



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mission and Ministry Fair!

From those that created beautiful and informative displays to tell people about your important work, to those who came to learn more about the many opportunities to be involved at FUMC, your presence made the event great! *Special thanks goes to Judy the Chicken for being the first ever chicken to attend the Mission and Ministry Fair!*

September Fellowship Meal— All are welcome to enjoy fellowship, fun, and delicious goulash and fruit cocktail! A free-will donation will be collected to support the Living Hope United Methodist Church Pearl Pantry. **Sunday, September 24, 12:00 pm, the Commons**

Moonlight Movie and Dinner— Please join us for dinner (free-will offering), movie, and discussion of the Academy Award winning film, *Moonlight*. Many cross sectional topics will be explored, from race to gender. After the film, you are invited to participate in a discussion led by Ay Spivey. For more information, contact Pastor Cynthia at Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@fumcomaha.org **Saturday, September 30, 4:00-7:00 pm, the Commons**

Welcome and Hospitality— We ask all in our faith community to wear your name tag each week to show signs of welcoming and hospitality to all who enter our space. **If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement, please sign up for a new one at the front office or Contact Rosey Higgs at 402-556-6262 x1004 or e-mail Rosey.Higgs@fumcomaha.org**

Movie Group— Join us to discuss “Wind River” followed by food and fellowship at a restaurant in the Old Market. You are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S 15 St)**

Red Cross Blood Drive— Please mark your calendars for our annual Blood Drive on **Sunday, October 22, in the Commons**. One unit of blood has the potential to save up to three lives! Questions? Contact Ken Rood at kdr43@cox.net. There will be a sign-up table in the Commons during the month of October!



We are an Active Faith Community— At FUMC Omaha, we believe church does not end on Sundays. We have many missions, ministries, groups, committees, and events that strive for positive change, justice, and care for our community and beyond occurring throughout the week. Because we are so active, we ask **if you have any promotional advertisement or flyers to bring them to the front office. Please do not put them out around the church.** Thank you!

Flood Buckets— Because you answered the call to be a faith community of compassion, generosity, and fast-action, we completed **thirty-seven flood bucket cleaning kits** as well as collected additional supplies that will be later used for relief efforts. **The buckets, additional supplies, and monetary donations sent directly to UMCOR valued in total over \$6,000!** Thank you to ALL who gave, gathered, and made this ministry possible.



Announcing

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Exploring First Church— If you would like to learn more about First United Methodist Church, gather in the Parlor (west of the Sanctuary) with Pastor Jane on Sunday mornings, September 17 to October 15, 9:35-10:35 am. Discover the history of FUMC, what we mean when we say Compassion for All, and why we do things the way we do (spoiler alert: we are not like most Methodists!). New members, visitors, and long-time members of our faith community are invited to join this 5-week class!

Begins today! Sunday, September 17, 9:35 am, the Parlor

White Privilege Informational Study: Let's Talk—We are excited to announce a new small group discussion and curriculum on white privilege. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn, engage, and have honest conversations about privilege, place, class, and race in our nation and throughout history in a safe and engaging environment. Contact Pastor Cynthia Lindenmeyer with any questions! Four Group Sessions will be offered to fit your schedule. Feel free to attend any group at any time!

Group 1:

Mondays (9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6) — 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Countryside Community Church (8787 Pacific St)

Group 2:

Mondays (9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13) — 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Countryside Community Church (8787 Pacific St)

Group 3, facilitated by Carter Schram:

Tuesdays (9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7) — 7:00 - 8:30 pm at FUMC in the Parlor

Group 4, facilitated by Susan Davies and Howard Surber:

Sundays (every Sunday through October 29) — 9:35 - 10:30 am at FUMC in room 112

Please e-mail Candice Nielsen at Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org for a link to the curriculum we will use in all of the classes.

Honor Thy Self— Our newly formed group welcomes women over 60 who are interested in joining others once a month for stimulating programs. Connie Johnk will lead us in "Mapping Our Lives" in our next meeting, and we invite you to find out more about this with us! Contact Ruthie Lees at 402-991-3168 if you have questions. **Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 am, the Parlor**

Book Review— The time is coming to begin the Book Reviews! With Nebraska celebrating its 150th birthday, Marilyn Hansen will review the book *Old Jules* by Mari Sandoz. The book is a biography about the 1884 Nebraska homesteader, Jules Sandoz. Please join us for this fall book review. All are welcome! **Thursday, September 21, 10:00 am, the Parlor**

Stay Connected. Check us out online! For up-to-date information on our events, please visit our events page and online public calendar. fumcomaha.org

Bringing Forth The Kingdom: A Conversation about Housing in our Community

Hosted by Clair Memorial United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church

Please join us at the Fourth Annual Poverty Education Advocacy Team Forum as we hear from Omaha's organizations helping to eradicate housing injustices. Be part of the discussion as we ask what are the holistic and systemic issues that lead to the economic disparity so vital to owning or renting a home. Presentations and discussions by the City of Omaha Planning Dept., Omaha Housing Authority, Omaha Municipal Land Bank, Holy Name Housing Corporation and others. This event is free and open to all, but we do ask participants to complete registration.

For registration and more information, check out our website fumcomaha.org/events and go to the October monthly events page or pick up a brochure at the front desk.

Saturday, October 21, 8:00 am-12:30 pm the Commons

VIM Members: Opportunity at your Doorstep—

All are invited to join our quarterly meeting at the Foodbank for the Heartland where jobs will include filling backpacks for distribution to students who need food over the weekend or repacking mass quantities of fruits and vegetables for distribution to pantries in the Omaha area or outside Nebraska. There will be sign-up sheets available in the Commons area today and next Sunday. Thank you in advance for your help with this worthwhile project! **Saturday, September 23, 9:00-11:30 am, Foodbank for the Heartland (10525 J St)**

Elders for the Earth—

Join our Eco-Team for a multi-day interdisciplinary gathering geared for folks 50 years and over who want to learn more about and do something about a changing climate. Participants will enjoy live music, delicious locally-sourced food, book reviews, and time to enjoy hikes in the woods! For more info and to register, go to www.elders4theearth.com. **Sunday, October 1-Wednesday, October 4, Mahoney State Park**

Afternoon Circle News—

Please join us for the unique opportunity to tour the American Muslim Institute at 13906 Gold Circle. The American Muslim Institute is a community of Muslims in Omaha. It is a founding member of the Tri-Faith Initiative of Omaha which includes a synagogue, church, and mosque with the common desire to foster mutual understanding, respect and friendship. Our tour begins at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 5th. Plan to have lunch after the tour. More info later on the restaurant. All are welcome! For more information, contact Dottie Deines at dottiedeines@gmail.com, or 402-330-8169. **Tuesday, October 5, 11:00 am, American Muslim Institute (13906 Gold Circle)**

Bystander Intervention Training—

Hosted by our Nonviolence and Giving Witness Group, participants will learn and practice the basic steps to make a safe and effective response in situations of public harassment around perceived ethnic identity, race, religion, sexual identity or gender orientation. Whether you are on the street, on public transportation or at public gatherings, learning how to give an effective response to harassment makes our public spaces safer for everyone! **Sunday, October 8, 3:00-4:30 pm, room 112**