

On Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:33 AM, Program Coordinator
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LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES /

Maundy Thursday worship @ 7 PM featuring special music & Holy Communion.

Good Friday worship @ Noon at Grace Episcopal Church (Stations of the Cross)

Good Friday worship @ 7 PM at the Church featuring Ignite Music Team (contemporary and traditional songs) as well as scriptures reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Prayer Vigil from Good Friday @ 9 PM through Easter Sunday @ 6 AM. Below are the times that are still available. Please contact the Church Office before Thursday evening @ 5 PM – or sign-up at the Maundy Thursday service. Thank you for participating in this year's Prayer Vigil. The church will be open until 11 PM on Friday & Saturday. During the early morning hours, please pray in the comfort of your home.

This Easter weekend in worship @ the Church, we will continue the "Go...." Series with *Go: This Comforts & Convinces*. Jesus Christ rose from the dead! He Lives! How will you celebrate the resurrection spirit? Worship on Sat @ 6 PM; Sun @ 6:30 AM (Sunrise Service followed by breakfast) and 8 AM & 10:30 AM.

This weekend at Ignite worship @ the Outreach Center, the *Transforming* series brings us to hear Mary Magdalene's encounter at the tomb! Check out the Ignite service on Sunday @ 6 PM & invite others to join you! (Don't forget that there is a community meal at 5:30 PM, even on Easter weekend).

Mini Mission U and Spring Salad Supper – Columbus FUMC UMW are planning to hold the Mini Mission U the afternoon of **April 19th** from **1:00-5:00 PM**. The mission study will be held in the Chapel Parlor of FUMC and will include a Salad Supper. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM in Fellowship

Hall. This is our annual unit meeting to which we invite the surrounding UMW units to come and share an evening of good food and fellowship. The special speaker for the evening will be **Debbie Ritter** who has just returned from a trip to Zimbabwe and African University. Please RSVP to Jackie Pope. Any questions please call Jackie at 402-469-4435.

The Church Has Left the Building / Change the World

— The Church is invited to make a difference on **Sunday, April 23**. There are a variety of activities in which to participate. The morning schedule is as follows:

8 to 9 AM – coffee, refreshments & fellowship in the Gathering Area

9 to 10 AM – ONE morning worship service with a special dedication of our projects & participants. You are invited to dress casually & to participate as you are able! Please note: even though there is only ONE morning worship service, Ignite will have its service at 6 PM @ our Outreach Center.

10 to 12 PM – projects including **picking up litter** at a number of locations; **power washing & scraping paint** in west entry @ Outreach Center; **making and/or taking gifts** to our homebound and/or care facility members & friends; and **praying** for the needs of our community.

Sign-up for the projects by calling the Church Office and/or by using the tear-off sheet located in this weekend's bulletin! We are called to make a difference for Jesus Christ in our community and in our world!

Morningside College Choir – Morningside College Choir is coming **Saturday, April 29th to Sunday, April 30th** to perform after the Saturday 6:00 PM service. We need help with housing the students overnight along with providing dinner for the students during Saturday service. If you would be able to house a minimum of two students at your house or are able to help provide a meal for the students please contact the office at 402-564-8463.

6-Week Bible Study on “Called to Discipleship” – Please join us for six Bible stories from the Gospels and Acts on Sundays at 9:00 AM upstairs, starting April 30th or come when you can, just try it! Facilitated by Doug Kalleesen, 402-563-1570, dkalleesen@neb.rr.com.

CALENDAR:

April 13 / Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM @ Church

April 14 / Church Office & Outreach Center Closed / Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM @ Church / 9:00 PM Prayer Vigil to Easter Sunday @ 6:00 AM

April 15 / 6:00 PM Worship Service

April 16 / Peanut & Stretch Offering / 6:30 AM Sunrise Service / 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast / 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services / 6:00 PM Ignite!

April 17 / Taxes Due / Church Office & Outreach Center Closed

April 18 / Graduating Senior Scholarships due by 5:00 PM / 6:45 PM Administrative Committee Chairs / 7:00 Finance, SPRC, Board of Trustees

April 19 / Circuit Rider Due / 1:00 – 5:00 PM Mini Mission U and Spring Salad Supper

Children & Youth

Vacation Bible School- VBS will be from June 5th -9th. We are in need of many volunteers to help teach children the word of God! If you would like to be a helper or a leader contact either Sarah Borgman or Erin Landon at 402-564-8463.

Miscellaneous Information

Bowls & Pans – We have many left over bowls and pans this month. If you brought food to the church lately we would love it if you stopped by to pick up your containers. They are located in the mechanical room off of the kitchen.

Thrivent Members: you are welcome to designate funds to First United Methodist Church – we are now eligible to receive *Thrivent Dollars*. Contact the Church Office for more information!

Circuit Rider Changes! When you receive the April Circuit Rider you may notice that a calendar is NOT included for our Church and Outreach Center. That is because with two facilities & ever growing and changing programs & ministries, the calendar seems to be outdated *as soon as it is printed & mailed*. Please use the Church Bulletin announcements for the latest schedules & events AND we want to encourage people to use the calendar that is posted on our website: www.columbusfumc.com OR please contact the Church Office during business hours for immediate calendar / scheduling assistance.

Lenten Laps – If you have been walking this lent season be sure and turn in your laps to Meka here in the office. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Community Connection!

Easter Egg Hunt - Join Columbus Community Hospital for an Eggsperience! Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-7 on **Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m.** in the front lawn of the hospital. You can have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny between 5:30-6:00 p.m. In the event of bad weather, look for an update on our Facebook page or www.columbushosp.org.

Midwest Medical Transport Co. Midwest MedAir – Come out to meet our ground & air crews while enjoying a free meal! The American Red Cross will be on location to assist people in donating blood from 10-3 pm. On **Saturday, April 15, 2017** Midwest MedAir Hangar, Columbus Airport 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Free admission with can of food (donation) per person that will be given to the local food bank.

2017 Great Plains UM Cowboy Trail Bike Ride or Walk – 16th annual ride or walk for the mission project, and sponsored by the Great Plains UMM. Donations will be given to Upper Room Prayer Line, Society of St. Andrew, Stop Hunger Now, Imagine No Malaria, disaster response, camping ministry, jail ministry, youth ministry, and scholarships for Christian service. On **May 27**, Bike or walk from Norfolk to Tilden Nebraska. Breakfast and check in at Norfolk is at 7:00 A.M. Will start walking/ ridding at 8:00 A.M. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Registration for biking family is \$25.00 which includes on t-shirt; additional t-shirts are \$15.00 each. There is no registration cost for walkers. T-shirts are 15.00 each. To ensure getting a t-shirt please register by May 17th. Rest

stops with snacks will be at Battle Creek and Meadow Grove. Enjoy the fresh air, good exercise, tasty food and good fellowship.

Columbus Rescue Mission 8th Annual Ladies Brunch – Columbus Rescue Mission is having their annual ladies brunch on **Saturday, April 22nd from 9:30 - 11:30 AM** at FUMC Outreach Center. This year's theme is "let your light shine." Guest speaker is Denise Skrobecki, warden Nebraska correctional Center for Women plus Special Music, Testimonies and Door Prizes! Please **RSVP no later than Tuesday April 18** (402-563-1096) A free will offering will be taken for a new boiler & Women's Ministry Needs.

Blended & Blessed: Keys to Stepfamily Success – Horizons Church (3200 Grainger Parkway Lincoln, NE 68516 in Lincoln, NE is hosting the Blended & Blessed Keys to Stepfamily Success on **Saturday, April 29th** from 8:30AM - 4:00PM. If you have any questions please contact Karen at karen@horizonschurch.org or 402-420-6600. Doors will open at 7:30 am light snacks and drinks will be provided. Lunch will be offsite, to allow for a time of reflection. Please let Karen know if you are unable to attain your own childcare.

Food Allergies- Do you know the difference between a food allergy and food intolerance? On **April 27th** at noon join featured speaker D.r James Friedlander, from Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates, P.C., as he leads a discussion of all things related to food allergies, including recent updates in diagnosis and treatment. Located on the third floor conference room of Columbus Community Hospital. Free lunch included. Pre-registration requested by Monday, April 24th. Contact the Hospital at 402-562-3380 or register online at www.columbushosp.org.

National Diabetes Prevention Program – Join the lifestyle change program to prevent type 2 diabetes. Are you an adult who is overweight? Do you have a family history of diabetes? Have you ever been told by a health care professional that you have prediabetes, borderline diabetes, high blood sugar, or had gestational diabetes while pregnant? This is a yearlong program with 16+ sessions for the first 6 months and sessions once or twice a month for the remaining 6 months. First session begins on **Tuesday, April 18th**. For more information contact Columbus Community hospitals diabetes educations Alicia Mueller 402-562-3322 email aamueller@columbushosp.org or Joan Plummer 402-562-4462 email jlplummer@columbushosp.org.