

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

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

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

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!

Please e-mail Candice Nielsen at Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org for information on class times and locations, as well as a link to the curriculum we will use in all of the classes.

SAVE THE DATE:

White Privilege Worship—Now What? As the white privilege informational study concludes, we are left with the question, "Now what?" All groups who have engaged in the study will come together to discern what actions, if any, can emerge.

Sunday, November 5, 3:00-4:00 pm, the Commons

SAVE THE DATE:

Table Talk on Racism— A time to offer an opportunity to authentically explore notions of race and racial inclusion. The goal is to think in new ways, build bridges and explore difficult questions such as, "What are we doing collectively to improve race relations individually and as a community? How do we support one another to take whatever we are already doing to the next level?" Led by Ajamal-Rashad Byndon, a community consultant with Nebraska Families Collaborative, adjunct professor at UNO and founder of Omaha Table Talk. **Tuesday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm, the Commons**



CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS!

Annual Youth Chili Cook-Off— It is time to whip out your famous, award-winning chili recipe and sign up to be a chili cook-off contestant! We need at least 30 entries this year! This meal is a great time to celebrate fall together as a congregation, catch-up with old friends, and meet new faces. We invite all, and hope you will invite others to give to our youth. All funds raised will go to the 2018 Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Texas for flood relief.

Please see Ric Jensen, or e-mail him at Jensen-Ric@aol.com, if you are able to provide chili or Mac & Cheese.

Sunday, November 12, 12:00 pm, the Commons

Save the Date: Charge Conference November 5, 2017 7:00 pm
St. Luke's UMC (11810 Burke Street, Omaha, Ne 68154)

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CROP Walk 2017—The CROP walk is an annual interfaith event for people of all ages to raise funds and awareness for hunger in our community and in our world. Our youth are passionate about feeding the hungry; nearly 80% of our service/mission work involves food insecurity or homelessness. We do hope you will consider supporting our youth, either by walking with us or sponsoring us with a monetary donation. Check out our info table in the Commons and learn how you can sponsor our youth... There is still time! Contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org for more information about how you can help. **TODAY! Sunday, October 8, meet after second service at 12:00 pm and walk to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (1031 Sunset Trail)**

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! **TODAY! Sunday, October 8, 3:00-4:30 pm, room 112**

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)**

October Fellowship Meal—As we experience the struggle in our world, may we find hope in community. Join us for a time of fellowship. **Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm, the Commons**

OTOC Presentation—The OTOC Environmental Sustainability Team invites you to an informative presentation on sustainable food practices. Michael Brownlee, author of *The Local Food Revolution: How Humanity Will Feed Itself in Uncertain Times* will speak and a panel of local food experts will follow. Learn more about the movement to create local food sustainability. **Monday, October 9, 7:00 pm, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, UNO, room 201.**

Honor Thy Self—When is the last time you enjoyed extended laughter? We all need it and it is such good medicine. "Forever Laughing" is the subject for the October meeting of our newly formed Honor Thyself Women's Group. Join us for some "internal jogging." Sue Rood will be our facilitator. Questions: call Ruthie Lees at (402) 991-3168. **Tuesday, October 17, 10:00 am, the Parlor**

Focus Groups—The Family and Children's Council wants your input regarding children's ministry programs at First United Methodist Church-Omaha. **The council will be conducting three focus groups at 9:35 am in room 108 starting TODAY, October 8th, and on Sunday, October 15th and Sunday, October 22nd.** If you are interested in participating in one of the focus groups, please email Paige Toller at ptoller@unomaha.edu Thank you!

Harping 2017—Harping is a celebration of the harp in which 25+ harpists get together to play together to make beautiful music! Janet Witman of Philadelphia, who is known for her ability to crisscross the realms of classical and Celtic harp music, will be in attendance as the guest soloist. Harpists will be playing music arranged by Witman, who will also perform a solo. The cost is free, but donations are gladly accepted. Come early—between 3:15 and 4:00 pm—to play some harps yourself in the "harps petting zoo." All ages are welcome! **Saturday, October 14, 4:00 pm, the Sanctuary**



Music Fest 2017—We are truly blessed at First Church to have many talented and dedicated musicians. This is our FIFTH MusicFest! We'll have all kinds of music, from classical to jazz, and all sorts of instruments, from our beautiful pipe organ to flutes, strings, trumpet, and bells of all kinds! No tickets are needed; a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 will be accepted at the door. Bring your family and friends to this uplifting musical experience!!

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 pm, the Sanctuary

Book Review—Ruth Kruse will share a review of the book, *Dark Money*, by Jane Mayer. Please bring a friend and plan to join us for coffee, treats, and the review in the Parlor! **Thursday, October 19, 10:00 am, the Parlor**

Great Omaha PlantPure Pod: May the Forks be with You—Please join us as we welcome a Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine Food for Life Instructor, Melissa Sherlock, to our meeting. To find out more about our meetings, please visit <http://tiny.cc.mtbfwy>. PlantPure Communities is a nonprofit with a mission to build stronger, healthier, and more sustainable communities. **Sunday, October 29, 1:00-2:30 pm, room 112**

Trunk-or-Treat 2017—Trunk-or-treat brings Halloween to our parking lot where kids can go from car to car and get candy or non-candy treats! The best part of this fun tradition? Decorating your car's trunk to match a specific theme you choose. Spooky or sweet, let your imagination and creativity run wild! If you, or someone you know, feel inspired to host a trunk this year, please contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org to reserve a spot. We also need creative minds and able bodies for the activities portion of this event for the various activity stations located around the property. Please submit your ideas and/or interest in helping to Kyle Sorys. **Sunday, October 29, set up at 4:30 pm, Main event 5:00-6:00 pm, South Parking Lot**



2017 Red Cross Blood Drive—Please mark your calendars for our annual Blood Drive on **Sunday, October 22, 8:00 am to 1:30 in the Commons.** One unit of blood has the potential to save up to three lives! Our goal is to have 27 donors. Questions? Contact Ken Rood at kdr43@cox.net. Please visit the registration table in the Commons and sign-up today!