



**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**

**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.**

*We have openings for once-a-month adult workers!*

Please contact Bogart Nomad by e-mailing [Bogart.Nomad@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Bogart.Nomad@fumcomaha.org) or call 402-556-6262 x1008



**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!!

**Donation Box**— In partnership with Clair Memorial United Methodist Church, we will be collecting canned goods for their food pantry on Saturday, December 15. Please bring your canned goods, crackers, peanut butter, and other pantry staple items to the Donation Box in the Gathering Place.

In preparation for the special called **2019 Way Forward General Conference in Saint Louis**, our FUMC Way Forward Task Group has scheduled two informational meetings. These two meetings will be to present the plans coming before the General Conference with a way forward for our United Methodist Church in regards to the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ person in the ministry of the denomination. The two informational gatherings will be **Monday, February 4th at 6:00 pm and Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 pm**. Both meetings will be in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the two important gatherings. More information will be available in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call, email or stop by Pastor Kent’s office.  
—Peace, Rev. Kent

## Save the Date

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

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

*Be on the look out for more information!*

# Announcing

**December 2, 2018**



## This Week’s Events @FUMC

### Monday, December 3, 2018

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

9:30 am ..... Morning Yoga, Mead Chapel

### Tuesday, December 4, 2018

6:00 pm ..... OTOC Mental Health Action Team, room 111

7:30 pm ..... UNO Orchestra Winter Concert, the Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 5, 2018

12:00 pm ..... Meditation Group, Mead Chapel

1:30 pm ..... OTOC Reorganization Team, room 111

6:30 pm ..... Zumba, the Commons

### Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:00 am ..... UMW Cookie Walk, room 111

9:00 am ..... Bulletin Folders, the Conference Room

6:15 pm ..... Evening Yoga, Mead Chapel

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

7:00 pm ..... OTOC Environmental & Sustainability Action Team, room 111

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

### Friday, December 7, 2018

9:00 am ..... TOPS, room 111

### Saturday, December 8, 2018

10:00 am ..... UMW Book and Cookie Sale, the Commons

2:00 pm ..... UMW Christmas Tea, the Commons

### Sunday, December 9, 2018—Second Sunday of Advent

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 ..... UMW Book and Cookie Sale, the Commons

9:35 am ..... Alternative Christmas Mall, the Gathering Place

9:35 am ..... Faith Studies @First

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

12:00 pm ..... UMW Luncheon, the Commons

6:00 pm ..... United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meet in the Commons

*For a complete list of events, please visit [fumcomaha.org/calendar](http://fumcomaha.org/calendar)*



**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. **TODAY! December 2, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, starting at the church and will carpool to the different homes.**

**UNO Orchestra Winter Concert**— We are honored to host the Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra and UNO Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert, directed by Dr. Matthew J. Brooks. A \$5 donation is suggested. The program will include pieces from Grieg, Dvorak, Cowell, and more! We hope all will attend and enjoy beautiful arrangements to kick-off this snowy season! **Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 pm, the Sanctuary**

**HELP SAVE A LIFE**— Refresh your CPR training! This is a non-certified class, but great for our Sunday Volunteers (Ushers, Greeters, Faith Studies Teachers, etc.) or anyone who would feel more confident with this information. The cost is \$5 per person, which will help cover the cost of training materials. Contact Jan Dixon at 2dixons@cox.net if you are interested in learning the latest in CPR. **Monday, December 10, 5:30 pm, room 112**

**Volunteer Opportunity at your Doorstep**— The last quarterly opportunity at the Foodbank for 2018 is fast approaching. Please help our local VIM team sort food items and prepare for the many in need in our community. Sign-up in the Gathering Place on December 2 or 9. Contact Sharon Hofmann at topscat@msn.com for more information. **Tuesday, December 11, 1:00-3:30 pm, Foodbank for the Heartland (10525 J St)**

**Race Relations: Dinner & Discussion: Criminal Justice System-How to Help Transform**  
Please join us for dinner (catered by Big Mama's) and discussion led by A'Jamal Byndon, the Omaha DMC Coordinator and Deputy Chief Scott Gray and Ryan Spohn, Director of the Nebraska Justice Center for Justice Research from UNO. Their experiences and knowledge will help shed light on how to transform a justice system in which many of our youth are caught. The event and meal are free, but we kindly ask all individuals to register so we may have an adequate amount of food and supplies. Please register at EventBrite by searching for "Criminal Justice System-How to Help Transform" or go to our events on our website: [fumcomaha.org/events](http://fumcomaha.org/events)  
**Tuesday, December 11, 6:00-8:30 pm, the Commons**

**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 you would like to contribute to the party. **Sunday, December 16, meet at FUMC near the Commons at 2:45 pm**

**Honor Thy Self**— The Honor Thy Self group will celebrate the holidays with a special lunch meeting! Lucy Wood has arranged for us to meet at Elmwood Tower in the Board Room for lunch. Please RSVP to Lucy at [hl915@cox.net](mailto:hl915@cox.net) or call her at 402-397-4918. **Tuesday, December 18, 11:15 am-2:00 pm, Elmwood Tower**

**Movie Group**— Join us to discuss the movie, *Green Book*. Food and lively conversation at a local restaurant in the Old Market to follow. All are welcome to one or both events! **Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library (215 S. 15 St, lower level room B)**



**Alternative  
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**Alternative Christmas Mall 2018**

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. **Starts today, December 2, and continues Sundays, December 9 & 16 in the Gathering Place**



**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*  
*We have reached the maximum amount of reservations for the Christmas Tea.*  
If you wish to be on a waitlist, please contact Marylin Stewart at 402-390-0237 or [marylins@aol.com](mailto: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!**

**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!!*

**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](mailto: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!*



**Annual Holiday Piano Soiree**— All proceeds go to support the church's music program. Reservations are \$25 per person and can be made in the Commons or Gathering Place on Sunday mornings. You may also reserve your spot at the front office Monday-Thursday during office hours. **Friday, December 21, 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 22, 10:00 am, and Sunday, December 23, 3:30 pm, Jim and Jean Keeney will serve host at their home. Please see Marylin Stewart in the Commons or Gathering Place for address, or please call the Front Office at 402-556-6262!**