

On Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:52 PM, Cindi Stewart <cindi.stewart@columbusfumc.com> wrote:

First UMC / Email Blast

The Church Office wants to thank you for subscribing to this Email Blast. We are currently in transition in the Church Office – please bear with us as we get our communications out! Welcome Administrative Assistant, Meka Kick, and our Program Coordinator, Erin Jordan.

SOUPER SOUP – LAST CALL! TONIGHT until 7 PM. Soup & Sandwiches & Pie (take-out is available), Bake Sale, more!

Thank you to all who made this day a huge success! Not too late to get your soup on!!!

They're back! RADA CUTLERY SOLD BY UMW. Cutlery will be sold @ Souper Soup Tonight and before & after the 10:30 AM and 6 PM worship services on Sundays. Talk to Susan Haskell for more information – (402) 910-6458.

HANGING OF THE GREENS! Volunteers Needed! Two Locations, One Purpose: Decorate for the Season! **Sunday, November 27 from 3 to 5 PM** – downtown and/or Outreach Center. Childcare available upon request @ OC. Soup Supper following at Outreach Center @ **5:30 PM** followed by Ignite service @ **6 PM**.

Make Your Own Advent Wreath. On **Sunday, November 27** from **7 to 7:45 PM**, families are invited to make their own Advent Wreath at our Outreach Center in lower level – Craft Room & Aldersgate Rooms. No RSVP. Cost is \$5 to \$10 donation.

CALENDAR:

Nov. 20 ~ Holiday Grief Share, 1 to 3 PM in Fellowship Hall. Reserve spot with Church Office, (402) 564-8463.

Community Thanksgiving Service with our Ecumenical partners @ 7:30 PM in the First UMC Sanctuary.

Nov. 24 ~ Happy Thanksgiving from your Church Family!

Nov. 25 ~ Church Office & Outreach Center CLOSED for holiday

Nov. 27 ~ Hanging of the Greens (see above); **3 to 5 PM**, at the Church and our Outreach Center. Soup Supper @ **5:30 PM**

Families Make Your Own Advent Wreath, from **7 to 7:45 PM** in lower level of our Outreach Center.

Stay tuned for more information about our Advent Special Events & Worship Services!

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

2017 Calendars are now on sale from the Senior High Mission Team. The calendars can be purchased from team members or in the church office for \$8 each.

Wednesday night meals are needed. Every week 40+ people have supper in the Youth Underground at the Outreach Center. You may sign up to provide all of the meal or just a portion of it. Please check out the binder in the chapel parlor to sign up to help or talk to Sarah Borgman. Monetary donations for the meals are also accepted.

MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

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.

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.

Community Connection!

Jim & Helen Swartz are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 18. The family requests a card shower to them: 1860 23rd Avenue, Columbus NE 68601

Festival of Trees @ Columbus Art Gallery (lower level of Columbus Public Library). **Nov. 17**, Noon to 8 PM; **Nov 18 & 19**, Noon to 4:30 PM; and **Nov. 20**, 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Advance tickets \$5 or \$6 at the door.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Sponsored by Columbus Rescue Mission with the help of ADM Cares Program & Hy-Vee. Thursday, November 24 from 11 AM to 1 PM at Hy-Vee, 3010 23rd Street, Columbus. Meals can be delivered. VOLUNTEERS are welcome & needed! Call the Mission @ (402) 563-1096.