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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE INVITES YOU ON OCTOBER 30 - HALLOWEEN PARTY & SOUP COOK OFF!

The Evangelism Committee invites you to a **Halloween Party and Soup Cook Off** on **Sunday, October 30**, 2016. The Soup Cook Off will take place at Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. after the Sunday Service. The soups can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall anytime Sunday morning. All other guests are asked to bring a fall-flavored dish, bread or dessert for fun. Each guest at the Soup Cook Off will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite soup with cash donations and all proceeds will benefit Camp Fontanelle. A soup champion will be crowned! In addition, there will be:

- For Children: parade of costumes at 12:15 for everyone to enjoy; games, crafts & face painting!
- For Adults: opportunity to take a virtual tour of our website & social media sites.

FIRST UMC IS HIRING! The Staff Pastor Relations Committee is announcing that First UMC is currently hiring for two positions in the church. **Receptionist** (35 hours/week) and **Program Coordinator** (35 hours/week) positions starting as soon as Nov. 1. Job Descriptions and Applications are available in the Church Office. For more information, please contact Rev. Cindi Stewart.

CALENDAR:

Oct. 23 ~ Confirmation Retreat @ Church, 12 to 4 PM. At 4 PM, parents & families will join the confirmands & participate in conversations & rehearsal.

Oct. 24 ~ First UMC Blood Drive, 12 PM to 6 PM at Outreach Center.

Oct. 24 ~ What If? Team, 7 to 9 PM in the Library. This team is being created to develop a strategy for growth in the Church! Please RSVP with Rev. Cindi or Miki Naylor.

Oct. 26 ~ Christmas in October: Fair Trade Sale, 9 AM to 1:30 PM @ Outreach Center in the Wesley Room. Many new items will be available for gifts! You are invited to taste some of the new products & to see the beautiful bags, jewelry, scarves & more!

Oct. 29 ~ Youth Tailgate BBQ, 4 PM to end of half-time! Dine In @ our Outreach Center or Take Out. Watch the Huskers take on the Wisconsin Badgers & eat some great BBQ – all for a free will donation!

Oct. 29 & 30 ~ Children's Sabbath in worship! Special Music & Powerful witness from the Youth Alaska Mission Trip! Don't miss it!

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

· **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE / KIDS KORNER** – As we continue to grow our Wednesday evening programming, check out the 7-Week Kid's Bible Study starting October 5th – November 16th. Kids in 1st – 4th Grade are invited to join the fun. *Still room for more!*

· **Craft Fair Vendors Needed!** For the second year, there will be a Craft Fair for the youth on Sat. Nov. 12 from 10 to 2 PM at our new Outreach Center – more space & more opportunities! For more info, talk to Sarah Borgman!

MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

· **Let's Talk About Gender, Race, Poverty & Environment, 10 AM to 3 PM** at Lincoln First UMC (2723 N. 50th Street). Registration fee is suggested donation of \$5. On-line registration available through: www.greatplainsumc.org/register Sponsored by the Great Plains Annual Conference's Mercy & Justice Team.

- **Calling All Soup Day Signs!** If you have been keeping a Soup Day sign in your home – thank you for keeping it safe! It is now time to change the date on that sign so if you could return it to the Church as soon as possible, we will get it dressed for this upcoming Soup Day. Appreciate your help!

- **Treasured Recipes: *The Salad Edition Cookbook - second printing in process!*** Please call the church office (402) 564-8463 and reserve yours today for only \$12.00 each. “In-house” costs were estimated around \$5 each – that leaves \$7 per cookbook for Disaster Relief! Be generous & remember that these cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries & Christmas!

- **Car Decals** are for sale in the church office by the Evangelism committee; stop and see if you would like to purchase one for \$7.00. This is another great way to get our name out in the public.

- **DISHES!** Please come to the Chapel Parlor and check out the dishes to see if anything on the cart is yours or a neighbor's!

- **2017 MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW UMC, ALASKA!!!** Willow United Methodist Church, our Faith Partner, recently contacted the Mission Committee to see if it church would send a VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team to cut and distribute firewood and help host Vacation Bible School. The VIM mission would last approximately 7 days. We are asking for a dates during the last two weeks of July, 2017. The approximate cost would be \$800 for airfare and approximately \$400 to cover rental cars and most meals. We need 10 people to form a team. The team is limited to 15 participants. For more information, please contact Denise Kracl at (402) 615-1020 or huskergirl29@yahoo.com.

- **Healthy Living is Possible!** The Holidays are quickly approaching! Starting on **Saturday, November 5 from 9 to 10 AM**, a special group is being offered utilizing materials from The Daniel Plan showing how the combination of faith, fitness, food, focus & friends will change our health forever. The group will meet at the Outreach

Center (in the Meditation Room). Please contact Sandy Martensen to sign-up @ wmartensen@neb.rr.com or 402-563-3107.

Community Connection!

- **St. Anthony Church Bazaar & Dinner** – Sunday, October 23 @ Ag Park, Columbus. Dine In or Carry Out from 11 to 3 PM. Adults, \$10 and Children (5-10), \$5 and (4 & under), Free
- **Community Awareness Meeting about the development of a Norfolk Area LOSS Team (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors).** Tuesday, October 25th at 7 pm @ Columbus Public Library, 2504 14th Street. For more information call Greg Priebe at (402) 992-1452
- **Monroe United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner & Bazaar** ~ Sunday, November 6, 11:00 am-1:30 pm, Monroe City Auditorium. Take out is available!
- **BIG PALS, LITTLE PALS 14th Annual Bowl-A-Thon.** Sunday, November 6 @ Westbrook Lanes, 1:30 to 3:30 PM. To participate: 1. Form a 4-member team & raise \$100 for entry fee. 2. Your business, organization, church group can sponsor FOUR Big & Little Pals to bowl by making a \$100 donation. For more information call (402) 563-1081 or email: bigpals@megavision.com
- **Columbus Rescue Mission Celebration Banquet** ~ Monday, November 7, 2016, @ American Legion. Come & hear amazing testimonies of lives changed by our Lord Jesus. Enjoy a great meal and entertainment. FREE RESERVATION; Seating is at 6 PM & meal served at 6:30 PM. Table Sponsorships of \$125 helps the hurting & the homeless.

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Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1