



UMW Holiday Fair—

Mark your calendars for our annual United Methodist Women's (UMW) Holiday Fair!

Book and Cookie Sale: Saturday, December 8, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Christmas Tea: Saturday, December 8, 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$15 per person, prepaid. Reservations are required.

Please contact Marylin Stewart at 402-390-0237 or marylins@aol.com

Fellowship Luncheon hosted by UMW: Sunday, December 9, 12:00 pm

Books and boxed cookies will be on sale starting at 9:30 am!

All events will be in the Commons!

Cookie Bakers Needed—It's time to think about which family cookie recipes you'd like to share with us by baking a few dozen tea-sized cookies for the UMW Holiday Fair, December 8 and 9.

Elves are also needed to box the cookies.

Please deliver the cookies to the kitchen (labeled UMW) by Wednesday, December 5, so they can be boxed the next day starting at 9:00 am in Room 111.

Contact Liz Boyer, lboyer9@cox.net (402) 733-5368, and give her the number of cookies you plan to bake and/or if you can help pack them.

Thank you!

Holiday Fair Used Book Sale— Books will be accepted beginning **Sunday, December 2**. Please place books in the southeast corner of the Commons.

Volunteers are needed to set-up Friday, December 7 and to sell during the fair (December 8 and 9), as well as box books not sold after 1:30 pm on Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact

Joan Pruett, 402-697-1541.

Please start saving your book-size boxes to donate!!

Tai Chi— Tai Chi will meet Tuesday and Thursday of next week, November 13th and 15th, and then take a break until January 8, 2019.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and will see you next year!

Centering Prayer— Our Centering Prayer group meeting on the First Sunday of the month has decided to take a break during the winter months. We will regroup in the spring of 2019. Please note we will still have our weekly Sunday morning Centering Prayer Faith Studies class in the Mead Chapel from 9:35 to 10:35 am.

Save the Date

Social Justice and Faith— Faith Rooted in Activism & Continued Race Relations Discussions Events

Please mark your calendars to join our Racial Justice and Social Justice Ministry Teams for these special upcoming events. For more information, please contact Pastor Cynthia.

Tuesday, December 11, 6:00-8:30 pm, the Commons— The Intersection of Disproportionate Minority Contact, Justice and Law Enforcement.

June 16-22, 2019— Summer Congregational "Walking in Black History" tour. Our youth are partnering with Black Votes Matter on a tour to Memphis, Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, and Atlanta.

Be on the look out for more information!

Announcing

November 11 2018



This Week's Events @FUMC

Monday, November 12, 2018

9:00 am Rainbow Factory Preschool, rooms 101-104 (Monday-Friday)

9:30 am Morning Yoga, Mead Chapel

5:00 pm Health and Healing Ministries, room 108

6:00 pm SPRC, room 111

7:00 pm OTOC Steering Committee, room 112

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

3:30 pm Tai Chi, Mead Chapel (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

4:00 pm Spiritual Transformation Class, the Parlor

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

12:00 pm Meditation Group, Mead Chapel

6:00 pm Buildings & Grounds, room 108

6:30 pm Zumba, the Commons

Thursday, November 15, 2018

9:00 am Bulletin Folders, the Conference Room

10:00 am Book Review, the Parlor

6:15 pm Evening Yoga, Mead Chapel

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

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

Friday, November 16, 2018

9:00 am Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, room 111

Saturday, November 17, 2018

4:00 pm Proud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall

Sunday, November 18, 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

9:35 am Blood Pressure Screening, the Conference Room

12:00 pm Confirmation / Tween Scene Choir, room 204

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

2:30 pm Gastronomy Club, the Main Kitchen

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



Annual Youth Chili Cook-Off— This meal is a great time to celebrate fall together as a congregation, catch up with old friends, and meet new faces. We invite all, and hope you will invite others to give to our youth. All funds raised will go to the 2019 Senior High Youth Mission Trip.

TODAY! November 11, 12:00 pm, the Commons

Honor Thy Self— All women in the 60+ age group, who are interested in Healthy Aging, are welcome. "Let Your Opinions be Heard" will be our topic as we plan our future in 2019. Bring your ideas for topics you would like to learn more about! Questions? Contact Ruthie Lees at 402-991-3168. **Tuesday, November 20, 10:00 am, the Parlor**



Cell Phone Recycling— Drop off your old cell phones at the recycling bin located by the Commons entrance. Proceeds help our Youth and Eco-Team!!

OTOC Issues Café: The Refugee Experience— Hear about the refugee resettlement process, the various types of immigration paths, and the refugee communities in Omaha from Alana Schriver, OPS Refugee Specialist. **Wednesday, November 4, 6:45 pm, Urban Abbey (1026 Jackson St)**

OTOC Issues Café: Mental Health Emergency Resources— Hear from Miles Glasgow of Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare about their emergency response programs to help provide mental health services during high stress situations. Information about Mental Health support and education programs will also be available. **Tuesday, November 20, 6:45 pm, Urban Abbey (1026 Jackson St)**

Movie Group— Join us to discuss the movie, *First Man*. Food and lively conversation at a local restaurant in the Old Market to follow. All are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S. 15 St, lower level room B)**

Book Review— Join us as Sheran Cramer reviews *Barking to the Choir* by Gregory Boyles. Boyles, a Jesuit priest, shares what three decades of working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship. All are welcome! **Thursday, November 15, 10:00 am, the Parlor**

Nursery Workers Needed — Do you have a compassionate heart and joyful spirit? We are looking for special volunteers to care for the smallest members of our faith community.

We are in need of new Nursery Workers so we may have enough staff for Christmas Eve Worship Services.

Please contact Pastor Kent Little by e-mailing Kent.Little@fumcomaha.org or call 402-556-6262 x1002



Decorating for Christmas

Soon it will be time to haul out the holly and trim the trees as we make our space ready for Advent!

We need volunteers of all ages to meet us **Sunday, November 25 after second service** to help decorate.

Please see Pastor Kent if you are able to help!

Coat Collection Drive & Thanksgiving Fellowship Outreach

Saturday, November 17, we will gather in the Main Kitchen starting at 7:00 am to prepare Thanksgiving meals with the North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance (NONA) and Binney-Wirt Neighborhood Association leaders, then serve the meals from the Carver Building. We will also be asking for coats during the month of November to help fit families who are in need of winter wear. We are in need of 2XL and 3XL sizes!!!

Ways to be involved:

- Help prepare the meal
- Help sort coats
- Help package meals
- Help transport meals
- Help serve meals
- Help deliver coats



Thanksgiving Fellowship Outreach

Please contact Pastor Cynthia at Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@fumcomaha.org if you would like to help, or want to know more information.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—

In the spirit of thanksgiving, all are welcome to join the many participating Christian, Muslim, and Jewish faith communities to celebrate our diversity as well as our unity in a collaborative service of worship, song, and prayer. The theme for this year's service is "Be Not Afraid." **Next Sunday, November 18, 5:00 pm, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church (2650 Farnam Street)**

Alternative Christmas Mall—Please plan to shop at our Alternative Christmas Mall for donations to charitable organizations as well as fair-trade items from local vendors. As you plan your holiday shopping, consider spending in support of mercy and justice. **Sundays, December 2, 9, 16 in the Gathering Place**

Holiday Home Tour— All are invited to join us for our first ever Holiday Home Tour! A \$10 suggested donation will grant you access to homes of FUMC members showcasing beautiful holiday décor. Proceeds will go toward Siena Francis House and Books for Elementary Students. **Sunday, December 2, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, starting at the church and will carpool to the different homes. E-mail FUMCHoliday-Tour@gmail.com to find out locations and more details!!**

Blue Christmas Service—Sometimes the holidays are difficult. If you have lost a loved one or experienced a life transition, the season of joy may also hold a bit of sorrow. All are welcome to a service of naming our grief in the midst of this festive time and opening ourselves up to God's healing grace. **Tuesday, December 18, 6:00 pm, Mead Chapel**

UMYF Christmas Caroling All UMYF youth are invited for an afternoon of Christmas caroling! Afterwards, there will be a gift exchange party in the Commons. Please have your youth bring a \$5.00 gift and any treats/sweets you would like to contribute to the party.

Sunday, December 16, meet at FUMC near the Commons at 2:45 pm