



# Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

## Calendar of Events

Complete calendar is on our website:  
[www.columbusfumc.com](http://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

April 12 — **UMM Prayer Breakfast / Word & Table /**  
**Wed J.A.M. Afterschool, Community Meal, Wed Nite**  
**Worship, Youth Groups, Adult Small Group /**  
**Prayer Team / Al-Anon / Ignite Music Team Rehearsal**

April 13 — **Kitchen Cleaning / Red Cross Blood Drive /**  
**Memorial Committee Mtg. IAWARE /**  
**\*New\* Hours: 4 to 6 PM, First UMC Food Pantry /**

April 14 — **Columbus Homeschool Co-Op /**  
**Habitat for Humanity**

April 15 — **Camp Fontanelle Clean-Up Day /**  
**Missy Buchanan "Aging Well" Workshop /**  
**Scheduled Event / Scheduled Event**

April 16 — **Worship On-Site at 8 AM /**  
**Sunday J.A.M. — All Ages /**  
**Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM / Presentation &**  
**Benefit by Friends of Elise / Ignite On-Site & Online**

April 17 — **Mon Bible Study (Crown Villa) /**  
**Grief Share / Prayer & Healing Service /**  
**ARC of Platte County's People 1st Mtg**

April 18 — **Quilters / Tues AM Bible Study /**  
**CMS Nerf Dodgers / Martial Arts Class /**  
**Chancel Choir / Cub Scouts Pack 212 /**  
**Board of Trustees & Finance Mtgs**



**Margin Moments...** by Rev. Cindi Stewart

**Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full." John 10:10**

Even after Easter, I need to continue to refresh my spirit and to claim that **resurrection hope**. In this post-Easter season, First UMC is going to celebrate having some amazing speakers to teach us how to live a full and **abundant** life! Mark your calendars for April 15, April 20 and April 30!



## "Aging Well" Workshop

Sat. April 15

9 to 11 AM  
\$20 Registration

Presented by  
Missy Buchanan

Missy is a popular author/writer and speaker on topics of aging and faith. She has even appeared on *Good Morning America*. A native of Texas and former creativity educator, Missy brings to us her knowledge & experience. *Please register ASAP to be included!* There will be books available for purchase on Saturday.

# Coming Soon

## **WORSHIP** **Camp Sunday, April 16**

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

Online via Facebook page OR website:  
[www.columbusfumc.com](http://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)**



Our post-Easter sermon series at the Church will be **more to life** inspired by the themes in the Alpha Course. On 4/16, "Is there more to life than this?" with a focus on John 14:1-6.

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



Check out Ignite's post-Easter series **Three Simple Rules**. On 4/16, the theme will be "Do No Harm" with focus on Acts 3:12-19.

## *Upcoming* mark your calendars

**April 15 /**

**"Camp Fontanelle Clean-Up/Fix-Up Day"**

**8 AM**, Carpool will depart from Church parking lot

**"Aging Well Workshop"**

**9 to 11 AM @ Church** (Fellowship Hall)

*Sponsored by Healthy Congregations & Care Team  
and Other Community Partners & Donors*

**April 16 / Camp Sunday**

**Benefit for Elise's School**

**2 PM @ Outreach Center**

*Sponsored by Friends of Elise*

**April 20 / Dialogue Workshop**

**5:30 PM, Meal & 6-8 PM, Workshop**

Led by Rev. Jeff Clinger of Great Plains UMC

*Sponsored by Christian Social Witness*

**April 30 / United Women in Faith  
& United Men's Ministry Sunday**

**"Lessons from Pandemics Past"**

**3 PM @ Church** (Fellowship Hall)

with best-selling author Rebekah Simon-Peter

*Sponsored by Great Plains UMC Conference*

**May 7 / Holy Communion**

**Senior Brunch, Recognition & Scholarships**

**9:15 AM, Senior Brunch** (Fellowship Hall)

**10:30 AM, Senior Recognition & Scholarships**

**11:30 AM, Potluck** (Fellowship Hall)

Host: Education / Main Dish: Fried Chicken

*Bring a side dish to share!*

**During the potluck, Education Committee will  
recognize Sunday & Wednesday J.A.M. Leaders**

# Our Church Family



## April 11

Gregg Foote

## April 12

Mark Fluckiger  
Carol Goering

## April 14

Adalie Moore

## April 15

Rama Badje  
Jane Galley  
Becky Shepherd

## April 16

Makenzie Merrill  
Dawson Moore

## April 17

Nicole Asmus  
Michael Gernstein

## April 18

Julie Baumgart  
Bob Hopp

## April 19

Tracey Schlegel

## April 20

Ken Reed

## April 21

Charlie King-Ortiz  
Dick Luebbe

## April 22

Chuck Athey  
2819 36th Street

Larry Hoffman  
George Makovicka

## April 23

Dylan Benne  
Jane Graham  
Cottonwood Place  
3271 29th Avenue, #128

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

## April 11

Jerry & Sandy Fricke (42)  
4610 Ernst Street

Chuck & Becky Keep (36)  
2004 1st Street

## April 19

Rod & Rana Favors (43)  
463 10th Avenue

## April 23

George/Cyndi Makovicka (29)  
1314 11th Street

## April 25

Glenn/Arlene Loseke (64)  
2429 33rd Street

## April 26

Jeremy/Sarah Weber (18)  
2324 37th Street



# **community** *meal*

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

**Wednesday, April 12**

Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Knots, Fruit  
Indoor S'mores

**Wednesday, April 19**

Potato Puff Pizza, Green Beans &  
Double-Chocolate Cake

**Donation: \*pay what you are able\***

**Ask about a FREE meal card!**

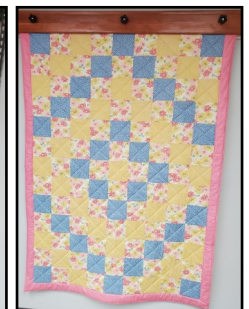
If you would like to purchase a punch card  
for your family and/or community patrons  
to use, contact the Church Office.

## **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!



**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.



# Christian Education, Youth & More



**Pizza Ranch Tip Night**  
**April 20, 2023**  
**5—8 PM**

**Come support the Boston Youth  
Mission Team**

100% of tips and 10% of sales will go  
towards travel expenses for the team



**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.



**Wacky  
Wednesday**

**April 26**  
**Sports Day!**

## **Camp Sunday, April 16** **(for all ages)**

**Dress down for worship!**

**Get your picture with tent in Gathering Area!**

**Children & Youth, pick up camping brochure!**

**Hear an awesome Time for Children**  
**about camping & Camp Fontanelle!**

**And...pick up your S'more!!!**

## **Mark Your Calendars ...**



**High School Senior  
Recognition Day!**

**May 7 at the  
10:30 AM service**



**Let's appreciate ALL of our  
Sunday and Wednesday  
JAM Leaders & helpers!**

**First Sunday Potluck, May 7**

**Bring a side dish to share and a special  
note for your JAM leaders and helpers.**

# Announcements & More

## WALK TO JERUSALEM

From February 12 to Easter

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



Week 8 — 840 miles, for a grand total of  
**4,160 MILES!!!**

**Congratulations, and thanks to all  
who participated!**

### New Process; Same Great Stuff!

Going forward, United Women in Faith (UWF) will host Fair Trade Markets only during special events such as the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Summer Retreat, Christmas Tea, and the Christmas Market from Thanksgiving through Advent.

But the same great coffees, teas, cocoas, chocolate bars and other food and handmade items are still available! Fair Trade Order Forms will be located in the back of the Sanctuary. Just fill out a form and drop it in the Sunday offering plate or return it to the church office. Orders will be filled as received and be ready for pick-up on Sundays and/or during the week in the church office.

Wesleyan tradition encourages United Methodists to support social justice through our buying choices—to choose products whose manufacturing practices do not contribute to poverty's root causes. Purchasing Fair Trade program items is an easy and beneficial way for us to help alleviate poverty around the world. Keep watching as we roll out our new process!

Jamie Snyder, Fair Trade Coordinator

Dear First UMC,

Youth & Families for Christ is so blessed to have partners such as yourself to help reach area youth ... together, we are making a difference. God Bless!

From All YFFC Staff Members

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

Wednesday Word & Table — 11

Wednesday J.A.M. — 23

Sunday, 8 AM — 94

**Sunday J.A.M. — 43**

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 163+

Sunday, 6 PM Ignite — 15

**Total On-Site (04/05 – 04/09) = 349+**

Dear First UMC,

Thank you for your recent donation of six \$15 itune® gift cards to the Lakeview Post Prom. Your support is greatly appreciated. Providing a safe and fun environment for our young people is very important. We thank you for helping to make this possible for our students and community.

Melany Greenwall, Jody Helms,  
Annette Barcel, Tammy Osten

## 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 4/17, 4/24 & 5/1**  
at **Columbus Middle School.**

**Contact Lisa Nielsen in the Church  
Office for more information!**

# Our Missions & Outreach

**\$1,000 was collected for  
United Methodist Committee  
On Relief (UMCOR)  
for UMCOR Sunday offering!**

## **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**

## **MMDC Trip in September!**

Join us on a 3-day service excursion!  
We'll depart on Sept. 10, work the 11-13,  
and return to Columbus on the 14th.  
I reserved 10 spots; attendees thus far are  
Rich & Cindy Rohde, Donna & Steve Davis,  
Dick Breuer, Bob Williams, Denny & myself.  
That leaves **TWO** additional openings.  
Contact me at (402)564-6599 or  
[rud2@eaglecom.net](mailto:rud2@eaglecom.net) if you're interested.

Thanks! Dee Kinkaid

P.S. I may be able to add 2-3 more attendees,  
contingent on Mission Committee approval.

## **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 Post Easter Plans



## 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

### ***Having Heartfelt Conversations Around Challenging Issues***

#### **a dialogue workshop**

by Rev. Jeff Clinger  
Great Plains UMC Director  
of Congregational Excellence  
& Connectional Ministries



**5:30 PM, Meal and 6 to 8 PM, Workshop**  
@ Church (Fellowship Hall)

**RSVP by April 17.** *Childcare available  
upon registration request.*

People seem to have shorter fuses these days, and conflict within and between relationships and communities is now more evident than ever before. As followers of Jesus, we are invited (commanded really!) to love our neighbors as ourselves. But sometimes it feels incredibly difficult to be present, love, and connect in the midst of division. Join us for “Having Heartfelt Conversations Around Challenging Issues” – a dialogue workshop led by Rev. Jeff Clinger, Director of Congregational Excellence & Connectional Ministries with the Great Plains Conference. We will learn and practice skills to help us better engage in conversations everywhere and with everyone – from our family dinner tables and holiday gatherings to church and community events!

## Sunday, April 16

**Benefit to Rebuild School  
in Democratic Republic of Congo**  
First UMC Outreach Center

**Presentation at 2 PM,  
then Delectable Desserts**

Elise, who is attending our church, started and built a school for orphans and other street children. The school grew to 300 students. In 2018, Elise had to flee the DR of Congo, received asylum in the US, and is now living in Columbus. She works at Cargill and is sending money back to the Congo to help them rebuild her school after it was destroyed by fire in 2020.

Come to the OC on April 16 to hear Elise’s inspiring story of courage and dedication to the education and nurturing of children and families in the DR of Congo. Desserts will be served following the presentation. Donations for the school will be accepted at that time.

**Sponsored by Friends of Elise  
Anne Kallesen, Dee Kinkaid,  
Martha Davidson, Sandy Fricke**

## Sunday, April 30

### **“Lessons from Pandemics Past”**

With best-selling author  
Rebekah Simon-Peter

**3 PM @ Church (Fellowship Hall)**  
Sponsored by Great Plains UMC Conference

## Wednesday, May 24

### **Habitat for Humanity Work Day!**

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



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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

### **Senior Pastor**

Rev. Cindi Stewart

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### **Director of Outreach Center & Ministries**

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### **Coordinator of Communications & Laity Development**

Lisa Nielsen

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### **Volunteer Parish Nurse**

Martha Davidson

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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:**

First UMC & Outreach Center  
Columbus, NE



### **YouTube Channel:**

First UMC & Outreach Center  
Columbus, NE

**Instagram:** Firstumccolumbusne