with a card shower!

Kay Snyder, 2704 25th Street, Columbus, NE 68601



community
meal

It's more than a meal...it's belonging!

Wednesday, March 29

Breakfast Enchiladas, Strawberries & Bananas, Cinnamon Roll Casserole

Wednesday, April 5

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit, Cake Batter Cookies

*Donation: *pay what you are able**

Ask about a FREE meal card!

If you would like to purchase a punch card for your family and/or community patrons to use, contact the Church Office.

A Surplus of Quilts!

This year for the first time, our Tuesday morning quilters have met throughout the winter. As a result, we have a larger than normal inventory of quilts ranging from baby to twin size.

We frequently receive fabric donations, which we greatly appreciate, and we use monetary donations and quilt proceeds to buy batting and other supplies.

While we have made several 2023 distributions, and will continue to do so throughout the year, we want to remind you that our quilts are for sale as well! Come any Tuesday morning, 9-11 AM, to see our selection!



Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

Lenten Lunches / March 29 (Last One)
12:10 to 1 PM — \$5 Lunch & Worship Experience
(First UMC, Fellowship Hall)

Holy Week



April 2 / Palm Sunday

5 to 7 PM, Palms & Crosses
See displays of crosses @ OC.
Ignite service at 6 PM

Want to participate? Please contact
Rex Hash for more info!

April 6 / Maundy Thursday

**7 PM, service featuring music, scripture,
hand washing & Holy Communion.**

April 7 / Good Friday

7 PM, service featuring music & scripture skit
Need volunteers for "readers theater."

Prayer Vigil

Friday @ 8 PM to Sunday @ 6 AM
(Watch for Sign up on Sunday & via *SignUp Genius*)

April 9 / Easter Sunday

6:30 AM, Sunrise Service
followed by breakfast
in Fellowship Hall

8 & 10:30 AM, Worship
@ Church
6 PM, Worship
@ Outreach Center



WORSHIP

Sunday, April 2

Join us for On-Site Worship at the Church
and at our Outreach Center.

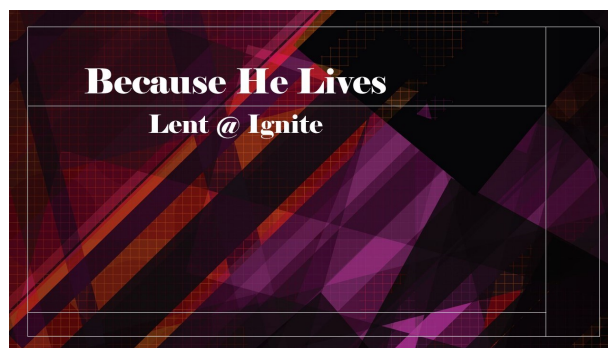
Online via Facebook page OR website:
www.columbusfumc.com

Sermon By Phone: 402-205-2469



Sunday @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM
On-Site Worship at the Church
(10:30 AM Online)

For Lent, our focus is on how **This Jesus**
influences & transforms our lives.
This weekend, **This Jesus...Enters Jerusalem**
with a focus on Matthew 21:1-11



Sunday @ 6 PM
On-Site at our Outreach
Center & Online

Join our preaching team and the Ignite
Music Team for our Lenten Sermon Series,
Because He Lives. This week, the theme is
To the Cross and a focus on Matthew 27:32-44
and the song, "Glorious Day."

Christian Education, Youth & More



April 20 — Pizza Ranch Tip Night
May 25 — Pizza Ranch Tip Night
June 12–16 — VBS Week

Youth 4 Hire

~ no job too big or small ~

Call Sarah Borgman to schedule.



Mark Your Calendars ...

High School Senior
Recognition Day!

May 7, 10:30 service



Following ALL Easter Morning services,
come to the front lawn of the church and
pick up an Easter Egg.

EVERYONE is invited
to collect this gift from the Youth!



**Wacky
Wednesday**

March 29

Wear a HAT!



Looking for coins to give children
and youth during the Wednesday
JAM Worship service to be used
for offering.

This year's offering goes to the
Wounded Warrior Family Support
Agency out of Omaha.

Please bring coin donations to the
Church or Outreach Center.

Lenten Journey

Join us today
from 12:10 to 1 PM
for our
**LAST Lenten Lunch
of 2023!**

First UMC, Fellowship Hall



**It's 1st Sunday
Potluck Time!!!**

Sunday, April 2

United Methodist Men and
GROW Men will host. Bring the tasty side
dish or dessert of your choice to share.
Our entrée will be the always and ever
popular FRIED CHICKEN!

GROW Men will meet on
Tuesday, April 4 at 6 PM
in Fellowship Hall.

WALK TO JERUSALEM

From February 12 to Easter

8 weeks ...
7,536 miles ...
1 amazing journey!



Week 6 — 551 Miles! Still rowing ... now
about 1,193 miles east into the Atlantic!

Report your "distance" every Monday to
Lisa in the Church Office! (402-564-8463
or lisa.nielsen@columbusfumc.com)

Physical exercise, spiritual & service efforts,
ANY life 3:16 activities — it ALL counts! If in
doubt as to whether something qualifies or
not, assume that it does!

On-Site Worship & J.A.M. Attendance

Wednesday Word & Table — 10

Wednesday J.A.M. — 24

Sunday, 8 AM — 19 (SNOW)

Sunday J.A.M. — 28 (SNOW)

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 49 (SNOW)

Sunday, 6 PM Ignite — 20

Total On-Site (03/22 – 03/26) = 150

30 Pieces of Silver Offering

This Special Offering throughout the
Lenten journey will be designated for
a special project.



If you have been
collecting coins,
please turn them into
cash or a check.
Thank you!

Our Missions & Outreach

**United Methodist Committee
On Relief (UMCOR) serves
natural disasters on our behalf!**

Offering Collected thru March 31.

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

Community Connections

**National Day of Prayer Concert
Rehearsals start Monday, April 10!**

**Come one, come ALL! This year's NDOP
Concert will be Thursday, May 4.**

Rehearsals are **Mondays** from
6:30—8 PM on 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 & 5/1
at **Columbus Middle School.**

Contact Lisa Nielsen in the Church Office for more information!

HELP with MEALS

As a Church family, we have committed to providing a meal at the Columbus Rescue Mission on the fourth Tuesday of every month:

- ▶ Meals for 25 people
- ▶ All meal items to Rescue Mission by 5 PM (on the fourth Tuesday)
- ▶ Help needed on the following dates:

June 24
November 28

August 22
December 26

Many of our committees participate throughout the year, but we need **MORE** help from individuals and/or families. If **YOU** would like to help, please contact Lisa Nielsen or Janie Schneider. Thanks!

“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

Thank You for your generosity
with monetary donations that have allowed
for food pantry / blessing box food items
to be purchased.

**Need Shoppers & Need Volunteers
for Thursdays, 4 to 6 PM
at our Outreach Center**

Would you like more info?
Talk to Cathy Janie Schneider!

Our Holy Week & Post Easter Plans



Holy Week at a Glance



April 2 — Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

Worship @ 8 and 10:30 AM

Palms & Crosses 5 to 7 PM,
See displays of crosses at OC.

Ignite Service 6 PM

April 6 — Maundy Thursday

7 PM Service

With music, scripture,
hand washing and
Holy Communion



April 7 — Good Friday

7 PM Service

With music and scripture skit



Prayer Vigil

From Friday @ 8 PM
to Sunday @ 6 AM

April 9 — Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall

8 & 10:30 AM, Worship @ Church



6 PM, Worship @ Outreach Center

Saturday, April 15

Aging Well Workshop
by Speaker Missy Buchanan
9 to 11 AM @ Church
Registration, \$20



Monday, April 17

New GriefShare course
begins on **Mondays from 3:30 to 5 PM**
in the Church Library. Talk to Dee Kinkaid
for more info. RSVP required for book order.

Thursday, April 20

Dialogue Workshop

By Rev. Jeff Clinger, Great Plains UMC
Director of Congregational Excellence
5:30 to 8 PM @ Church (Fellowship Hall)

Watch for more information coming soon!

Sunday, April 30

“Lessons from Pandemics Past”

With best-selling author
Rebekah Simon-Peter
3 PM @ Church (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 24

Habitat for Humanity Work Day!

Join us for exterior painting at
4144 Isaiah Drive **7:30 AM — 4 PM**



Columbus First United Methodist Church

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Downtown 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 will be open over the lunch hour & now after hours!

West Door is OPEN during business hours — appointments are always welcome!

Church Staff

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Front Desk Volunteers

Sign-up to help out!

Worship & Study

Sunday: 8 AM (On-Site at Church)

10:30 AM (On-Site at Church & Online)

6 PM Ignite! (On-Site at OC & Online)

Wednesday: 7:30 AM

(On-Site at Church & Online)

6:45 PM (On-Site @ OC)

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

**Wednesdays @ Outreach Center,
2:30 to 8:15 PM**

(see schedule for more info)

FREE Sermon By Phone:

402-205-2469

Listen to the Sunday message –
updated Sunday mornings by 8 AM



Facebook Page:

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