

Announcing

April 15, 2018

Let the **LITTLE CHILDREN**
 come to me,
 and do not hinder **THEM**,
 for the kingdom of God
 belongs to **SUCH AS THESE.**
 Mark 10:14

Calling all Faith Studies Leaders for our Children in the Summer!

Sunny days and warmer weather will soon be here,
 which means we will enter into
 Summer Faith Studies!

We are in need of leaders for our children during the
 Faith Studies Hour (9:35 to 10:35 am).

Supplies, materials, and curriculum will be provided.
 Please consider being part of this fun and joyful ministry as you form
 meaningful bonds with the youngest of our Faith Community.

If you would like to volunteer for some or all of the
 Summer Faith Studies, or would like to learn more about ways
 you may help lead our children, please contact our
 Director of Religious Education, Kyle Sorys, at
 Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org

This Week's Events @FUMC

Monday, April 16 2018

9:30 am Yoga, Mead Chapel

Tuesday, April 17 2018

10:00 am Honor Thy Self, the Parlor

3:30 pm Tai Chi, Mead Chapel

5:00 pm PEAT, room 111

6:00 pm Church Council, room 112

Wednesday, April 18, 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

7:00 pm OTOC Medicaid Expansion and Tax Policy Action Team, room 111

Thursday, April 19, 2018

10:00 am Bulletin Folders, the Conference Room

3:30 pm Tai Chi, Mead Chapel

6:15 pm Evening Yoga, Mead Chapel

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

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

Friday, April 20, 2018

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

Saturday, April 21, 2018

4:00 pm Proud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:15 am Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105

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

9:15 am Hospitality and Coffee Hour, the Commons

9:35 am Faith Studies @First

12:00 pm Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)

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

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

Fellowship Luncheon—All are invited to the April Fellowship Meal which will raise funds to support scholarships to help First United Methodist Church children and youth attend Camp Fontanelle during Summer 2017. Please come eat taco salad and give generously to help our kids have life-changing experiences at camp this summer! **TODAY! Sunday, April 15, 12:00 pm, the Commons**

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. Meet friends and new faces, unwind and enjoy! For location details and more information, please contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org.

Spring Family Picnic—

The Family and Children's Council presents a communal spring picnic where all FUMC families and children are welcome to share and connect with each other over food, games, and activities! Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and we hope to see you there!

If you are interested in helping set-up, take-down and/or supervising activity stations, please contact Kyle Sorys at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org

Sunday, April 29, 12:00-2:00 pm, the Front Lawn

 **UMW Meeting**— United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet the first Thursday in May to hear guest speaker Mary Plock who is the Executive Assistant and Development Director of Epworth Village in York, Nebraska. Epworth Village is a national UMW mission. All interested are invited to listen to the speaker. Light refreshments will be served before the program!
Thursday, May 3, 10:00 am refreshments, 10:30 am program, room 112

EVICTED—
How Omaha is Impacted
Whether you've read the book *EVICTED* or not, please join our community discussion to learn how to make a difference!
TODAY! Sunday, April 15, 2:00-4:30 pm, the Commons

Church Council—
Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm, room 112

Book Review—Have you heard of the books that were given to the military during WWII? Our guest reviewer, Jane Mead, will share how these special editions of books came to be. Please join us for fellowship and the book review of *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptill Manning. Please bring a friend.
Thursday, April 19, 10:00 am, the Parlor

Movie Group— Join us to discuss *Chapquiddick*, followed by food and fellowship at a local restaurant in the Old Market. All are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S. 15 St, lower level room B)**

Spring Cleaning— Please save any household or clothing items to be donated during the Clair Block Party on Saturday, May 19! **You may bring your items to Clair UMC (5544 Ames Ave) starting Tuesday, May 15.**

North Omaha Neighborhood Forum—
Would you like to know more about the North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance (NONA) and hear how we as a congregation can support the visionary transformation that our neighbors have for establishing better housing, bringing in businesses and creating community gardens? All are welcome to meet our neighbors and hear their stories as Precious McKesson, President of NONA, leads us in an understanding of all that is going on in North O.
Sunday, April 29, during the Faith Studies Hour (9:35-10:35 am), the Commons

News from SPRC— We are excited to share that Bishop Saenz has appointed **Rev. Kent Little as our Senior Pastor effective July 1, 2018.** The Staff Parish Relations Committee met with Kent and his wife, TruDee. We were impressed with his progressive theology, commitment to social justice, and background in serving a Reconciling Congregation. Rev. Little is from Kansas as his most recent appointment was College Hill UMC in Wichita. We believe Pastor Kent will be a great fit for FUMC. Please welcome Kent and TruDee to Omaha and to our congregation.
With hope— FUMC-Omaha Staff Parish Relations Committee

It's Time for Pride Planning!—
Pride will be here before you know it and we need your help! We'll need help selling t-shirts, recruiting people to walk in the parade, recruiting help for the festival booth, and more!
If you are interested in helping to plan FUMC's Pride activities, contact Rosey Higgs at roseyhiggs@gmail.com or Denise Rogondino at drogondino@gmail.com.
Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Pride Parade and Festival on June 30!

Jane's Farewell

Rev. Dr. Jane Florence has been our Senior Pastor for the last 11 years. Her leadership will be missed and our congregation is stronger because of Jane's time here. Jane has been appointed as Senior Pastor of St. Paul UMC in Lincoln.

We would like to thank Jane for her faithful service to this church and invite you to offer your thanks to her at a dinner in her honor on

**Saturday, June 16
6:00 pm, the Commons**

*Additional detailed information on this gathering will be forthcoming.
We hope you and your family will join in the celebration!*