



Will Bike for Food

Nebraska United Methodist  
Bike Ride for Hunger

## Seventeenth Annual Circle Bicycle Tour of Nebraska June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	— Beatrice - <i>Optional Day</i>	<i>39 miles</i>
<b>June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	— Beatrice, NE – Auburn, NE	<i>68 miles</i>
<b>June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	— Auburn, NE – Sabetha, KS	<i>58 miles</i>
<b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b>	— Sabetha, KS – Marysville, KS	<i>61 miles</i>
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	— Marysville, KS – Beatrice, NE	<i>47 miles</i>

*\*Mileage approximate*

**NUMB** stands for Nebraska United Methodist Bike Ride for Hunger. This year NUMB will celebrate 17 years of feeding the hungry of the world. NUMB has contributed over \$519,000 to alleviate hunger since the first ride in 1996. NUMB is sponsored by the *Nebraska United Methodist Church Risk Taking Mission and Justice Team of the Common Table*.

**NUMB** is open to all interested cyclists. You do not have to be United Methodist to participate in NUMB. The ride will be limited to the first 200 riders. Riders will be coming from all across the nation, as well as Nebraska to be a part of this ride. Send your registration or register on line at [www.numbride.org](http://www.numbride.org) early to secure a spot on NUMB 2012. Riders 18 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian. NUMB will be challenging and riders must be in excellent riding condition and using quality biking equipment. Helmets are required. Participants must pay \$50 for registration (*after May 1<sup>st</sup> - \$55*) and secure a minimum of \$100 pledged to United Methodist Hunger programs. Registrants will receive pledge sheets and information about United Methodist Hunger projects upon registering.

**NUMB 2012** will be a 275+/- mile loop tour starting and ending in Beatrice, Nebraska. The official start of NUMB 2012 is the Saturday evening Rider's Meeting, but for those arriving early to Beatrice, there will be an optional pre-NUMB loop ride on Saturday morning of approximately 39 miles that includes a visit to Homestead National Monument. The route this year will take us to Southeast Nebraska and Northeast Kansas. This is an area where the last vestiges of the eastern hardwood forests give way to the tall grass prairies of the Great Plains. Native Americans settled in the area because of an abundance of water, game, and plant life necessary for their subsistent lifestyle. The trails of early pioneers crossed the area as they headed to western lands. It is also where the first white settlers to Kansas and Nebraska found the building blocks for communities. As you pedal the rolling hills and through villages, take time to visualize what was, what is, and what may be yet to come.



Cyclists need to provide their own tents, multi-speed bike and gear needed for the trip. Helmets are mandatory. Following registration you will receive additional information including helpful hints on training and equipment. The route is SAG supported. Geoff Paterson of Omaha Bike Masters will be the NUMB Bike Tech. Designated camping sites are provided in each host community. Support vehicles will transport your tents and luggage. Riders will park their vehicles in Beatrice on arrival and pick them up again when our tour concludes there.

The United Methodist Churches of *Beatrice & Auburn, Nebraska, Sabetha & Marysville, Kansas* will be our hosts and arrange for breakfast and evening meals for purchase and showers and camping spaces in their communities. Registration information will contain a listing of motels available in host towns. SAGs with water and snacks will be located every 10-12 miles. Riders will be responsible for purchasing lunch in towns we pass through on the route.



**TOUR LEADERSHIP** *Rev. Bill Ritter*, Senior Pastor of First UMC, Columbus, member of the National Bicycle Tour Directors Association and Tour Leader for the seventeenth year. Bill has led numerous cross Nebraska bike tours for the United Methodist Church since the 1980's and is a veteran of fourteen BRAN trips, has participated in RAGBRAI, MS150, BAK, SAGBRAW, Tour de Kota, Candisc, BAM, WOW and various other Bike Tours. Also serving you on NUMB are *Greg Bakewell*, Route Director, *Nina Clark*, Social Director, *Wayne and Kathy Minikus*, SAG Directors and *Regina Bergman*, Registrar/director's assistant.

*Geoff Paterson, Bike Tech Bike Masters of Omaha, NE.*  
*Dick Vandenberg, Nebraska Cycling and Fitness, Columbus, NE*

**2012 Jerseys – information will be sent at a later time to those registering.**

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Check out [www.numbride.org](http://www.numbride.org) for additional registration forms, pictures/video of previous NUMB's and additional information  
**Register online at: [www.numbride.org](http://www.numbride.org)**  
*If you are not a rider but would like to participate, support personnel are needed, please contact us.*