

Methodist: One Church Meeting with Rev. Mark Holland—

We encourage all to attend the important discussion centered around the One Church solution for the future of the Methodist Church. We welcome to be part of the conversation.

**Thursday, August 16,
6:30-8:00 pm, Urban Abbey
(1026 Jackson Street)**

Arts Block Party— Join our neighbors, the Omaha Conservatory of Music and the Omaha Community Playhouse, along with the Omaha Academy of Ballet for a delightful Arts Block Party! The event will feature workshops and presentations at all three organizations' facilities, along with a scavenger hunt to encourage attendees to visit all three places. There will be food trucks, raffle prizes, and other fun events for children and families. For more information, please visit www.artsblockpartomaha.com. **Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Cass Street between 69th and 72nd Street.**



Commission on a Way Forward
Council of Bishops



You're Invited!

The FORWARD IN UNITY Process Team of the Great Plains Conference invites you to learn more about the options shared by the Commission on a Way Forward, a group of 32 people who have worked to preserve unity within the denomination despite differences over human sexuality.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. is leading town hall meeting in all 17 districts leading up to the special session of General Conference in February 2019 in St. Louis. Each meeting will feature details of three proposals and will provide an opportunity for discussion.

You're invited to come listen, learn, and most importantly, share. *Refreshments will be served.*

Saturday, August 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, St. Luke UMC (11810 Burke Street)



Two-time Award Winner for "The Reader's Choice Best in the Big O! Best Church"— We are humbled to be named "The Reader's Choice Best in the Big O! Best Church" for the SECOND year in a row! It is because of our amazing volunteers and staff, our outstanding outreach programs, and, most importantly, our dedicated and compassionate Faith Community we are recognized. It is because of you we are great. Thank YOU for all you do to make our community a place where everyone feels welcome.

Check out the latest issue of "The Reader" for a featured story on FUMC-Omaha on page 11, as well as the official listing on page 25!

Announcing

August 12, 2018



This Week's Events @FUMC

Monday, August 13, 2018

9:30 am..... Yoga, Mead Chapel
5:00 pm..... Health & Healing Ministries, room 108

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

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

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

12:00 pm..... Meditation Group, Mead Chapel
6:00 pm..... Foundation Meeting, room 111
6:30 pm..... Earth Vigil, Mead Chapel
7:00 pm..... Eco-Team, room 108

Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:30 am..... Bulletin Folders, the Conference Room
2:00 pm..... OTOC Listening Session, the Parlor
6:15 pm..... Evening Yoga, Mead Chapel

Friday, August 17, 2018

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

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:00 pm..... Proud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall

Sunday, August 19, 2018—Blessing of the Backpacks and School Bags

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
9:30 am..... Blood Pressure Screening, the Conference Room
9:35 am..... Faith Studies @First
12:00 pm..... Fellowship Meal hosted by FaithLinks, the Commons
12:00 pm..... OTOC Core Team, the Conference Room
3:00 pm..... Cottage Meeting, room 112
3:30 pm..... Gastronomy Club, the Main Kitchen

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



Church Ministry Fair
Sunday, September 16 Faith Studies Hour
(9:35-10:35 am) in the Commons

Movie Group— Join us to discuss the movie, *Leave No Trace*. 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, August 14 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S. 15 St, lower level room B)



August Fellowship Meal—

All are welcome to join us for the August Fellowship Meal hosted by our Faith-Links Faith Studies Class. We will enjoy an indoor picnic complete with hamburgers and veggie burgers, homemade potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, lemonade and iced tea. A free-will offering will be accepted to go towards the Sienna Francis House Meals and other mission projects. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, August 19, 12:00 pm, the Commons



Acolyte Training—Sunday, August 26
All Children entering 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade
9:35 am to 10:00 am
Meet in the Sanctuary



Race Relations Discussion on Gentrification and Housing—

Join us for dinner and discussion on how gentrification is very real and happening here in Omaha. In collaboration with the Policy Research & Innovation Organization, we will ask what have we observed and how can we be involved in stopping the gentrification process? Please register online by going to our website events page fumcomaha.org/events, or contact Pastor Cynthia Lindenmeyer at Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@fumcomaha.org as 30 seats are left! **Tuesday, August 28, 6:00-8:30 pm, the Commons**

Spiritual Transformation Class— Seeking personal transformation to replace negativity, fear, and doubt with optimism, love, and joy? Join Ruthie Lees for a class studying the book, *Love is Letting Go of Fear*. This safe space is welcome to all who seek a new perspective in life and desire to reach a space of renewal. For more information, contact Ruthie Lees at Ruth_Lees@cox.net. This group will be limited to 12 people who are committed to coming weekly. **Tuesday, September 4 (until Advent), 5:00-6:00 pm, the Parlor**

Blessing of the Backpacks— We would like to invite all students and educators to bring your school bags to church with you next Sunday for a special blessing during our worship services. All bags welcome!

Sunday, August 19, 8:30 am & 10:50 am Worship Services.



Honor Thy Self— We invite all women over 60 to join our Honor Thy Self group. Our special guest speaker will be Jane Beran, former owner of Jane's Health Market in Benson. She will talk to us about "Healthy Lifestyle Choices As We Age". This will include the daily exercise routine and nutritional juicing program she follows now since retiring. Questions, call Ruthie Lees at 402 991-3168.

Tuesday, August 21, 10:00 am, the Parlor.



It is time to plan for the Confirmation Class of 2018-2019!

If your youth will be entering 7th or 8th Grade and has not completed Confirmation, we invite you to contact Rev. Kent Little at Kent.Little@fumcomaha.org or call 402-556-6262 x1002 to learn more about this year's Confirmation Class beginning Sunday, September 9.

If you would like to answer the call to help lead our Confirmation Class, please contact Rev. Kent to discuss how you may foster a relationship and aid in the spiritual growth of our faith community's newest members.



Thank you for continuing to save the atmosphere for green house gasses by composting your food wastes. We are no longer using the green compostable bags. Our FUMC food wastes continue to be picked up and processed through pigs instead of worms. We are asking that you use an ice cream bucket or something similar and just dump the food waste in the orange buckets by the dumpster. NO PLASTIC bags, please. Thank you!

Feeding Ministries— One of our Feeding Ministries includes preparing and serving a meal at the Siena Francis House on the third Wednesday monthly. Currently, we have 7 FUMC groups that each buy, cook and serve for one meal. To continue this ministry, the remaining 5 months need funding (\$500 per month) and people power.

Please consider donating financially to this cause by noting "Siena" on your contribution. If you would like to assist with cooking or serving, please contact Judy Prenzler at prezler@cox.net or at 402-889-8091.

New Membership Class
Sunday, September 9
12:00 pm the Parlor



All those who wish to join, or wish to know more about FUMC Omaha and the United Methodist Church are invited to meet with Rev. Kent after second service on Sunday, September 9. There will be a time for conversation and questions as well as an opportunity to learn more about what is involved with joining the church. Current members willing to offer their insight and wealth of knowledge are welcome to attend, too!

Refreshments and a quick meal will be provided, so we ask all to RSVP so we may know how many to expect. If you wish to attend, please contact Rev. Kent at Kent.Little@fumcomaha.org, or call 402-556-6262 x1002. We hope to see you there!