



Save the Date: Upcoming Events for 2019

January 21, 2019— Join us as we attend the **35th Annual MLK Luncheon** from 11:30-1:30 pm at the Hilton Omaha Downtown. Prominent Civil Right’s Leader Diane Nash will be the guest speaker! Come hear first hand experiences from a community organizer responsible for the Freedom Rides and the Selma Voting Rights Campaign which eventually led to Congress passing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Tickets for the luncheon are \$50— please see Pastor Cynthia Lindenmeyer or e-mail Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@fumcomaha.org

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March 24, 2019— Our Health and Healing Ministries present our annual **Celebration of Soulful Healing**. Keynote speaker, Ryan Evans, will speak on the Mind/Body Connection. Please come and learn to honor the energy in all of us, and discover a more holistic approach to connect your mind and body. For more information, please contact our Health and Healing Ministries Chairs, Jan Dixon and Ranita Lilyhorn, by e-mailing Jan at 2dixons@cox.net or Ranita at RL3frog@cox.net.

June 16-22, 2019— All FUMC faith community members are invited to join us for the **Summer Congregational “Walking in Black History” Tour**, facilitated by Preston Love, Jr. Our youth are partnering with Black Votes Matter to Memphis, Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, and Atlanta. Space is limited, please contact Pastor Cynthia Lindenmeyer or Bogart Nomad for more information by e-mailing Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@fumcomaha.org or Bogart.Nomad@fumcomaha.org.

July 21, 2019— FUMC will be hosting mythical author and speaker **Mirabai Starr**, who teaches nationally and internationally on the teachings of the mystics and contemplative practice, and the transformational power of grief and loss. Known for her revolutionary translations of John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, and Julian of Norwich, Mirabai renders mystical masterpieces accessible, beautiful, and relevant to a contemporary circle of seekers. Her commentaries on the interconnected wisdom of all traditions are lyrical and evocative. Mirabai builds bridges not only between religious traditions, but also between contemplative life and compassionate service, between cultivating an inner relationship with the Beloved and expressing that intimacy in community, between the transformational power of loss and longing for the sacred.

Please be on the lookout for more information on these important events soon!



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!!



Announcing

December 16, 2018



This Week’s Events @FUMC

Monday, December 17, 2018

- 9:00 amRainbow Factory Preschool, rooms 101-104 (*Monday-Wednesday*)
- 9:30 amMorning Yoga, Mead Chapel
- 1:00 pmOTOC Leadership Committee Team, room 112
- 7:00 pmFinance, room 111

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- 6:00 pmBlue Christmas Service, Mead Chapel

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

- 12:00 pmMeditation Group, Mead Chapel
- 6:30 pmZumba, the Commons

Thursday, December 20, 2018

- 9:00 amBulletin Folders, the Conference Room
- 6:00 pmBell Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music)
- 6:15 pmEvening Yoga, Mead Chapel
- 7:00 pmChancel Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music)

Friday, December 21, 2018

- 9:00 amTOPS, room 111
- 7:30 pmPiano Soiree, Jim and Jean Keeney’s

Saturday, December 22, 2018

- 4:00 pmProud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall
- 10:00 amPiano Soiree, Jim and Jean Keeney’s

Sunday, December 23, 2018—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 amToddler Nursery Opens, room 105
- 8:30 & 10:50 am Sunday Worship Services, the Sanctuary**
- 9:15 amHospitality and Coffee Hour, the Commons
- 9:35 amFaith Studies @First
- 9:35 amChildren & Youth Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal, the Sanctuary
- 10:15 amChancel Choir, the Sanctuary
- 3:30 pmPiano Soiree, Jim and Jean Keeney’s

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



Alternative

**Christmas
Mall**

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.

Final Day is TODAY!

**Sunday, December 16
in the Gathering Place**

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. **Today! Sunday, December 16, meet at FUMC near the Commons at 2:45 pm and will return around 5:00 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 hilu915@cox.net or call her at 402-397-4918. **Tuesday, December 18, 11:15 am-2:00 pm, Elmwood Tower**



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 or call 402-556-6262 x1008

Church Council— All are welcome to discuss the ministries, missions, and future vision of the church. Make your voice heard in regard to the life-beat of our faith community. **Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 pm, room 112**

Movie Group— Join us to discuss *The Favourite*. Following discussion, we will enjoy food and lively conversation at a restaurant in the Old Market. All are welcome at one or both events! **Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 pm, W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S 15 St, lower level room B**



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 as 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!



**Christmas
Eve**
WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us Monday, December 24, 2018

5:30 pm— This service is generally full and has lots of energetic children and an extra brass ensemble, so come early to get your seat!

9:00 pm— This service is more reflective in spirit, and it includes Holy Communion where all are welcome to the table.

There will be a Fellowship Potluck in room 112 between the two services. We invite all to bring a dish to share as we form community on this holy night.

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.

—Pastor Kent

Now Hiring— We are looking for a 3/4 time **Building Maintenance Staff**. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please send a resume to Pastor Kent at Kent.Little@fumcomaha.org.

Thank you!

EcoTeam News—Thank you for continuing to save the atmosphere from greenhouse 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!*