



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, April 4, 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

April 5 — UMM Prayer Breakfast /
Word & Table / UWF Ex Team Mtg /
Wed J.A.M. Afterschool, Community Meal,
Wed Nite Worship, Youth Groups / Prayer Team /
Al-Anon / Ignite Music Team Rehearsal

April 6 — Maundy Thursday
Red Cross Blood Drive / AWARE /
***New* Hours: 4 to 6 PM, First UMC Food Pantry /**
Girl Scouts (Hobza) / Girl Scouts (Cash) /
Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 PM / NAMI

April 7 — Good Friday
Columbus Homeschool Co-Op / Keystone /
Ecumenical Good Friday @ Grace Episcopal (noon) /
Habitat for Humanity / Girl Scouts (Blunck) /
Good Friday Service @ 7 PM
(Prayer Vigil thru Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:30 AM)

April 9 — Easter Sunday /
Sunrise Service @ 6:30 AM (followed by breakfast) /
Worship On-Site at 8 AM / Sunday J.A.M. — All Ages /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM /
Ignite On-Site & Online

April 10 — Church & Outreach Center CLOSED
NO Mon Bible Study (Crown Villa) /
Habitat for Humanity / Center for Survivors /
Program Committees / Discipleship Team

April 11 — Quilters / Tues AM Bible Study /
CMS Nerf Dodgers / Martial Arts Class /
Chancel Choir / Cub Scouts Pack 212 /
Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society Mtg



April 6 — Maundy Thursday

7 PM Service @ Church

With music, scripture, hand washing
& Holy Communion

April 7 — Good Friday

7 PM Service @ Church

With music and scripture skit



Prayer Vigil

From Friday @ 8 PM
to Sunday @ 6 AM

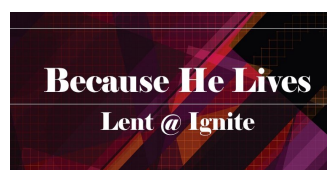
April 9 — Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall



8 & 10:30 AM, Worship @ Church



6 PM, Ignite
@ Outreach Center

Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

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

April 15 / "Aging Well Workshop"

9 to 11 AM @ Church (Fellowship Hall)

April 16 / Camp Sunday

2 PM, Benefit for Elise's School
@ Outreach Center

April 20 / Dialogue Workshop

5:30 PM, Meal & 6-8 PM, Workshop
Led by Rev. Jeff Clinger of Great Plains UMC

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

WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 9

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

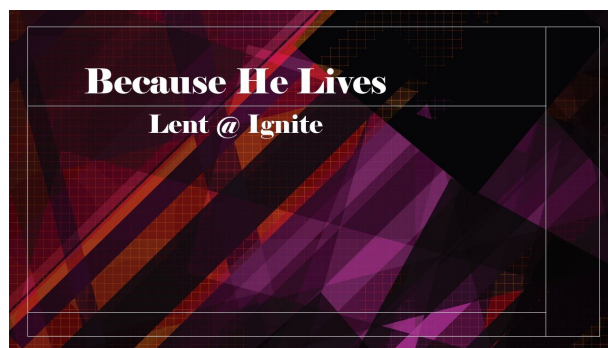


Sunday @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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...Conquers Death**
with a focus on John 20:1-18



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
Resurrection and a focus on Romans 6:1-14
and the song, "Up From the Grave He Arose."

Our Church Family



April 4

Brinlee Schrader

April 5

Marissa Colegrove
Leon Houdesheldt

April 6

Callen Heule
Conner Sky

April 7

Addison Heule
Jordie Schindel

April 9

Bruce Jensen

April 10

Jenny Claborn
Kay Snyder

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

HAPPY
Anniversary!

April 4

Shawn/Debra Carlson (37)
1358 18th Avenue

April 7

Wayne/Jill Colegrove (22)
21813 319th Street

April 9

Steve & Karen Long (29)
720 S. 2nd Street

April 11

Jerry & Sandy Fricke (42)
4610 Ernst Street

Chuck & Becky Keep (36)
2004 1st 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, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 12

Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Knots, Fruit
Indoor S'mores

*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!



Christian Education, Youth & More



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!



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
at the 10:30 service



Wacky
Wednesday

April 26
Sports Day!



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.

Lenten Journey

Reserve Your Easter Flowers (only FOUR left)

Worship Committee has ordered 25 flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like one/some and/or to make a donation in memory or in honor of loved ones, please notify the Church Office **ASAP**. We'll have a combination of Easter Lilies, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Mums, and/or Tulips (quantity & type will depend on vendor availability).

Flowers: \$15 each suggested donation OR make donation to Mission Shares and/or Backpack Program! Call the Church Office ASAP!

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!

WALK TO JERUSALEM

From February 12 to Easter

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



Week 7 — 529 Miles! Still rowing,
but now only 588 miles away
from Europe's Western Shore!

Help us make it to dry land in this, our last week! Report your "distance" next 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 — 11

Wednesday J.A.M. — 23

Sunday, 8 AM — 47

Sunday J.A.M. — 48

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 150

Sunday, 6 PM Ignite — 23

Total On-Site (03/26 – 04/02) = 302

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!

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 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

Saturday, April 15



Aging Well Workshop

by Speaker Missy Buchanan

9 to 11 AM @ Church
Registration, \$20
Call Church Office ASAP!

Missy is a popular writer and speaker on aging and faith! In addition to her books such as *Living with Purpose in a Worn-Out Body: Spiritual Encouragement for Older Adults*, Missy's work also frequently appears in the United Methodist Reporter and ministrymatters.org. She has appeared on Good Morning America, and is in high demand as a speaker on issues of aging.



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.

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

Thursday, April 20

Having Heartfelt Conversations Around Challenging Issues

Dialogue Workshop

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

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

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

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!





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www.columbusfumc.com

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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