



Weekly Circuit Rider

Columbus First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, June 20, 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

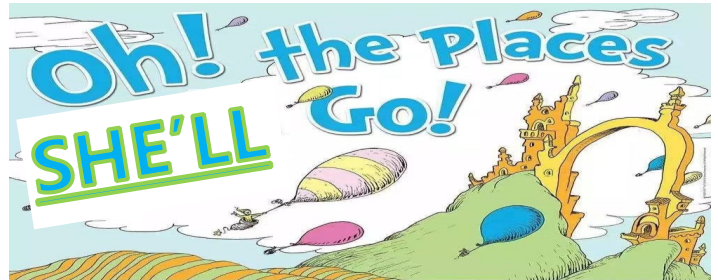
June 21 — UMM Prayer Breakfast /
Eve Circle @ Dusters / Friendship Circle Luncheon /
Al-Anon / Prayer Team

June 22 — Red Cross Blood Drive /
Bible Study (Meridian Gardens) / AWARE /
Sharon's Retirement Reception /
First UMC Food Pantry / Martial Arts / PVYP Rehearsal

June 25 — Worship On-Site at 8 AM /
Sunday J.A.M. — All Ages /
Worship On-Site & Online at 10:30 AM /
Ignite is on pause!

June 26 — First UMC Blood Drive /
Monday Bible Study (Crown Villa) / Grief Share /
PVYP Rehearsal

June 27 — Quilters / Tues AM Bible Study /
PVYP Rehearsal / Transition Team Mtg



WOW – it has been an amazing journey at First UMC the past 32-1/2 years. I still remember the evening I was interviewed by Pastors Wendell Davis and Jim Miller. Pastor Wendell asked me, “If a little old lady comes in the office wanting to talk and you have a 5 pm deadline, what are you going to do?” Evidently I answered that question right because I landed the job. I do have to say I was scared when I started because truthfully, I wasn’t sure if I could handle the position. But with encouragement from my family, Pastor Wendell and my dear co-worker of 20 years, Corinne Wurdeman, I stuck it out.

So many things have transpired over the years I’ve spent in this position. I saw 12 pastors come and go, and have worked with some great people during these years. I probably attended close to 390 Finance Committee Meetings, prepared at least as many financial reports and wrote lots and lots of checks. I have seen the offices remodeled while we worked at the North Town location, helped the church develop a Scrip Program, “pushed the paper” for the Outreach Center purchase, and observed many church facility improvements along the way.

I have shared many laughs, stories and tears, in good times and in bad. But most gratifying of all are the friendships I have developed over the many years. Even though I am not a member of your church, you have all treated me as one of your own. I will never forget any of you. I have worked with some really great people in this office, and I will miss seeing Rex, Sarah, Lisa, Elisha and Sue on a daily basis!

Now that my time is coming to a close I will be starting a new adventure. I am really excited and looking forward to spending time with my grandkids, traveling, doing some projects at home, taking some early morning walks, and sitting on the patio with a cup of coffee and a good book.

I am leaving the church in very capable hands. My replacement, Sue Overturf will do an excellent job for the church. Please stop in at your convenience and get acquainted with her. I’m not saying goodbye as I will stop in now and then and I hope to see all of you around Columbus, Thanks for everything! It’s been a great ride!

God Bless You All, *Sharon*

Important Transitional Information!

Rev. Cindi is **on call** for major emergencies and funerals through **Friday, June 30**.

Her First UMC-Columbus **email** will be active through **June 22 ONLY**.

Pastor K will assume the **402-276-3450 cell number** on or around **June 30**.

Please make a note to change **her** name in your phones to **his name** around this time.

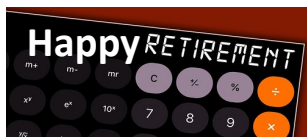
Coming Soon

Upcoming

mark your calendars

June 22 / **Celebration for Sharon Zobel**

4 to 6 PM @ Church (Gathering Area)



Let's thank Sharon Zobel for her 30+ years of service as our Business Coordinator and wish her well in retirement!

June 26 / **First UMC Blood Drive**



**American
Red Cross**

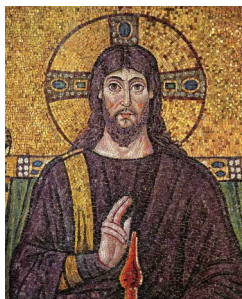
Noon to 6 pm @ the OC

July 12 / **Mosaic of Faith:**

**We are all part of
God's World**

A UWF-sponsored
Women's Retreat

See invitation/registration
form attached.



July 2 / **1st Sunday Potluck**

Hosted by the Missions Committee
Entrée: Fried Chicken!

July 30 / **Youth Mission Trip Report** **at both 8 and 10:30 AM services**

Learn first-hand about the work they did, the fellowship they enjoyed and all the different ways our youth and their sponsors showed and shared God's love in Boston!

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 25

Join us for On-Site Worship at the Church.

Online via Facebook page OR website:

www.columbusfumc.com

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



(10:30 AM Online)

The Alpha-inspired *more to life*
sermon series continues with
“Why & How Should I Tell Others?”

Part II by Jessy Hill

Matthew 28:16-20

Ignite is taking a pause — stay tuned!

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

6/14 to 6/18

Wednesday Word & Table — 10

Sunday, 8 AM — 46

Sunday J.A.M. — 37

Sunday, 10:30 AM — 76

Christian Education, Youth & More

Please pray for the
Youth Mission Team as
they prepare to go to Boston
to serve with
Next Step Ministries!



June 24-July 2

Youth Attending

Zach Nelson
Jaden Williams
Kyle Holmberg
Sebastian DeLaCruz
Daniel Borgman
Keedyn Krepel
Riley Salak
Lia Whited
Caitlyn Steffen
Madalyn Medinger

Adults Attending

Angie Houser
Barbara Johnson
Christina Kretchman
Norm Hutson
Sarah Borgman



Summer Splash Adventure Days!

JULY 12

Archway Museum & Yanney Park
in Kearney
Depart at 8 AM/Return 5 PM
\$10/person, Bring a Sack Lunch
Youth and Families Invited
RSVP by July 5

Are you ready to J.A.M.???



It will be time
for our 2023-2024
Wednesday & Sunday
J.A.M. kick-off event
before you know it!

**Watch for more information
in upcoming Circuit Riders!**

Sunday, July 30



The Youth Mission Team will
share their adventures and
ministry from Boston at both the
8 AM and 10:30 AM services.

Our Church Family



June 20

Martha Davidson
Mikki Moore

June 21

Jessica Condon
Carol Scow

June 23

Rebecca Davila
Andrew Gassman
Caden Sorgenfrei

June 24

Lacey Luebe
Andy Malcolm
Linda Reed

June 25

Dee Kinkaid

June 26

Lynne Brooks
Jeff Claborn
Dustin Gernstein

June 27

Betty Blaser
Linette Molczyk

June 28

Stephanie Bourek-Hoyt
Kyle Holmberg
Justin King

July 29

Kenden Henk
Brandon Schindel

June 30

Don Fowler
John Hannah
David Schacher

June 22

Troy & Judy Coffey (32)
2078 E 8th Street

July 24

John & Cody Heule (23)
3963 E 24th Avenue

June 25

Scott & Sarah Borgman (29)
PO Box 141
Platte Center, NE 68653

Cody & Jenell Martin (1)
4530 12th Street

June 26

Dale/Mary Lou Jefferson (63)
5867 33rd Avenue

June 27

Doug & Anne Kallesen (53)
3917 Adamy Street

June 29

Kurt & Carrie Kuhlman (27)
2409 Muirfield Place

Gary/Brenda Nuttleman (21)
3004 30th Street

June 30

Chuck & Liz Lash (16)
203 SE Calle Colombo

Many, many **THANKS** to all of this year's VBS leaders, helpers, and contributors of gift cards and materials. Our **Stellar** journey to **Shine Jesus' Light** would not have been possible without you!

VBS 2023 collected over **211** items for the Food Pantry, and were mere cents away from **\$60** for the Backpack Program!

Julia at Micah Corps — Week 3

This week's highlights: My poem was published under the Mercy and Justice section of the GP Connect newsletter! (See * below for link address.) We helped Rockbrook United Methodist Church with VBS. At NIGHT. (It took me awhile to wrap my brain around that.) I was with the little kids, and was very impressed that not a single one of them had a meltdown. But by the end of each session, I could tell they were ready for bed by the zoned-out looks on their faces. (Though it was fun, I was glad when it was over. **I** was tired!)

During the day, we worked on our projects. My partner and I make our first presentation on June 21! I also attended a free Christian Concert at River Front Park called *Hear the Sound*, which was excellent.

On Saturday morning, we all attended the Juneteenth Parade in North Omaha. Someone we knew in the parade asked us to jump in and walk along! This was great fun — but I was shocked by the number of police officers present. I was in CHS Marching Band. When I thought back over all the parades over the years I'd watched or taken part in, NEVER do I remember seeing that much security. I pray for the day when this kind of police presence at a North Omaha event will no longer be necessary.

Sincerely, Julia

* <http://gp-email.brtapp.com/viewemail/3654173#toc23>

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.

Our Missions & Outreach

It soon will be Christmas in July
for the **Columbus Rescue Mission!**

The Mission Committee's
"Star Trees" will soon be set up
in the Gathering Area (church)
and the Wesley Room (OC).

**Stars will be available for any
of the following items, and MORE!**

- ◆ Kitchen Towels & Rugs
- ◆ Pot Holders & Hot Pads
- ◆ Ziploc® bags (gallon or larger)
- ◆ Dinner Napkins
- ◆ Trash Bags (kitchen & larger)
- ◆ Serving Utensils (large spoons, ladles, etc.)
- ◆ Super Saver & HyVee Gift Cards
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies (toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, dish soap, etc.)

Place your Star purchases under the tree on Sundays before or after services. They will be collected and stored in a secure location each week after the 10:30 service. Or please feel free to drop them off in the church office at any time Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6 PM!

**Ways First UMC fights food
insecurity in our community:**

First UMC Blessing Box
Outreach Center, east side
(Food added daily)

First UMC Food Pantry
Open Thursday afternoons,
4 to 6 PM (use OC east entrance)

Platte County Food Pantry Needs
Oatmeal, Soups, Hand Soap, Laundry Soap

Columbus Rescue Mission Needs:
Laundry detergent, cleaning supplies,
one-pound hamburger rolls

MMDC Matters

According to a recent Methodist Midwest Distribution Center publication, MMDC provided 1.6 million people with \$7.99 million dollars in humanitarian aid. Which means that for **every dollar** MMDC spent, **\$7.85 worth of supplies were sent out** to help people facing crisis situations of all kinds.

In the coming weeks, the **2023 First UMC-Columbus MMDC Mission Team** will be letting us know how we can contribute to the great work this organization does on a continual, 365-days-a-year basis!

CAN YOU HELP?

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 & 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.

Worship & Study

Sunday: 8 AM (On-Site at Church)
10:30 AM (On-Site at Church & Online)
Ignite is taking a pause — stay tuned!

Wednesday: 7:30 AM
(On-Site ONLY at Church)

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)

Sermon By Phone
will be temporarily disabled during
transition. Stay tuned for more info!



Facebook Page:
First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE



YouTube Channel:
First UMC & Outreach Center
Columbus, NE

Instagram: Firstumccolumbusne

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Front Desk Volunteers
Sign-up to help out!



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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 & now after hours!

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