



**Are Ya Ready For a FOOD DRIVE?!** Let's have fun while we collect food for **Souper Bowl Sunday (Feb 3)**. Place your pantry-stable food donation in the shopping cart of your favorite NFL playoff team. OR, put your generous love into the 3rd, non-sports basket. Either way, we are spicing up the Food Drive this year with a fun and NEW event! Please contact Bogart for more details at Bogart.Nomad@fumcomaha.org

**Movie Group**— The Movie Group will discuss **BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**, Golden Globe best drama picture, at the W. Dale Clark Library. Everyone is welcome to join us for the discussion and for dinner at a nearby restaurant following the discussion.  
**Tuesday, February 12, 6:00 pm**

**Circle News**— All are welcome to join the Afternoon Circle as we tour the Omaha Hindu Temple. Join us for lunch at Goldberg's before we take our tour! If interested, please contact Dottie Deines at DottieDeines@gmail.com or call 402-330-8169 so she may have a headcount.

### Save the Date: Upcoming Events for 2019



**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**. 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.

# Announcing

January 20, 2019



### This Week's Events @FUMC

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

Church Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

10:30 am .....Cope & Hope, room 107  
3:30 pm .....Tai Chi, Mead Chapel (*Tuesdays & Thursdays*)  
4:00 pm .....Spiritual Renewal, The Parlor  
6:00 pm .....Race Relations Discussions - the Commons

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

12:00 pm .....Meditation Group, Mead Chapel  
6:30 pm .....Zumba, the Commons

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

9:00 am .....Bulletin Folders, the Conference Room  
3:30 pm .....Tai Chi - Mead Chapel  
6:00 pm .....Bell Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music)  
6:15 pm .....Evening Yoga, Mead Chapel  
7:00 pm .....Chancel Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music)

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

9:00 am .....TOPS, room 111  
9:30 am .....Tai Chi with Shandy Ramet - Mead Chapel

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

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

**Sunday, January 27, 2019—YOUTH SERVICE (Both Services)**

8:15 am .....Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105  
**8:30 & 10:50 am Sunday Worship Services, the Sanctuary**  
9:15 am .....Hospitality time, the Commons  
9:35 am .....Faith Studies @First  
12:00 pm .....Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)  
6:00 pm .....United Methodist Youth Fellowship, room 112

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

### New Faith Studies Class: Reading the Bible Again for the First Time—

Join us for a new Faith Studies Class with Pastors Kent and Cynthia as we study the Old and New Testaments based on the book, "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time", by Marcus Borg. **January 20, 9:35 am, the Parlor**

**Honor Thy Self—** We invite all women in the 60+ age group to join us for our **Feb. 19th** meeting in the Parlor. We welcome **Connie Johnk** back to facilitate, "Loving Yourself: How Do You Do It?". This is also the topic we will be discussing this second month of 2019. Questions: contact Ruthie Lees at 402 991-3168. **Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 am, the Parlor.**



The **Nebraska Ecumenical Legislative Briefing** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 9, 2019** at Christ United Methodist in Lincoln. There are nine possible focus groups from which you select three. All will gather for worship and the "wrap up" speaker who we are happy to say is FUMC's own Tim Fickenscher. To learn more about the event and/or to register go to [www.nelegisbrief.org](http://www.nelegisbrief.org) or pick up a registration blank at the church office.

**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](mailto:kent.Little@fumcomaha.org).

**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

**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.

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

**BOOK REVIEW—**Please join us on **February 21** as we celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Book Review! We will meet in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. for refreshments. Shirley Carpenter will review the same book that was reviewed 35 years ago, When God Says "No": Faith's Starting Point by Margaret Blair Johnstone. This is an inspiring autobiography of a young woman which begins in 1913 when she is born and tells how she came to be a minister when that was an unusual occupation for a woman. Her story is a vital and warm one. All are welcome – **Thurs-**

**Tuesday, January 22, 6:00pm to 8:30pm — Race Relations Dinner and Discussion.**

**Join us for dinner, dialogue and action on:**  
- *What contributes to the problem of too many students being criminalized and sent to jail instead of staying in school where they belong?*

- *What actions are needed to address juvenile justice reform in Douglas County?*

Community activist, Leo Louis, who began a parent and community coalition dedicated to ending policies that perpetuate incarceration over education, will initiate our discussion.

Dinner begins at 6:00, followed by an overview by Mr. Louis and A'Jamal Byndon, the Douglas County Disproportionate Minority Contact and Control Coordinator, who will briefly talk about the recent ACLU report.

Rev. Dr. Cynthia R. Lindenmeyer

 **Help us Grow—** Do you believe in the Ministries and Missions of FUMC? If so, please consider being part of our Membership Ministry Team! We need passionate members of our faith family to help us reach more in our community as well as volunteer their time and talents to help make special FUMC events come to life! If you would like to learn more, please email Candice at: [Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org).

**February 19th 6:00-8:30 pm**, join us in the Commons for dinner and discussion on the New York Time bestseller book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo, who writes, "The Call to Make America Great Again worked powerfully in service of the racial manipulation of white people, diverting blame away from the white elite and towards various people of color...". Your thoughts? Recommend you read the book to discuss! Copies available at front desk soon.



**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**, during the Faith Studies Hour, come hear Preston Love, Jr. and Justus, a student at North High School who was profoundly inspired by the Walking Black History Tour this past summer, talk about their experiences and the vision for 2019's Face to Face History Tour! A special preview of the Tour Documentary will be shown before its premiere at the Benson Theater debut. Our youth and members (still eight spots left on bus) join Preston this summer (June 16th-22nd) to experience historic sites such as the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and the National Museum for Peace and Justice in Montgomery. For cost and registration, please speak with Pastor