

Welcome

Today is Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:15 am	Nursery Opens, room 105
8:30 & 10:50 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:15 am	Social Time, the Commons
9:35 am	Blood Pressure Screening, the Conference Room
9:35 am	Faith Studies @First
12:00 pm	Youth Spaghetti Lunch
12:00 pm	Youth Choir—Clark Rehearsal Hall
3:30 pm	Gastronomy Club—Commons, The Kitchen
6:00 pm	United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF),

From Participants to Partners

All are always welcome to participate in the life and ministries of FUMC Omaha. When you are ready to move from participant to partnership through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact Kent or Cynthia by e-mail or phone; we'd be delighted to answer your questions and get to know one another!

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Spiritual Practices @First

All are welcome to join in at any time—no cost involved

- ◆ Taizé Worship—1st Saturday monthly, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Morning Yoga—Mondays, 9:30 am, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Meditation—Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Zumba—Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, the Commons
- ◆ Evening Yoga—Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Centering Prayer—Sundays, 9:35 am, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Outdoor Labyrinth, Garden & Gazebo—24/7

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Closed Friday & Saturday



Our Faith in Action

Volunteer @First

Usher and Greeter Volunteers Needed— We are in need of new Usher and Greeter volunteers. If you would like to be part of our Welcoming Spirit, please contact Candice Nielsen at Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org or call 402-556-6262 x1001. Or, please contact our Second Service Usher Coordinator, Jean Keeney, jean.keeney12@gmail.com, or our Greeter Coordinator, Dave England, at daveengland135@cox.net

Administrative Council Meeting— Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00pm**. We will be having a special called Administrative Council meeting to begin looking ahead to the future. We will spend sometime looking at and evaluating our current ministries, talking about ways we can strengthen or add to those important elements of who we are. We will also be doing some visioning taking into account our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats we have and are facing as we move into the next few years. Join us for this time of conversation, hope, and dreaming of the bright future of FUMC!
Peace and Light for Our Continued Journey, Pastor Kent

Automated Giving Made Easy—Would you like to have your donation withdrawn automatically from your checking account every month? If so, you can contact Noni Cambridge at Noni.Cambridge@fumcomaha.org or leave a voided check in the finance office. If you would like to e-mail, please send your bank's routing number and your checking account number. The monthly withdrawal will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day if the 10th falls on a weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Noni. Thanks!

Thank you for supporting the ministries of FUMC. Contribution letters are provided to identified donors for tax-deduction records at year end.



Giving Station. There is a black stand with an iPad attached in the Narthex (foyer). It's a giving station that allows people to make donations and/or purchase FUMC items. More and more people do not carry checks or cash with them. Our Giving Station is another way to support our ministries. Whether you give by cash, check, automatic bank transfers, or the new credit card station, we give thanks for faithful and generous giving that allows our ministries to continue and our community to share God's love.



Faith Studies @First

Children & Youth—Sunday morning, 9:35-10:35 am

Children Faith Studies/Hosanna Choir – We offer fun, friendly, and upbeat faith learning for the youngest members of our faith community. Children meet with their age group, as well as spend time singing together in Hosanna Choir. Please drop-off and pick-up your child in their individual classroom:

- 3-year-old/Pre-K, and Kindergarten **Room 205/206**
- 1st & 2nd grade **Room 207**
- 3rd, & 4th grade **Room 209**

Hosanna Choir will meet in **room 204 from 9:45-10:05 am**

Tween Scene – Moving from Elementary into Jr. High is an exciting time in the life of our children! Our tween scene Faith Studies group is for our 5th and 6th graders and meets every Sunday, and has a monthly outing together! Tween Scene will start in their classroom and be picked up in the choir room (room 204).

- Tween Scene (5th and 6th graders) **Room 208**

Tween Scene Choir will meet in **room 204 from 10:05-10:35 am**

Youth Faith Studies – Our Youth Faith Studies center around dynamic current events and motivating faith topics, and concentrate on faith formation, scripture literacy, interfaith dialogue, and all the stuff that matters.

- Confirmation (7th-8th grade) **Room 108**
- Jr High & Sr High (8th-12th grade) - **Room 114**

Youth Choir will meet in **Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room) from 12:00-12:30 pm**

Adult Classes—Sunday morning, 9:35 –10:35 am

Boomers +/- — Explore topics around the theme "Progressive Christian Living." Today, Jan. 20th, Dr. Nikitah Okembe-RA Imani joins the group. **Room 112**

Centering Prayer — This prayer time begins with 10 minutes of fellowship, followed by a 20-minute sit in silence, closing with The Lord's Prayer. All are welcome! **Mead Chapel**

Connections — These Gen-Xers meet to discuss the place of faith in addressing current social challenges. **Room 203**

Explorers — Seekers who inquire in depth by reading and discussing a book. This week we will continue studying *The 4th Gospel* by Bishop Spong. **Adult Education Library**

Faithlinks — This inter-generational class looks at a current issue through the lens of our Christian faith. **Room 111**

NEW, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* — Join Pastor Kent and Cynthia as they lead a study on the Old and New Testaments based on the book, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. **The Parlor**

Please check out our online calendar at fumcomaha.org/calendar for more information on Spiritual Practices, Events, and Meetings at FUMC.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

10:50 am



PRELUDE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Adolphus Hailstork

WELCOME

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

Please silence your phones. Children are always welcome in worship; child-care is also available in the Nursery, room 105. We invite all to sign-in on the black pads found near the center aisle of your pew.

***THE SOUND OF THE BELL**

At the sound of the bell, please rise in body or spirit, breathe deeply, and face the center to see the Christ in one another.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Namaste”

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer



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***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Red hymnal #519

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***LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

“Where Children Belong”

Black hymnal #2233

The children are invited to gather at the front of the church.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

Today is a gift from God.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



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SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:16-24

May we be mindful of the Spirit who speaks here and now...

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Church Without Walls, No Room at the ‘In’”

Dr. Nikitah Okembe-RA Imani

***SALAAM, SHALOM, PEACE** be with you.

And also with you.

BECAUSE WE GIVE

Chancel Choir

An Offering of Music

“Shed a Little Light”

James Taylor

Let us turn our thoughts today to Martin Luther King and recognize that there are ties between us, all men and women living on the earth, ties of hope and love, of sister and brotherhood; that we are bound together in our desire to see the world become a place in which our children can grow free and strong. We are bound together by the task that stands before us and the road that lies ahead. We are bound, and we are bound. There is a feeling like the clenching of a fist. There is a hunger in the center of the chest. There is a passage through the darkness and the mist. And though the body sleeps, the heart will never rest. Shed a little light, oh Lord, so that we can see: just a little light, oh Lord. Wanna stand it on up, oh Lord, wanna walk it on down. Won't ya shed a little light, oh Lord? Can't get no light from the dollar bill. Don't give me no light from a T. V. screen. When I open my eyes, I wanna drink my fill from the well on the hill. Shed a little light, Oh Lord.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Black hymnal #2257a-d

Prayers of Concern

Hospitalized this week: Kay Peters

This we pray.

Loving God, hear our prayers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

This we pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks.

Blessing of Elements

Sung Lord’s Prayer

The Cantor will sing a phrase and the Congregation will repeat it. Prayer candles are located in the front, back, and sides of the Sanctuary for reflective and personal representation of prayers. All are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of your spoken or unspoken prayers.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All present, anyone and everyone, are invited to share in this holy sacrament.

Gluten-free bread is available by request at the front on the piano side.

During Communion, the congregation will sing

“How Great Thou Art”

Red hymnal #77
(Verses 1 and 2 only)

“We Shall Overcome”

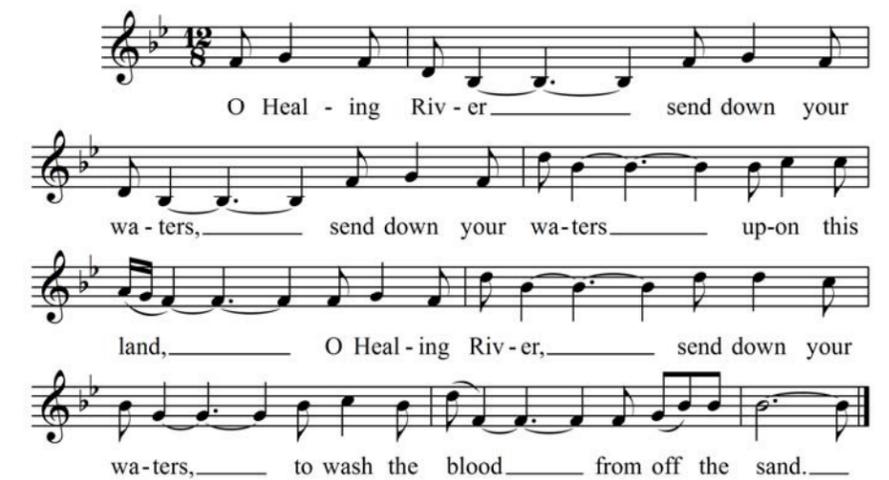
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COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“O Healing River”



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***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

“Toccata on ‘Lift Every Voice’”

Mark A. Miller