

Our Faith in Action



Donation Box—In January we will be collecting toilet paper for Open Door Mission. Please bring your donation to the Donation Box in the Gathering Place.

Mercy and Justice

Meals for Youth Emergency Services—Join Feeding Ministries the second Sunday of each month after 2nd service in the main kitchen. We will prepare casseroles for Y.E.S. Each night, 50-70 youth drop by their Harney Street location for something to eat. Contact Judy Prenzler, prenzlerjk@gmail.com, 402-889-8091, if you can assist or want more information.

Today, January 14 12:00 pm, the Main Kitchen

Transportation Volunteers Needed— Anyone with a sedan or small SUV who is willing to drive a member to or from church to northwest Omaha once or twice a month. We also have a member in need of transportation home (near 108th & Q St) once a month. Both wish to attend second service. Our members in need of transportation can offer rich conversations with a wonderful opportunity for intelligent and inspiring dialogue. Please call Carol LaCroix at 402-551-2177 or Candice Nielsen at 402-556-6262 x1001 or e-mail Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org if you are willing or would like more information.

Movie Showing and Discussion of *The Help*—All are welcome to explore *The Help's* account of the push for racial equality in the 1960s Mississippi and how that impacts our awareness and involvement for racial justice in 2018? The event is free, but we kindly ask all to register. Please go to our website to find out how you can register fumcomaha.org/events. This event is open to all ages, please see Pastor Cynthia for more information. **Sunday, January 28, 1:00-4:00 pm, the Commons**

Winter Coats are on sale! Please consider purchasing mens and womens coats that are on sale to be used for our 2018 Thanksgiving coat drive— place in the Donation Box in the Gathering Place and we will store them!

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Closed Friday & Saturday



Spiritual Practices @First

All are welcome to join in at any time—no cost involved~

- ◆ Taizé Worship—1st Saturday monthly, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Yoga—Mondays, 9:30 am Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Commit to Sit Meditation Workshop, Mondays, 6:00 pm, Ada Mead Hall
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays, 3:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Meditation—Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Spiritual Practices—Wednesdays, 5:00 pm, the Parlor
- ◆ Centering Prayer, Sundays, 9:35 am, 1st Sunday monthly, 4:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Outdoor Labyrinth, Garden & Gazebo—24/7

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Automated Giving Made Easy—Would you like to have your donation withdrawn automatically from your checking account every month? If so, you can contact Gina Torres at Gina.Torres@fumcomaha.org or leave a voided check in the finance office. If you would like to e-mail, please send your bank's routing number and your checking account number. The monthly withdrawal will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day if the 10th falls on a weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Gina. Thanks!

Thank you for supporting the ministries of FUMC. Contribution letters are provided to identified donors for tax-deduction records at year end.



Giving Station. There is a black stand with an iPad attached in the Narthex (foyer). It's a giving station that allows people to make donations and/or purchase FUMC items. More and more people do not carry checks or cash with them. Our Giving Station is another way to support our ministries. Whether you give by cash, check, automatic bank transfers, or the new credit card station, we give thanks for faithful and generous giving that allows our ministries to continue and our community to share God's love.



Faith Studies @First

Children & Youth

Children Faith Studies/Kids Zone – We offer fun, friendly, and up-beat faith learning for the youngest members of our faith community. We have classes year-round for children ages 3-year-old to 4th grade. Children will be dropped off and picked up in their individual classrooms.

- 3-year-old/Pre-K **Room 210**
- Kindergarten (5 & 6-year-olds) **Room 205 & 206**
- 1st and 2nd graders **Room 207**
- 3rd and 4th graders **Room 209**

Tween Scene – Moving from Elementary into Jr. High is an exciting time in the life of our children! Our tween scene Faith Studies group is for our 5th and 6th graders and meets every Sunday, and will be dropped off and picked up in their individual classroom on Sunday mornings.

- Tween Scene (5th and 6th graders) **Room 208**

Youth Faith Studies – Our youth, in 7th through 12th grade, meet in Junior High and Senior High classes, and combine for service projects, fellowship events, and even special worship planning. Youth Faith Studies center around dynamic current events and motivating faith topics, and concentrate on faith formation, scripture literacy, interfaith dialogue, and all the stuff that matters.

- Junior High (7th and 8th graders) **Room 109**
- Senior High (9th - 12th graders) **Room 114**

Adult Classes—Sunday morning

Boomers +/- — Explore topics around the theme “Progressive Christian Living.” **Room 112**

Centering Prayer — This prayer time begins with 10 minutes of fellowship, followed by a 20-minute sit in silence, closing with The Lord's Prayer. All are welcome! **Mead Chapel**

Connections — These Gen-Xers meet to discuss the place of faith in addressing current social challenges. **Room 203**

Explorers — Seekers who inquire in depth by reading and discussing a book. Next week we will continue the study of *The (Un)Common Good*. **Adult Education Library**

Faithlinks — This inter-generational class looks at a current issue through the lens of our Christian faith. **Room 111**

Sunday Afternoon & Weekday Opportunities:

- ◇ **Spiritual Practices**—All are welcome to explore a variety of ways to connect with the Holy and Journey in faith. **Wednesdays, 5:00 pm, the Parlor.**
- ◇ **ZUMBA**—Zumba is open to all skill levels. Join Pastor Cynthia move and groove! **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm, the Commons.**
- ◇ **Earth Vigil**—A small group gathering for silent meditation for the earth. **Third Wednesday monthly, 6:30-7:00 pm, Mead Chapel.**
- ◇ **Worship in the Tradition of Taizé** — A 45-minute spiritual service. **First Saturday monthly, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel.**

Sunday, January 14, 2018

10:50 am



PRELUDE

“Wade in the Water”

arr. William Farley Smith

WELCOME

Personal listening devices and large-print hymnals and worship guides are available from the ushers. Please silence your phones. Children are always welcome in worship; childcare is also available in the Nursery.

***THE SOUND OF THE BELL**

At the sound of the bell, please rise in body or spirit, and breathe deeply.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

“We Shall Overcome”

Kyle Sorys



Words and music: Afro-American spiritual

***OPENING HYMN**

“Wade in the Water”

Black hymnal #2107

***LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

“Where Children Belong”

Black hymnal #2233

The children are invited to gather at the front of the church.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Today is a gift from God.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Kyle Sorys



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

“We Are Where We Are Because of Where We Have Been”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“We Need a Faith”

Black hymnal #2181

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn of Prayer

“Make Us One”

Black hymnal #2224

Prayers of Concern

To the family of Sally Winn, who transitioned to new life. The white candle on the Communion table celebrates her life.

This we pray.

Hymn of Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving

This we pray.

Hymn of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

***SALAAM, SHALOM, PEACE** be with you.

And also with you.

BECAUSE YOU GIVE

“Creation of Peace”

Mark A. Miller

We’ll build a land where we bind up the broken; we’ll build a land where the captives go free, where the oil of gladness dissolves all our mourning; we’ll build a promised land that can be. We’ll build a land where we bring good tidings to all the afflicted and those who will mourn. We’ll give them garlands instead of ashes. We’ll build a land where peace is reborn! O come build a land where sisters and brothers anointed by God then create peace, where justice shall flow down like the water, and peace, peace like an ever flowing stream! We’ll build a land where those who go hungry are given the food that makes a soul strong, restoring the balance to all of God’s children. Come build a land where all will belong! O come build a land where sisters and brothers anointed by God then create peace, where justice shall flow down like the water, and peace, peace like an ever flowing stream! Hallelujah! Peace flows down. We’ll build a land where cries of praises resound from spirits once faint and once weak, where like oaks of right-

eousness stand her people. Come build a land, my people we seek! O come build a land where sisters and brothers anointed by God then create peace, where justice shall flow down like the water, and peace, peace like an ever flowing stream! Hallelujah! Peace flows down.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***COMMUNITY IN ACTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Red hymnal #519

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

“Tocatta on ‘Lift Every Voice’”

Mark A. Miller

Welcome

Today is Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:15 am	Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105
8:30 & 10:50 am	Worship Service, the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Hospitality and Social Time, the Commons
9:35 am	Faith Studies @First
9:35 am	Stephen Ministry, the Conference Room
12:00 pm	OTOC, room 111
12:00 pm	YES Meals, the Main Kitchen
12:00 pm	Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)
6:30 pm	United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), meet in the Commons

Please note the Church Office and Building will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

From Participants to Partners

All are always welcome to participate in the life and ministries of FUMC Omaha. When you are ready to move from participant to partnership through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact Jane or Cynthia by e-mail or phone; we’d be delighted to answer your questions and get to know one another!

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