



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, April 18, 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

Reminder that Board of Trustees & Finance
Committee will be meeting on 4/18 at 7 PM.

April 19 — **UMM Prayer Breakfast** / **Word & Table** /
Good Morning Circle / **Friendship Circle** / **Eve Circle** /
Wed J.A.M. Afterschool, Community Meal, Wed Nite
Worship, Youth Groups, Adult Small Group /
Prayer Team / *Al-Anon* / **Ignite Music Team Rehearsal**

April 20 — **Red Cross Blood Drive** /
AWARE / **First UMC Food Pantry** /
Dialogue Workshop w/Jeff Clinger /
Girl Scouts (Hobza) / *Girl Scouts (Cash)* / *NAMI*

April 21 — *Columbus Homeschool Co-Op* /
Habitat for Humanity / *Girl Scouts (Blunck)*

April 23— **Worship On-Site at 8 AM** /
Sunday J.A.M. — All Ages /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM /
Ignite On-Site & Online at 6 PM

April 24— **Mon Bible Study** (Crown Villa) /
Grief Share

April 25 — **Quilters** / **Tues AM Bible Study** /
CMS Nerf Dodgers / *Martial Arts Class* /
Chancel Choir / *Cub Scouts Pack 212* / **SPRC**



Margin Moments... by Rev. Cindi Stewart

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...
for the LORD your God will be with you
wherever you go. from Joshua 1:9

On my journey to & from the Church, I take 15th Street east, and there is a resident who posted a sign in the yard. On one side, it says "Don't Give Up" and on the other side, it says, "You Got This!" These simple reminders have been a tremendous blessing in the midst of transitions in my life as well as in the Church. Do you need these reminders? Who else in your life needs to hear them?

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 ASAP!

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!

Staff Transitions & News

Pastor K & Family Coming to Columbus First UMC



Bishop David Wilson & the Cabinet of the Great Plains Conference have appointed **Pastor Keunsik Lee** to serve as Senior Pastor beginning on **July 1**. Pastor Keunsik "K" Lee and his spouse Seulki "Sarah" were born and raised in South Korea. They come to us most recently from Southeastern Kansas, where Pastor K is currently serving appointments to Sedan, Wauneta, and Elgin United Methodist Churches. For those who are curious, according to Google maps, it is about a 6-hour drive from Columbus to Sedan. Pastor K and Sarah have a 10 year-old daughter, Vivian, who will be a fifth grader in the fall.

SPRC Chair Tim Owens said, "We found them to be a lovely and delightful family. I'm anxious to introduce them to you, for you to get to know them better and to see where God is leading us together in this new chapter in our church's ministry." Columbus First UMC looks forward to welcoming Pastor K and his family this summer! Please continue to pray for this pastoral transition!

Updated Schedule for Rev. Cindi

Due to the housing market in both Omaha and Columbus, Rev. Cindi & Klint needed to move up their time-table for buying a new home and selling their current residence. They will close on the house in Columbus on 4/28 and pack up the moving truck, and then they will close on the house in Omaha on 5/1 and begin to unpack.

Rev. Cindi will be sharing time in both locations until mid-June. We will publish her schedule here in the *Circuit Rider*, and the Staff will have a calendar for the month.

Week of April 23: Office Hours, April 24-26

Week of April 30: Vacation Days, May 1-3

Rev. Cindi will be using the 402-276-3450 number through June 16. Please text her and/or call her with any questions and/or to schedule a visit. Please be patient and kind thru the transitions!

Welcome, Sue Overturf



The SPRC is pleased to announce that our new Business Coordinator is **Sue Overturf**. Sue recently retired from Vishay, and now she actually gets to do her dream job!

She and her husband Jeff recently retired from Can Do auto service after being in business for 41 years. Sue's parents are Edna and the late Ed Stauber who were very active in this Church and in Boy Scouts. Jeff and Sue have seven children, four of which live in Columbus, and the other three live in Washington, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. In their leisure time, they like to ride their Honda Goldwing.

Sue currently has a part-time job at CPS, and so she is working afternoons from 2:30 to 6 PM. When school gets out, she will be full-time in the office. Please welcome Sue to the First UMC staff!

Coming Soon

WORSHIP **Camp Sunday, April 23**

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)



Join us for the post-Easter sermon series **more to life** inspired by the themes in the Alpha Course. This weekend, "How Can We Have Faith?" from 1 John 5:13-15

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 Good," inspired by Acts 4:32-35.

Join us on April 30 for Holy Communion —
Ignite will be taking a "pause" beginning
on 5/7 through the staff transitions.

Upcoming mark your calendars

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

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

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

"Lessons from Pandemics Past"



3 PM @ First UMC (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 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

April 24

Ty Jaroz
Karla Nansel

April 25

Ken Curry
David Moore
Carli Schneider

April 26

Kelly Ball
Terri Brown
Ann Chesley
Julia Davidchik
Kurt Schneider
Skyler Swearingen

April 27

Kenny Boyer
Travis Roth

April 28

Erick Blaser
Bill Greene
Millie Meyer
Countryside Home
703 North Main, Rm. 203
Madison, NE 68748

HAPPY
Anniversary!

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

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.



community *meal*

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

Wednesday, April 19

Potato Puff Pizza, Green Beans &
Double-Chocolate Cake

Wednesday, April 26

Salad Bar, Pudding Cups &
Cinnamon Pull-Apart Bread

*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.

Do you Scrip? Why not?



Purchase **Scrip** gift cards between worship services and/or during office hours,
Mon-Thurs, 7:30 AM to 6 PM

The Church gets a percentage of each sale for mission & ministry! Use Scrip for fuel, groceries, pharmacy, eating out, gifts and more!

Text-for-Prayer

Text the word "Prayer"
to 402-276-3450 for a prayer

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!



Prayer
Buddies

**Prayer Buddy
Reveal Dates
Times are Set!!!**

**Wednesday JAM: May 3 after
Worship**

**Sunday JAM: May 14 during
JAM time (9:15 AM)**

Bring a note for your buddy!!!

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

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!

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

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

Wednesday Word & Table — 10

Wednesday J.A.M. — 24

Sunday, 8 AM — 46

Sunday J.A.M. — 41

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 113

Sunday, 6 PM Ignite — 11

Total On-Site (04/12 – 04/16) = 245



Mondays, 3:30 to 5 PM

New GriefShare Course

in the Church Library. Talk to Dee Kinkaid for more info. RSVP required for book order.

Community Connections

**National Day of Prayer Concert
Rehearsals on Mondays, 4/24 & 5/1
at Columbus Middle School.**

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

**First UMC will have the time-slot
from 5 to 6 PM for music & prayer.**

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

Our Missions & Outreach

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

Wednesday, May 24

Habitat for Humanity Work Day!

7:30 AM — 4 PM

Join us for exterior painting
at 4144 Isaiah Drive

MMDC Trip in September!

We'll depart on **Sept. 10**, work the 11-13,
and return to Columbus on 9/14.

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 if you're interested.

Thanks! Dee Kinkaid

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	August 22
November 28	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 Janie Schneider and/or Rex Hash.



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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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Volunteer Parish Nurse

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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



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