



Funding for our grant proposal,
**Strengthening North Omaha
 Neighborhoods: Desegregation
 through Relationships**
 aims to fulfill:

- Identify and change at least one racist and/or xenophobic system, policy or practice in the wider community
- Engage UMC people with diverse community partners in frequent vital conversations about racism and xenophobia
- Build understanding and trusting relationships among diverse people in the wider community

Be on the look out for ways to connect and be involved! Upcoming events for your calendar:

TABLE TALK: Where are we on racism?— Join us in a safe space to discuss difficult aspects of our own cluelessness when it comes to cultural complexities. Meal will be provided and members of our Racial Justice committee will be on a panel led by A’Jamal Byndon, adjunct professor at UNO in the Black Studies Department. **Tuesday, March 13th, 6:00-9:00 pm, The Commons**

HOUSING POLICY AND BOOK DISCUSSION ON EVICTED— Every year, our government spends more on homeowner tax benefits than housing assistance to the needy—most benefits go to families with six-figure incomes. The new tax reform bill will impact Omaha’s housing immensely and will increase the number of families evicted. You are invited to read the Pulitzer prize winning book, Evicted, and discuss and hear a presentation from scholars and housing authority representatives. **Sunday, April 15th, 2:00-4:30 pm in The Commons.**

Are Your Finances a Worry?— Come join a new class at FUMC. Learn ways to manage your money and control your spending by revisiting your relationship to money, assessing priorities, setting goals, living simply, controlling credit usage, and making wise insurance decisions. The five-sessions will create a climate in which we can openly explore the spiritual and practical issues of money that can help us on a path that leads to giving, freedom and liberation.

The five-session class is scheduled to meet

Wednesdays, February 28 to March 28, from 5:30 pm-6:45pm in room 111.

Come by after work, bring a sandwich or snack if you choose. Now is a good time to assess your way of thinking about money and how you spend and save it in order to serve God with your whole heart. The five sessions will be co-facilitated by Howard Surber and Sheran Cramer. Please call the office to add your name to the class, so we will know how many to expect. See you there!

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Announcing

February 11, 2018



This Weeks Events @FUMC

Monday, February 12, 2018

- 9:30 am Yoga, Mead Chapel
- 5:00 pm..... Health and Healing Ministries, room 109
- 6:30 pm..... Commit to Sit Meditation Group, room 208

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

- 3:30 pm..... Tai Chi, Mead Chapel (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

12:00 pmAsh Wednesday Service, Mead Chapel

- 12:00 pm..... Meditation Group, the Parlor
- 5:00 pm..... Spiritual Practices, the Parlor

7:00 pmAsh Wednesday Service, the Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- 10:00 am Book Review, the Parlor
- 6:15 pm..... Yoga, Mead Chapel
- 5:00 pm..... Mercy and Justice, room 112
- 6:30 pm..... Handbell Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)
- 7:30 pm..... Chancel Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)

Friday, February 16, 2018

- 8:00 pm..... Youth Lock-in, meet in Commons

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- 7:30 am Youth Lock-in pick up, the Commons

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 8:15 am Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105
- 8:30 & 10:50 am.. Worship Services, the Sanctuary**
- 9:15 am Hospitality and Coffee Hour, the Commons
- 9:35 am Faith Studies @First
- 9:35 am Blood Pressure Screening, the Conference Room
- 12:00 pm..... Fellowship Meal, the Commons
- 12:00 pm..... Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall
- 1:30 pm..... Lectio Continua Bible Reading, room 111
- 3:30 pm..... Gastronomy Club, the Main Kitchen
- 6:30 pm..... United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), meet in the Commons

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

Lenten Lectio Bible Reading Group— The purpose of this group is to come together and practice Lectio Continua (Latin for continuous reading). This isn't a Bible Study, but a prayerful and meditative reflection on the words of Scripture. We will focus on the General Epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude. We are an open group, and everyone is welcome to attend at anytime. For further inquiries and/or more information, please contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org.

Starts today! Sundays, February 11-March 18, 1:30-2:30 pm, room 111

Climate Discussion— The Eco Team hopes you will join them for some local foods, viewing *An Inconvenient Sequel*, and conversation after. A sequel to *An Inconvenient Truth*, the follow-up documentary addresses the progress made to attack the problem of climate change.

Today! Sunday, February 11, 5:00-7:30 pm, the Commons

Climate Change and Capitalism Sunday Class—

This class will watch a documentary entitled *This Changes Everything* based on Naomi Klein's book of the same title. We will invite and respect differing views in response. Reading the book is not mandatory, but we encourage buying from an independent book seller (Urban Abbey!), or getting from the library. Please register for the class by February 11 by contacting Tim Fickenscher at tafickenscher@gmail.com. **Sundays, February 18 to March 18, 9:35 am, room 109**

Commit to Sit 2018— All are welcoming to join a new class on meditation! The time will be broken up into three 30-minute sessions (with a pre-session for beginners). All are welcome, you are invited to come as you are. You do not have to participate in all three sessions. 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. Please contact Kyle Sorys for details at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org. **Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm, *New Location* room 208**

Young Adult Fellowship— All FUMC Young Adults (20s, 30s, & 40s) are invited to a weekly casual fellowship gathering. All who wish to unwind and connect with other young adults are more than welcome to come together and converse over food and drinks. For location details and more information, please contact Kyle Sorys by e-mailing Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org.

Movie Group— Join us as we discuss *The Post*. Food and fellowship at a nearby restaurant will follow. You are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S 15th St, lower level room B).**

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 who 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.**



Lent starts with **Ash Wednesday** services

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

12:00 pm — Mead Chapel 7:00 pm — the Sanctuary

Jesus and Women

During Lent we will be exploring Jesus' encounters with women. *What can we learn from those encounters? What did Jesus learn?*

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18.

February Luncheon—Are you fantasizing about falafel? Tantalized by tabbouleh? Wondering about warabaat? Lusting over lentil soup? If so, your wait is over! Our Syrian Mom, Sahar Albarahan, would like you to sample her wonderful food. She will be on hand to answer your questions, and a menu will list ingredients for each item. For less adventurous eaters, she will make her delicious pizzas. Free-will donations will be accepted and go to the Immigration Ministry Team Fund. **Sunday, February 18, 12:00 pm, the Commons**

Save the Date for Celebration of Soulful Healing—This year we will be focusing on *Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies*. Each session will offer three different workshops! More details to follow. Sponsored by Health and Healing Ministries.

**Sunday, March 11, 2018
1:30 pm to 4:15 pm
workshops in various locations
in the church.**

Honor Thy Self— All women in the 60+ age group are invited to discuss the topic of "A Gentler World: Girls Here We Go." facilitated by Ruthie Lees. For more information, please contact Ruthie at 402-991-3168. **Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 am, the Parlor**



Community Forum— Please join us for a community FORUM in the Commons to learn about **Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)** and the focus on immigration concerns such as the limitation on the number of immigrants approved each year and recent activities by ICE. We will also hear from our own Immigration Ministry Team leaders!

**Sunday, February 25,
9:35-10:35 am, the Commons**

What do "we" believe? Why do we believe it?— If you have found kinship with our progressive theology here, but struggle to explain it to more conservative friends or family, come to the Parlor on March 4 during the Faith Studies hour starting at 9:35 am. Rev. Jane will lead a four-week class to share how progressive theology "takes the bible seriously, not literally." This is a great class for people new to FUMC to learn more about us and the UMC in general, ask questions and to get to know others as well. **Sundays, March 4-25, 9:35-10:35 am, the Parlor.** See you there!