

Announcing



November 26, 2017

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Join us Sunday, December 24, 2017



10:50 am— We will have one morning service, Faith Studies Classes will not be meeting.

5:30 pm— This service is generally full and has lots of energetic children and an extra brass ensemble, so come early to get your seat!

9:00 pm— This service is more reflective in spirit, and it includes Holy Communion where all are welcome to the table.

The Chancel Choir will be singing at both services, and each ends with a candlelit, "Silent Night."

There will be a Fellowship Potluck in room 112 between the two services.

We invite all to join this festive fellowship time!

Bring a dish to share as we form community on this holy night.

There will be one service on Sunday, December 31, at 10:50 am.

New Member Directory Supplements!

Please stop by the front office to pick up the 2017 New Member Photo Directory Supplement!

This Weeks Events

Monday, November 27

9:30 am..... Yoga, Mead Chapel

Tuesday, November 28

10:30 am..... Cope & Hope, room 107

3:30 pm..... Tai Chi, Mead Chapel

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 pm Meditation Group, Mead Chapel

5:00 pm Spiritual Practices, the Parlor

6:30 pm Zumba, the Commons

Thursday, November 30

6:15 pm Yoga, Mead Chapel

6:30 pm Handbell Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall

7:00 pm OTOC Finance, room 108

7:30 pm Chancel, Clark Rehearsal Hall

Friday, December 1

6:00 pm Tween Scene Bowling, West Lanes Bowling Center
(151 N 72nd St)

Saturday, December 2

5:00 pm..... Taizé Worship, Mead Chapel

Sunday, December 3—1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 10:50 am..Worship Services, the Sanctuary

9:30 am..... Alternative Christmas Mall, the Gathering Place

9:35 am..... Faith Studies @First

12:00 pm Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall

4:00 pm Centering Prayer, Mead Chapel

4:00 pm Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation, the Parlor

6:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meet in the Commons

*For a complete list of events, please visit
fumcomaha.org/calendar*

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Decorating for Christmas

It is time to haul out the holly and trim the trees as we make our space ready for Advent! We need volunteers of all ages

TODAY! November 26 after second service

to help decorate. Snacks will be provided!

Meet us in the Narthex if you are able to help!



Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation—All are welcome to join Kyle Sorys in a course in Mindful Meditation. The lessons will center around different aspects of Mindfulness, and participants will be given individual and group support from Kyle. For more information please e-mail Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org **Continues today, November 26, 4:00 pm, the Parlor**



Tween Scene Fun Night Out—

Tween Scene is returning! All 5th and 6th graders are invited to an evening of bowling at West Lanes. Bowling and shoes will be covered by the church. Tweens are encouraged to

bring money for food and snacks. Drop off and pick up will be at the bowling alley. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Kyle Sorys.

Friday, December 1, 6:00-9:00 pm, West Lanes (151 N 72nd St)

Christmas in Greece— All UMYF youth and parents are invited to experience an afternoon of Greek Orthodoxy. We will all enjoy Greek food, dancing, activities, and culture. We will also be taking a tour of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church to learn about the beautiful iconography and worship services. Intended to be an educational, cultural, and fun event. RSVPs are appreciated for tour reservations. Contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org to confirm your spot on this exciting and informative field trip!

Saturday, December 2, meet at FUMC near Commons at 2:00 pm

UMW Holiday Fair: December 8-10.

Join us for soup and salad after second service on **Sunday, December 10.**

Cookie Bakers Needed—

It's time to think about which family cookie recipes you'd like to share with us by baking a few dozen tea-sized cookies for the UMW Holiday Fair, December 8-10. Elves are also needed to box the cookies. **Please deliver the cookies to the kitchen (labeled UMW) by Wednesday, December 6, so they can be boxed the next day starting at 9:00 am in Room 111.** Please contact Liz Boyer, lboyer9@cox.net 402-733-5368, and give her the number of cookies you plan to bake and/or if you can help pack them. Thank you!

Holiday Fair Used Book Sale—

Books will be accepted beginning **Sunday, December 3.** Please place books in the southeast corner of the Commons.

Volunteers are needed

to set-up Thursday, December 7 and to sell during the fair (December 8-10), as well as box books not sold after 1:00 pm on Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact Joan Pruet, 402-697-1541.

Alternative Christmas Mall—

Please plan to shop at our Alternative Christmas Mall for donations to charitable organizations as well as fair-trade items from local vendors. As you plan your holiday shopping, consider spending in support of mercy and justice.

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 in the Gathering Place

Blue Christmas Service— Sometimes the holidays are difficult. If you have lost a loved one or experienced a life transition, the season of joy may also hold a bit of sorrow. All are welcome to a service of naming our grief in the midst of this festive time and opening ourselves up to God's healing grace. **Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 pm, Mead Chapel**



Annual Holiday Piano Soiree— All proceeds go to support the church's music program. Reservations are \$25 per person and can be made in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings, or by contacting Mark Kurtz, Director of Music Ministries, at Mark.Kurtz@fumcomaha.org.

Friday, December 15, 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 16, 10:00 am (brunch soiree), and Sunday, December 17, 3:30 pm, Bloomfield Forum (9804 Nicholas St.)

Parents Night Out—

Attention Moms, Dads, & Caregivers: Enjoy a few hours to finish shopping, a special dinner together, or time to unwind & relax! The babysitting is free, provided by some of our High School youth, yet we will gladly accept free-will donations to go towards the Senior High Youth Mission Trip. Due to sitter-child ratios, we will have a 20 child limit, ranging from 4-years-old to 10-years-old... So RSVP today! Please contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org as soon as possible to reserve your spots or for any questions you may have.

Friday, December 15, 6:00-9:00 pm

UMYF Christmas Caroling— All UMYF youth are invited for an evening of Christmas caroling! Afterwards, there will be a gift exchange party in the Commons. Please have your youth bring a \$5.00 gift and any treats/sweets you would like to contribute to the party. **Sunday, December 10, meet at FUMC near the Commons at 2:30 pm**

Movie Group—All are welcome to discuss Agatha Christie's classic mystery *Murder on the Orient Express* followed by food and fellowship at a nearby restaurant in the Old Market. You are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S 15 St) lower level, room B**

Looking for Twelve to Commit to a Deep Dive into White Privilege—

If you have a calling to discuss the ramifications of white privilege, I invite you to pray about being in a deep-dive, class that will meet **every Sunday during the Faith Studies Hour from January 7th until February 11th.** Class size will be limited to 12 members who must commit to doing the readings and being present. Various articles and topics will be discussed based on the initial meeting. Discussions will be led by A'Jamal Byndon. One of the goals of the course will be to come to an awareness in order to lead the faith community in how to discuss white privilege among Christians in order to change institutional thinking. Please contact Pastor Cynthia, Cynthia.Lindenemyer@fumcomaha.org, if you are moved to be part of this group.