March 18, 2011

Senior Pastor



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Sunday, March 20 Women's Sunday **Guest Speaker Marilyn** Zehring 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:40 Sunday School/Coffee 2:00 Youth Choir 3:00 Brass Rehearsal Monday, Marcy 21 9:15 Naomi Circle, Room A 9:30 Staff Meeting

#### 7:00 Administrative Council, Rooms A and B **Tuesday, March 22** 7:30 40th & A Neighborhood

Association, Room B

## Wednesday, March 23

5:00 Wednesday Nite Bites Troop 49 serving spaghetti 5:30 Glory Ringers 5:30 Children's Choir (K-2) 6:00 Children's Choir (3-5) 6:00 Middle School Youth Group 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 High School Youth Group Thursday, March 24 Bryan Board Friday, March 25 7:00 Family Movie Night, Room B Youth Group Lock-in Sunday, March 27 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:40 Sunday School/Coffee 9:40 New Member meeting, Parlor 2:00 Youth Choir Monday, March 28 9:15 Naomi Circle, Room A 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Hospitality Committee, Room A 6:45 Serenity Singers Tuesday, March 29

Messenger Deadline

TeamMates Day at Runza



**Christ United Methodist Church A** Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

# Holy Week Activities

Mark your calendar and plan to join us in worship and fellowship during Holy Week.

Palm Sunday—April 17 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday—April 21 at 7:00 p.m.; Communion served; Glory Ringers presenting

Good Friday—April 22 at 7:00 p.m.; Chancel Choir presenting the Fauré Requiem



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Easter Egg Hunt—April 23 at 10:00 a.m.; Children's activities in the FLC and an egg hunt Easter Sunday—April 24 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

# **UMCOR** Donations for Japan

You can help the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). You can donate through UMCOR's website, umcor.org, or link directly to their donation page through the church website, christumclinc.org. You can also write a check to CUMC and write "UMCOR Advance 3021317" in the memo line. Any donations received at CUMC will be forwarded directly to UMCOR.

#### **Reverend Jim Miller** (402) 984-9358 Office Administrator/ Children's Choir Amanda Kenney Education and **Children's Ministries** Kim Garrison Youth Director Michelle Chesnut Music Director Jenny Vanderholm **Organist/Pianist** Stephanie Schmidt Building Superintendent Randy Cary **CUMC Brass** Mark Eldred Serenity Singers **Connie Adams** Christ Academy Director Cindy Laughter **Additional Teachers** Diana Clark Ann Hilton Elizabeth Milhouse Amanda Roby Amanda Smith Stacy Taylor

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## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Staff Appreciation Potluck

☆ ☆  $\frac{7}{4}$  Your Hospitality Team invites you to attend an appreciation potluck dinner for the ☆ ☆ CUMC staff right after 11:00 worship on Sunday, April 3. We will introduce all of  $\frac{2}{3}$  the CUMC staff members and have entertainment of violins and brass. Please  $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$ bring food to share and your own table service. We will begin serving from four 🖌 lines and the program will follow our dinner. We hope you plan to join us to show our appreciation for our great staff! ☆ ☆

# New Member Meeting

Are you interested in joining CUMC? If so, plan to attend a new member meeting on Sunday, March 27, at 9:40 in the parlor (back of the sanctuary). This brief meeting will be a time to ask any questions about membership and to fill out new membership paperwork. Please call the church office if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

# What's Happening?

(Please help us keep up-to-date with hospital stays/births/deaths etc. by calling the church office at 489-9618. The information will be listed in the newsletter and bulletin if we have the individual's permission to do so.)

(cont. from page 1) Wednesday, March 30 5:00 Wednesday Nite Bites Hospitality Committee serving Polynesian chicken 5:30 Glory Ringers 5:30 Children's Choir (K-2) 6:00 Children's Choir (3-5) 6:00 Middle School Youth Group 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 High School Youth Group Thursday, March 31 9:30 Women's Bible Study, Room B Friday, April 1 1:00 Messenger Assembly, Room A 6:00 Bishop Roast Event, Downtown Holiday Inn 6:30 Scrapbooking, Room A Saturday, April 2 11:00 Counseling Ministry, Room 301 11:00 Bill Lybarger memorial Sunday, April 3 One Great Hour of Sharing (special offering) 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:40 Sunday School/Coffee

12:00 Staff Appreciation pot luck, FLC 2:00 Youth Choir 3:00 Brass Rehearsal

## Ministry Scholarship Recipient

Adam Neely, a high school senior in our church and youth group, has been selected to receive the Kessler/Thom Scholarship at Hastings College for students studying in their Center for Vocation, Faith and Service Christian Ministries program. This is a four year scholarship. Congratulations to Adam, and blessings as he studies to be a youth pastor.



The family of Don Gilson, who passed away March 3.
Leeola Story and family on the March 5 death of Carroll.
George Edgar and family on the death of his daughter-in-law Kassi Riordan.
Rex Wilson and family on the death of his father, Harold Wilson.
Verne Dvorak had eye surgery.
Diana Clark had surgery.
Gordan Pejsar at Tabitha.
Bette Phillips at Tabitha.
Blanche Myers at Tabitha.

Welcome **Mark Michel Mizerski**, born March 10, 2011! Parents are Amanda and Rob Mizerski and grandparents are Mike and Barb Brunkow.

#### Family Movie Night

Our next family movie night is scheduled for Friday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Room B. We will be showing the movie Toy Story. Popcorn, candy, and juice boxes will be provided. All are invited to come and join us for a fun night at church!

## **Collection for Soldiers**

Pack-42 Webelos Den is collecting toiletries, hard candy, and magazines for soldiers in Afghanistan through March 22. There is a box on the shelf on the south side of the Great Hall, marked Pack-42, and a list of items the soldiers will accept on our behalf. Thank you for any contributions.

#### **Bishop Roast Event**

You are cordially invited to attend the Bishop Ann B. Sherer-Simpson Roast Event on Friday, April 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Our own Jim Miller is the Emcee for the event. The \$50 cost per person includes dinner, entertainment, auction, and a fun evening roasting Bishop Ann. \$30 per person is tax-deductible, as proceeds also go toward scholarships for Nebraska Saint Paul Seminary students. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, March 23. Please contact Donna Wolfgeher at (816) 245-4816 or donnaw@spst.edu for more information.



## TeamMates Day at Runza<sup>®</sup>!

On **Tuesday, March 29**, all Nebraska and Iowa Runza<sup>®</sup> Restaurants are donating 10% of proceeds to the TeamMates Mentoring Program. Visit a Runza<sup>®</sup> location *anytime* on March 29, and help support Lincoln TeamMates!

## Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for a priceless experience? Then join us in touching lives! The Independence House, a locally owned and operated Assisted Living Memory Care Facility, is looking for volunteers to help enhance the quality of life for our elderly with memory loss. Volunteers can help with daily planned group activities or just assist the residents in living life to the fullest. Scheduling is very flexible, with a minimum of only 1 hour per month. Please contact Rhonda Saunders, Independence House Marketing Director, at (402) 475-7755 or <u>marketing@emeraldcareco.com</u>.

## Public Educational Forum

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, and on Thursday, March 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. a forum will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beatrice. If you have questions regarding this forum please call Choices Treatment Center at (402) 476-2300.

#### Thank You!

Thank you for a wonderful birthday celebration. I am amazed the entire church could keep a secret about my daughter Carol and her husband John coming from Nashville. My 90th birthday did not pass quietly as I had intended, but I now have beautiful memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for your love and friendship.

- Lucille Penterman

Thank you for everything you did for me and my family during our 12 years of membership. Mike and I joined the church on Easter Sunday of 1999. During my membership at Christ, we adopted Hannah and Rachel and had them baptized, and from Sunday school to preschool we spent a lot of time at the church. The saddest came when we lost Mike to cancer in 2004, and again, the church family was totally there for me and the girls. For every person who taught the girls Sunday school and VBS, every person who bought a Girl Scout cookie from them, those who were involved with the Children's Choir, my friends in my Circle, each member who smiled and said hello to us on a Sunday morning—I say thank you. After marrying Todd Samland last summer we are now settled in Omaha. We recently joined a church here and are enjoying getting to know our new church family and being a part of this community. But we still miss our Lincoln friends. Thank you for being a part of our lives, for being there for us, for loving us. If you want to keep in touch, we'd love to hear from you! I wish you all much peace during the upcoming Lenten season.

- Kathleen Samland, Hannah and Rachel Minor 3513 S. 94th Ave., Omaha, NE 68124; <u>k.samland@hotmail.com</u>

Thank you for your donation of \$305 for the TeamMates mentoring program. We appreciate all that the members of Christ United Methodist Church do to help TeamMates fund matches and come closer to reaching our goals.

- Sandi Witkowicz, Community Specialist

The Conference Risk-Taking Mission and Justice Ministries team wants to thank your congregation for your hospitality for our gathering on February 12!

- Andrea Paret

Thanks to all who participated in and made contributions to the 2011 "Souper Bowl of Caring" which benefited Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach! The contribution from your congregation was \$275. Your kindness, compassion, and support

bring hope to the working poor and homeless in our community. Thank you! - Susanne Blue, Executive Director



## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

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To help beautify our Sanctuary for Easter worship, we will once again be taking orders for lilies. The lilies are florist quality plants with 4-6 blooms per pot and they will be cleaned of any pollen. The cost is **\$9.00 each**. You are invited to order one or more In Memory or In Honor of someone. You may take the plants home following the 11:00 service Easter Sunday. **Order forms must be received in the church office by Friday, April 8.** 

Please make checks payable to Christ UMC—Easter Lily.

Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lily (or lilies) In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lily (or lilies) In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_ times \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_ (amount included)

Giver's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

\*You may also order Easter lilies online at christumclinc.org!

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Change service requested

**WORSHIP SERVICES** 

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 am

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, 9:40 am

#### UMW News

Things are getting busy for the UMW of CUMC! We will be facilitating worship for **Women's Sunday, March 20, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** Please come to hear our speaker, Marilyn Zehring. She is one of the Directors representing South Central Jurisdiction of UMW. She resides in Columbus, NE, when she is not at the headquarters in NYC. Come and welcome her to our church!

We have 14 women signed up for the **One Day School of Christian Mission Event Saturday, March 26,** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First UMC. The cost is \$8.50, which includes coffee, rolls, muffins, and lunch. We would be happy to add additional registrants; contact Ann Soukup at (402) 483-1263 if you are interested.

Please be aware that the **Spring Brunch** has been changed from April 30 to **May 14** due to a conflict. More information will be forthcoming.

Check the bulletin board and add some great events to your April calendar:

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Acolytes		
March 20	8:30	Gabriella Soriente and Riley Clark
	11:00	Emma Jewell and Hailee Lynn
March 27	8:30	John Dearmont and Cooper McClure
	11:00	Torin Lynn and Adam Deutsch
April 3	8:30	Jack Jewell and Ethan Dyer
	11:00	Eli Sommerich and Vincent Wieser
<u>Greeters</u>		
March 20	8:30	Burnita Den Hartog, Lois Schulenberg, Jane Wray, Vera Ficke
	11:00	Jerrie Michaelson, Mildred Gardner, Diane Farrand, Frances Kasl
March 27	8:30	Dale and Sandra Schneider, Beverly and Brian Clark
	11:00	Dick and Sally Schneider, Les Williams and Phyllis Maurer
April 3	8:30	Gerri Monahan, Nancy and Bob Brandt
	11:00	Louise Mountford, Betty Bredemeyer
Fellowship Servers		
March 20		Lois Gleaves and Del and Julie Williams
March 27		Phyllis Spahn and Frances Kasl
April 3		Shari and Joe Nigro
Communion Helpers		
April 3	8:30	Tom and Keri Ahlschwede, Ruth Northup
	11:00	Arlen and Shirley Milke, Arlene Lynn
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Wednesday, April 6—Noon Luncheon Saturday, April 16—2011 Church Women United State Assembly at First UMC in York Friday, April 29—5th Friday Book Review at 1:30 Saturday, April 30—2011 Blue River District UMW Spring Retreat at Peace UMC in Plymouth, beginning at 9:30 a.m.



#### WICS Soup Supper

The Women in Community Service Auxiliary Board will be holding their annual

soup supper on Tuesday, March 29, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Southview Christian Church (22nd and South Streets). Chili, vegetable beef, taco, chicken noodle, and potato leek soups will be served along with garlic bread and pie. The proceeds from the supper go to help refurbish the residence for the girls, make necessary repairs, and provide much needed items for the girls. Adult tickets are \$5, children 4-12 are \$3, and children 3 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling (402) 477-5256.

Messenger Schedule Submit by March 29 for mailing April 1 Submit by April 12 for mailing April 15