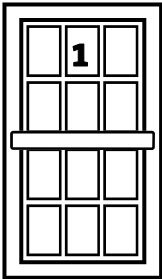


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December 24, 2017

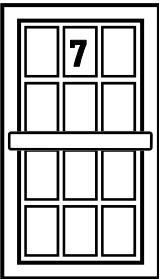


compassion.



Safer Sanctuaries— Last spring our Trustees began conversations with law enforcement officials and staff regarding safety in our worship setting. One of the suggestions we received was to have fewer points of entry into our building during worship services.

With the beginning of the new year, entry after 11:00 am on Sunday morning will be through doors #1 and #7 only. Those are the main doors into the Gathering Place. Prior to 11:00 am, all doors will still be open. All doors are always available for exit.



We encourage all to make note in their schedule and adjust accordingly so we may continue to develop and refine our security measures to create both a welcoming and safe worship space.

This Weeks Events

Monday, December 25
Merry Christmas!
The building will be closed.

Tuesday, December 26
10:30 am Cope & Hope, room 107

Wednesday, December 27
12:00 pm Meditation Group, Mead Chapel
6:30 pm Zumba, the Commons

Thursday, December 28
6:15 pm Yoga, Mead Chapel

Friday, December 29
9:00 am Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), room 111

Saturday, December 30
2:00 pm Celebration of Life for Lowen Kruse, the Sanctuary
4:00 pm Proud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall

Sunday, December 31—New Year's Eve
10:50 am. Worship Services, the Sanctuary
12:00 pm Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall

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

Join us this evening for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017



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.
Faith Studies Classes will not meet.**

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

Tai Chi for Balance— We will resume **January 9, 2018**. Questions? Contact Jan Dixon at 402-571-4076 or 2dixons@cox.net

Young Adult Fellowship— All FUMC Young Adults (20s, 30s, & 40s) are invited to a weekly casual fellowship gathering for 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, for more information.

Movie Group— Join us to discuss *The Greatest Showman*, nominated for several Golden Globe awards, followed by food and fellowship at a local restaurant in the Old Market. All are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S. 15 St, lower level room B)**

Community Night with the Lancers!—The Omaha Lancers have invited FUMC and other Omaha non-profit organizations to their up-coming Community Night on Sunday, January 28th when the Lancers welcome the Tri City Storm. Using the special link below, you will have the opportunity to purchase discounted to \$12.00 tickets for this game only. In addition to the game, we'll have the opportunity to participate in the pre-game fist-bump. Stick around after the game and paint the ice! Tickets purchased will be available at the Ralston Arena Box Office Will Call window inside the Southeast Entrance TWO HOURS prior to game time. Tickets will be under the name of the individual who purchased them. Please note you are responsible for purchasing your tickets and picking them up from Will Call.

Don't forget your Compassion shirt!

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://lancers.sportngin.com/register/form/943060150> Questions?

Contact Rosey at rosey.higgs@fumcomaha.org.

Sunday, January 28th, 2018, the Ralston Arena (7300 Q Street).

Doors Open at 4:00 pm, Puck Drops at 5:05 pm

Save the Date for these 2018 Upcoming Events!

Friday, January 12

Nebraskan Wesleyan University Choir Concert,
7:00 pm, the Sanctuary

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon *tickets required*
11:30 am, DoubleTree Downtown (1616 Dodge St)

Saturday, January 20

Habitat for Humanity Square Dance, 7:00 pm, the Commons

Sunday, January 21

Youth Service, 8:30 am and 10:50 am, the Sanctuary
Fellowship Luncheon, 12:00 pm, the Commons

Sunday, January 28

Showing and Discussion of the film, *The Help*,
1:00-4:00 pm, the Commons

Saturday, February 10

Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day,
Christ United Methodist Church in Lincoln (4530 A St)

Sunday, February 11

Showing and discussion of the film, *Inconvenient Truth*, the Commons

Be on the lookout for updated details!

