

## **First UMC / Email Blast**

**\*NEW\* Sermon By Phone: #402-205-2469** (listen to the Sunday message – updated on Sunday morning by 8 AM with latest message)

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**\*Sunday, August 9\* -- TWO on-site worship service 8 AM & 10:30 AM.** Please note that there will also be a 10:30 AM online option. For the time-being our onsite worship services will be around 40 minutes giving time for volunteers to disinfect the sanctuary and entrances. **The Return to Church Task Force will continue to assess local health district information as additional services are added.** If you would like to VOLUNTEER to greet, usher and/or disinfect after services, please contact Lisa Nielsen ASAP by calling the Church Office and/or emailing her at: [frontdesk@columbusfumc.com](mailto:frontdesk@columbusfumc.com)

### **Sun. @ 8 AM ON-SITE Worship & 10:30 AM ON-SITE AND ONLINE (Church Sermon).**

In August & September, Rev. Cindi will be focusing on the **\*new\* sermon series, “Resilience”** – what is it & why do we need it for our mental, emotional and spiritual well-being? This weekend at **8 AM & 10:30 AM service** (both on-site and online), hear the words of **Luke 10:1-17** and reflect upon, **“Learning Your ABCs”**

- **Before attending On-Site Worship, please self-assess:** Do you have a fever? Do you exhibit any symptoms of illness? Have you recently been exposed to anyone who is ill? Have you traveled outside Nebraska within the past fourteen (14) days? (NOTE: Please note that this is not a travel “ban,” just a precaution as there has been an upward trend of infection in places outside of our state. If you have traveled outside of the state, consider where you have traveled and risk of exposure to virus prior to attending).
- **While attending On-Site Worship:** Maintain social distancing and **wear your mask** while inside the Church! Practice good hygiene (wash your hands, use hand sanitizer). Most importantly – if you are not feeling well, experiencing symptoms, or just don’t feel comfortable in meeting face-to-face, please stay home. (We give you permission & please let the pastors & staff know so that you can use Zoom for the meetings).

**Sun. @ 6 PM Ignite ONLINE (OC Sermon).** Join Pastor Joe at the Ignite on **Sunday, August 9** for his **\*new\* sermon series, “Dream Big”** focusing on Bob Goff’s book! This weekend, **“Absurd Expectations”** with **Matthew 14:25-31**.

- **Sunday Morning J.A.M. Offerings /** Sunday J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) opportunities? Children & Youth (and Adults): tune into **Sarah’s lesson at 9 AM on Facebook & YouTube.** Adults: Check out the following classes via Zoom; **Seekers (9 AM,** Zoom – talk to Doug Kallesen to get connected – RECURRING meeting – use same link). *As additional on-site worship services are offered, stay tuned for more information.*

**Mission Committee’s “Drive-By” Salad Luncheon 8/13 /** That’s right – the pandemic isn’t stopping a First UMC **tradition** – check out this year’s **“Drive-By” Salad**

**Luncheon on Thursday, August 13 from 11 AM to 1 PM** featuring a great take-out menu: First UMC's famous "hot chicken salad" with breadstick, dessert & more! The cost is **\$7.00 per meal** – and remember that this fundraiser raises money for **Missions!** With that being said, here is how you can get involved: 1) "Drive-by" & pick up some meals on August 13 (offer to pick some up for a neighbor or two or three too) **and/or** 2) send cash donations to First UMC to support our Missions Committee & their endeavors (please mark any checks in the memo with "Salad Luncheon). *Help this event to be a success!*

**Shop by the Church** / Next **Shop By the Church** events are scheduled on **Wednesday, August 19 from 9 AM to 1 PM**. You will have the opportunity to drop off donations and/or purchase **Scrip Gift Cards**. *Please call on Monday and/or Tuesday for your Scrip orders during business hours, 7:30 to 5 PM.* **NEED SCRIP GIFT CARDS SOONER? You may purchase Scrip (and/or schedule appointments with staff members) during regular office hours: Mon-Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM.**

**Communications** / First UMC recently approved a new communications plan – here is what's **\*new\***:

- **Sermon By Phone** -- just call **#402-205-2469** to hear the weekly Sunday message.
- **\*NEW\* Email Blast format coming soon through One Call Now.** You will be receiving meeting reminders by phone, email and/or texting through this new service & will be able to choose your preferred method for receiving messages.

**Community Meal** / First UMC's **Wednesday Nite Community Meal** will be taking orders that can be picked up at the OC from 5 to 5:30 PM on Wednesdays. These meals are available to ANYONE – just please reserve your meals by **Wednesday at Noon**. Not interested in eating a meal but you'd like to help? Contact Sandy to see if there may be a volunteer position available that fits your interest! Check out how we are helping First UMC's food ministry grow!

**Calendar of Events** (\* = see above for more details) – most of the following events are online or via Zoom

**August 5** – Community Meal (*Sarah's meatballs, macaroni corn casserole, green beans & cheesecake*) – **Call by 1 PM today to reserve your meals!** / Video Series on Racism (via Zoom) / Ignite Worship Team Practice / Wed J.A.M. Online / Youth Group (Zoom – Sarah)

**August 9** – **On-Site Worship @ 8 AM** / J.A.M. Lesson back @ 9 AM online / Seekers Bible Study returning to 9 AM (Zoom, Doug K.) / **On-Site Worship and Online @ 10:30 AM, / Ignite Praise Online @ 6 PM**

**August 10** – Program Committee Chairs @ 6:30 PM / Program Committee Meetings @ 7 PM (Zoom will be made available upon request)

**August 11** – Quilters

**August 12** – Word & Table (online) / Community Meal *servicing ham, scalloped potatoes, peas and cookie* (contact Sandy by noon to reserve a meal) / Grow Men / Video on Racism / Ignite Worship Team Practice / Wed J.A.M. Online / Youth Group (Zoom – Sarah)

**August 13** – Missions "Drive-By" Salad Luncheon / Prayer Team / Men's BS (Bible Study)

**August 20** – US-30 Speedway will sponsor First UMC's Food Pantry

**August 23** – Burger Bash @ OC (Drive-By and/or on-site) 4 to 6 PM / Outdoor Ignite Service

**Community Connection** / Check out the following information:

- **Midwest Mission Distribution Center URGENT REQUESTS.** MMDC is looking for in-kind donations of the following: **Bath Hand Towel** (no kitchen towels); **Bath Washcloth** (no kitchen towels); **Adult Toothbrush** (no multi-packs); **Toothpaste** (2.5 oz or larger); **Bar Soap** (3-4 oz); **Bottle Liquid Laundry Detergent** (32-64 oz); **Bottle Liquid Antibacterial Disinfectant Cleaner** (16-40 oz – no spray cleaners); **Bottle Dish Soap** (16-34 oz); **N-95 Face Masks**; **Adult Cloth Face Masks** and **Child Cloth Face Masks**. Please watch for more information & guidance from First UMC's Mission Committee for collection times & locations.
- **Camp Fontanelle is seeking QUILTS.** There will definitely be an **online component** to their annual fundraising Quilt Auction. Please contact Jane Van Horn if you are interested in donating quilts to the 2020 Quilt Auction. Jane's number: 402-278-0526. The date for the Annual BBQ is on **Sunday, September 20**.
- **East Central Health District is looking for VOLUNTEERS** to help in the call center. If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer form at [https://hipaa.jotform.com/ECDHD/Volunteer\\_Application](https://hipaa.jotform.com/ECDHD/Volunteer_Application)
- **Men of Stilwell UMC invite you to a BYOB Zoom!** On **Saturday, August 8** -- UMM will start ZOOMING at 8:15 and finish at 9:30 AM. Steve Kirkeby and Pastor Eric Rook will host a panel discussion with: Gil Hanke, General Secretary/CEO of GCUMM; Rev. Dr. Rick Vance, Director, Center for Men's Ministry; and George Houle, Director, Great Plains Men's Ministry

Discussion will focus on: 1) Why men are important to the life and growth of the church, 2) How men can help improve the life and growth of the church, and 3) What men can do as individuals or as a group to strengthen their connection and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Join us and hear how YOU can be the DIFFERENCE! Zoom Stilwell UMM BYOB Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/93495911876?pwd=Y0d5VGtaK2I4ZEU5dDFna096d0JIUT09> / Password: 317263 / If you do not have a mic and/or camera on your computer, you can call into the meeting and enter the ID and password when prompted: (312) 626- 6799 / Meeting ID: 934 9591 1876 & Password: 317263