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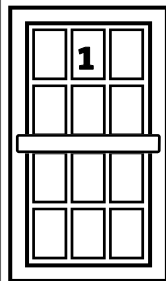
"The World Around Us" Youth Service—

The Junior and High School Youth will lead both the 8:30 and 10:50 morning worship services. The chosen theme is "The World Around Us." Come support our youth with your presence and listen to their passions and concerns regarding the world they live in.

Sunday, January 21, both services in the Sanctuary

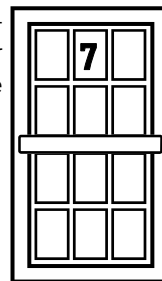
Fellowship Luncheon— After the second service, please join the youth for the first Fellowship Luncheon of 2018! Guests will have a choice of red or white sauce pasta, served with garlic bread, salad, fruit cocktail, and desserts. The free-will offering will be split between our Youth's Mission Trip's summer fund and the Living Hope Pearl Pantry.

Sunday, January 21, 12:00 pm, the Commons



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.

Beginning today, 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.

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This Weeks Events

Monday, January 15, 2018

Church office and building will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 pm..... Finance Committee, room 111

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:00 am..... Honor Thy Self, the Parlor

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

5:00 pm..... PEAT, Clair Memorial UMC (5544 Ames Ave)

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

12:00 pm..... Meditation Group, Mead Chapel

5:00 pm..... Spiritual Practices, the Parlor

6:30 pm..... Earth Vigil, Mead Chapel

6:30 pm..... Zumba, the Commons

7:00 pm..... Eco-Team, room 108

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6:15 pm..... Yoga, Mead Chapel

6:30 pm..... Handbell Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)

7:30 pm..... Chancel Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)

Friday, January 19, 2018

9:30 am..... Tai Chi with Shandy Ramet, Mead Chapel

Saturday, January 20, 2018

7:00 pm..... Habitat for Humanity Barn Dance, the Commons

Sunday, January 21, 2018—Youth Sunday

8:15 am..... Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105

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

9:30 am..... Hospitality and Coffee Hour, the Commons

12:00 pm..... Fellowship Luncheon

3:30 pm..... Gastronomy Club, the Commons

6:30 pm..... United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), meet in the Commons

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

Honor Thy Self— All women in the 60+ age group are invited to talk about “Hopes for the New Year” at our first 2018 meeting. We invite you to join us and meet a group of forward thinking friends! Questions? Call Ruthie Lees at 402-991-3168. **Tuesday, January 16, 10:00 am, the Parlor**

Commit to Sit 2018—

A new weekly meditation group will begin in 2018 led by our Director of Religious Education, Kyle Sorys. The time will be broken up into three 30-minute sessions (with a pre-session for beginners). All are welcome, and you are invited to come as you are. The purpose of the group is to provide a sacred space to unplug from the stress of daily life, granting yourself permission to rest peacefully once a week in silence and stillness. The atmosphere will be relaxed and informative, emphasizing practice that is comfortable, pleasant, and enjoyable. For more details, contact Kyle at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org. **Monday, January 22, 6:30-8:00 pm, Ada Mead Hall**

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 tickets discounted to \$12.00 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

Omaha Press Club “Noon Forum”— All are welcome to hear Frank LaMere, a Native American social activist and member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, who will speak on “The Whiteclay Closure Prophecy,” the story of his more than twenty-year effort to halt beer sales to nearby residents of the officially dry Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Whiteclay, a small village in northwest Nebraska, is known for the selling of individual cans of beer to Native Americans at the rate of over three million cans a year, contributing to rampant alcoholism, high crime rates and fetal alcohol syndrome. Cost for the luncheon is \$17 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 402-345-8008 or e-mail jeaniec@opc.omhcoxmail.com.

Thursday, January 18, lunch at 11:30 am, program at 12:00 pm, Omaha Press Club (1620 Dodge St #2200)

25th Annual Benefit Barn Dance— Guests of all ages are welcome to a night of great family fun! Enjoy wonderful live music, and learn a variety of dances. Suggested Donation of \$10 will go to Habitat for Humanity. **Saturday, January 20, 7:00-10:00 pm, the Commons**

Winter Coats are on sale!

Please consider purchasing men's and women's 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!

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**

May the Forks Be With You— Please join us as we discuss the book *The Alzheimer's Solution* and hear updates from PlantPure Communities. PlantPure Communities is a non-profit with a mission to build stronger, healthier, and more sustainable communities. All are welcome. **Sunday, January 28, 12:30 pm, room 112**

Wedding Assistant Volunteers Needed— Do you love weddings? Please consider representing our church and becoming a wedding assistant volunteer! This fun and joyous ministry helps make a special day come to life for the happy couples.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Candice Nielsen at 402-556-6262 x1001 or e-mail Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org

Afternoon Circle— Please join us for a guided tour of Boys Town. The cost is \$5 per person. We will meet 15 minutes prior to the tour, then carpool to finish the tour. Boys Town celebrated a milestone in child-care, 100 years of hope and healing the community! Lunch will be around 11:30 am. All are welcome! For reservations, contact Dottie Deines at 402-330-8169 or e-mail dottiedeines@gmail.com. **Thursday, February 8, meet at 9:45 at Boys Town Visiting Center (13628 Flanagan Blvd.)**

Book Review— Please join us for the first Book Review of 2018! Marylin Stewart will share the book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson. It is the epic story of America's Great Migration, from 1915 to the 1970's, of southern blacks to urban areas of the North and West in hopes of finding a better life for themselves and their families. The story is told through the experiences of three migrants which provide insights in their lives in the South as well as their experiences in their new homes. All are welcome. **Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am, the Parlor.**

The Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day is on the horizon next month at Christ United Methodist Church in Lincoln. The committee chooses 10 topics in the Unicameral that are of strategic importance to the Church and Church people. Ron Roemmich and Tim Fickenscher are on the committee. A new feature this year, driven by the fact that we plan 10 months in advance and new issues surface, is “Breaking News” led by our own Carol Windrum and Tim Fickenscher. First Church is always well represented. Carpooling will be available. For more information, please go to www.nelegisbrief.org or see the front office for a brochure with further details.

Saturday, February 10, Christ United Methodist Church in Lincoln (4530 A Street)