

Welcome

Today is Sunday, May 13, 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 Youth Emergency Services (YES) Meals, the Commons

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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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
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Meditation—Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Centering Prayer, Sundays, 9:35 am, 1st Sunday monthly, 4:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Outdoor Labyrinth, Garden & Gazebo—24/7

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Our Faith in Action

Donation Box—United Methodist Women (UMW) will be collecting items for school kits in May. They will be taken to annual conference in June and to be added to others given to UMCOR. Items for kits include:

- 1 pair blunt round-tip scissors (not plastic)
- 3 pads of paper (spiral or top-bound pads)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 2-inch or larger-size eraser
- 1 24-count box of crayons.



Items cannot contain any advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. Additional items will not be accepted.

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! Sunday, May 13, 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.

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 107**
- 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. This week we continue our discussion on *Reimagining God*. **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:

- ◇ **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.**

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Office Hours:

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



Sunday, May 13, 2018

10:50 am

First
United
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Church



PRELUDE

“O Loving Mother”

Chiara Margarita Cozzolani

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, room 105

***THE SOUND OF THE BELL**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Mothering God”

Carter Schram

Moth-er - ing God, you gave me birth; you
are my rain, my wind, my sun.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Bring Many Names”

Black hymnal #2047

***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

MJ Schram

Today is a gift from God.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, yes! This is the day, yes!
This is the day that God has made!

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 11:3-4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Jane Florence

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Womb of Life”

Black hymnal #2046

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn of Prayer

“We Sing to You O God”

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth.
Your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

Prayers of Concern

Sympathies to our refugee family as Naw Moo’s father, Yine Lone, transitioned to new life. The white candle on the table celebrates his 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

“Psalm 23 (dedicated to my mother)”

Chancel Choir

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd; I have all I need. She makes me lie down in green meadows; beside the still waters, She will lead. She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs, She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me. She has said She won’t forsake me; I’m in Her hand. She sets a table before me in the

presence of my foes. She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will live in Her house forever and ever. Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***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**

“God Is My Rock”

God is the rock of my sal - va - tion, the strength of my life.
God is the rock of my sal - va - tion, the strength of my life.
You still call us to walk the paths of jus - tice, you
In the midst of our fears and dark - 'ning sha - dows, you
We en - trust you, the God of our sal - va - tion, with
Lord Al - might - y, the great strength of your peo - ple, our
help us see the way. As you give us the
bring us hope and light. In your pres - ence we
all the fu - ture holds. Guide, pro - tect, and de -
strong De - li - ver - er, Lib - er - a - tor, se -
cour - age for life's tri - als, we shall not be a - fraid.
go through death's dark val - leys; we shall not be a - fraid.
fend the poor and help - less; you are their rock and shield.
cure us in your pow - er; we trust in you a - lone.

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***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

“Sing We of our Blessed Mother”

Rick Dreasley