

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 402-556-6262 x1008 or e-mail Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org.

Summer Tai Chi — Tai Chi will be taking a break starting Tuesday, May 22, and will resume **Tuesday, June 5 at 3:30 pm in the Mead Chapel**. During the Summer, we will meet Tuesday afternoons only. Questions? Please contact Jan Dixon by e-mailing 2dixons@cox.net or call 402-571-4076.

School Kits— 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, and 1 24-count box of crayons. Items cannot contain any advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. Additional items will not be accepted. **Please put items in donation box in the Gathering Place during the month of May.**



**2018 Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 9—Thursday, July 12
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

ReNew: Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World

ReNew is an environmentally focused VBS program that inspires children and adults to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice stewardship of creation. This year's program has been modified and simplified to make it green. It is centered on our relationship and responsibility for God's creation. All participants will be encouraged to "think globally and act locally" every single day.

We are ready and excited for our future Eco-Leaders to participate in this year's VBS. Enrollment and more information may be found online at fumcomaha.org/events in the July month. Paper enrollment is available at the Front Office.

For questions or more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Kyle Sorys, at Kyle.Sorys@fumcomaha.org or call 402-556-6262 x1008

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May 20, 2018



This Week's Events @FUMC

Monday, May 21, 2018

9:30 am Yoga, Mead Chapel
5:30 pm ESL Class, room 109 (*Mondays and Wednesdays*)
7:00 pm Finance Committee, room 111

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

10:00 am Cope & Hope, room 107

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

9:00 am Newsletter Folding, the Conference Room
12:00 pm Meditation Group, Mead Chapel
6:30 pm Zumba, the Commons

Thursday, May 24, 2018

10:00 am Bulletin Folders, the Conference Room
5:30 pm Mercy and Justice, room 111
6:15 pm Evening Yoga, Mead Chapel

Friday, May 25, 2018

9:00 am Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), room 111

Saturday, May 26, 2018

4:00 pm Proud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall
7:00 pm 14th Annual Pride Prom-Uncorn Prom, the Commons

Sunday, May 27, 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
12:15 pm Crystal Singing Bowls, Mead Chapel
6:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), meet in the Commons

*The Church Building will be closed
Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.*

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

Pioneer Members— Today we give thanks for the great blessing that “Pioneer” Members are to our church. Pioneers Members are those who have been in the Methodist tradition for forty years or more. They have given of themselves and their resources in good times and in difficult times. They have kept the church alive so that mission and ministry can continue through the generations, and we join together on this **Pentecost Sunday, May 20**, to celebrate and honor the Pioneer Members of our faith community.

Church Fellowship Luncheon— Join us for the May Fellowship Luncheon. We will enjoy sandwiches, salad, and desserts. A free-will offering will be accepted to aid the ministries of our FaithLinks class. **Today! Sunday, May 20, 12:00 pm, the Commons**

Movie Group— Join us to discuss *RBG*, a highly rated movie based on the life of Ruth Ginsburg. Following the discussion, we will enjoy food and lively conversation at a local restaurant in the Old Market. All are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S. 15 St, lower level room B)**

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.

Mark your calendars for the Pride Parade and Festival on June 30!

Compassion T-Shirts will be on sale in the Gathering Place starting Sunday, June 3!

Binney Wirt Picnic— Meet our neighbors at the Binney Wirt Picnic on at the **Binney/Wirt/Spencer Park (1812 Wirt Street) on Saturday, June 23, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.** This will be a fun event for all ages—please bring your sunscreen, lawn chairs, and water bottle. We hope you will join us!

Continuing Discussions on Race Relations— What are you prepared to engage in when it comes to race equity? We will talk about specific race-related incidents that make headlines as well as what we've experienced in our own lives and talk about what we did or did not do any why, and how to develop a mindset that offers unity and equity. **Tuesday, June 19, 6:30-8:00 pm, the Commons**

Opportunity at your Doorstep— All are invited to join our quarterly meeting at the Foodbank for the Heartland where we will repackage meals, produce, or other group activities. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Gathering Place. Please join us for this very much needed volunteer activity. Questions? Contact Sharon Hofmann at topscat@msn.com. **Tuesday, June 19, 1:00-3:30 pm, Foodbank for the Heartland (10525 J St)**

Medicaid Expansion - Let the People Decide— In Nebraska, 75% of the 90,000 people who would be positively impacted by Medicaid Expansion are working, are without health insurance because they do not qualify for Nebraska's Medicaid program and earn too little to qualify for ACA aid. FUMC's Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) volunteers are collecting signatures to put Medicaid Expansion on the ballot. Find them in the Gathering Place or the Commons after each worship service to learn more.

Beat the Heat with the 2nd Annual Niobrara River Float Trip— We are scheduled for a 3 day, 2 night float trip for August 2nd-4th. Cost to be determined after interest level is known. Last year's cost was around \$100-per-person. Please contact Blain Baker at 307-399-2126 or Miriam Chapman at 402-981-5986 (texting is okay) to indicate interest or to learn more about this fun fellowship event!

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

Jane's Farewell

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

Reservations will be taken after services continuing today. Dinner choices are pork, chicken fingers, and vegetarian-roasted portabella mushroom. Free-will offering with gifts in excess of the dinner costs going to Jane as a special love donation.

Following the dinner, a special program will be open to all in **the Sanctuary.** Guests are welcome even if they are unable to attend the dinner.