



Alternative

**Christmas
Mall**

Alternative Christmas Mall 2017

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.

Continues today! Sunday, December 10 & Sunday, December 17 in the Gathering Place

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.

Interfaith Posada & Prayer Vigil for Immigrants— Join Omaha Together One Community and immigration groups as we welcome Jesus, Mary and Joseph in this beautiful Latin American tradition and pray in solidarity with Dreamers, those with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and other immigrants. Our prayers and focused action are critical as deadlines to end these vital programs are coming in early 2018. This program will be in English and Spanish, and children are welcome to join.

Monday, December 18, 6:00 pm, St. John's Creighton (24th and California)

Announcing

December 10, 2017



compassion.

This Weeks Events

Monday, December 11

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

5:00 pm Health and Healing Ministries, room 109

Tuesday, December 12

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

6:00 pm..... Blue Christmas, Mead Chapel. Reception following in the Parlor

Wednesday, December 13

12:00 pm Meditation Group, Mead Chapel

5:00 pm Spiritual Practices, the Parlor

6:30 pm Zumba, the Commons

Thursday, December 14

6:15 pm Yoga, Mead Chapel

6:30 pm Handbell Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall

7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall

Friday, December 15

6:00 pm Parents Night Out, meet in the Crossroads Commons

7:30 pm Piano Soiree, Bloomfield Forum (9804 Nicholas St)

Saturday, December 16

10:00 am..... Piano Soiree, Bloomfield Forum (9804 Nicholas St)

Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

9:30 am..... Blood Pressure Screening, the Conference Room

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

12:00 pm Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall

3:30 pm Piano Soiree, Bloomfield Forum (9804 Nicholas St)

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



UMYF and Chancel Choir Christmas Caroling— All UMYF youth are invited for an afternoon 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.

Today, December 10, meet at FUMC near the Commons at 2:30 pm

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 Gathering Place area today. Thank you in advance for your help with this worthwhile project! **Tuesday, December 12, 1:00-3:30 pm, Foodbank for the Heartland (10525 J 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**



Honey Bears Still Available—

There are twelve containers of Richart Springs Nebraska Wildflower Honey still available for the Holiday season. Get yours today before they are all gone! Contact Kyle Sorys, Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org, or stop by the Education office to pick up your honey bears. All donations go towards UMYF activities, events, and outings.

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

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**

Young Adult Fellowship—

All FUMC Young Adults (20s, 30s, & 40s) are invited to a weekly casual fellowship gathering. This includes all those who are students, professionals, couples, and singles. All who wish to unwind and connect with other young adults are more than welcome to come together and converse over some food and a glass of wine/beer. Contact Kyle Sorys, Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org, to register for weekly updates or for more information.



UMW Holiday Fair Luncheon

Join us for soup and salad after second service

Today, December 10.

The book fair and cookie sales will be available today in **the Commons starting at 9:30 am**

Funds raised will go towards the efforts and ministries of UMW.



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, at 402-556-6262 x 1006 or e-mail Cynthia.Lindenemyer@fumcomaha.org, if you are moved to be part of this group.

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 Commons on Sunday mornings, or by contacting Mark Kurtz.

Friday, December 15, 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 17, 3:30 pm, Bloomfield Forum (9804 Nicholas St.)

Tai Chi for Balance—

There will be no Tai Chi for Balance starting December 19. We will resume on January 9, 2018. **There will be Tai Chi for Balance on December 5 and the 12 at 3:30 pm in the Mead Chapel.** Questions? Call Jan Dixon at 402-571-4076 or 2dixons@cox.net

River City Mixed Chorus Presents Merry & Bright: The Holidays on Stage and Screen—

The River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC) presents Merry & Bright: The Holidays on Stage and Screen, featuring some of the most popular holiday songs from the movies, TV and Broadway. More than 100 performers will take the stage for this choreographed, choral program that is guaranteed to fill all those who attend with the holiday spirit. Attendees will hear festive holiday hits from movies, TV and Broadway! Tickets for the concert are \$20 for General Admission and \$25 for Reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased through eventbrite.com or by visiting RCMC.org.

The River City Mixed Chorus is Nebraska's LGBTQA chorus. It is one of the longest-running lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and ally (LGBTQA) mixed choruses in the United States. RCMC is in its 34th season and includes more than 100 performers.

FINAL SHOW TODAY! December 10, 4:00 pm, The Omaha Conservatory of Music (7023 Cass Street)



Honor Thyself— The Honor Thyself group will offer a shared program with a holiday cookie exchange. Each person is asked to bring 1 dozen cookies to share with others, then take home a variety of cookies to enjoy through Christmas! **Tuesday, December 19, 10:00 am, the Parlor**