



High School Senior Sunday – Please save the date to honor our Senior Class of 2019 – Josh Dobson, Nora Graham, Kenneth Loke, and Ethan Morton
Sunday, May 12, 9:35-10:35 am in the Commons



Announcing

May 5, 2019

Events @FUMC this week:

Monday, May 6, 2019

9:30 am Yoga, the Gathering Place
 1:00 pm Recovery Inc, room 111
 7:00 pm Affordable Housing Group, room 112

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

3:30 pm Tai Chi, the Gathering Place (*Tuesdays and Thursdays*)
 6:00 pm OTOC Mental Health Action Team, room 111

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

12:00 pm Meditation Group, the Parlor
 6:00 pm Harp Concert, the Sanctuary
 6:30 pm Zumba, the Commons
 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Ada Mead Hall

Thursday, May 9, 2019

9:00 am Bulletin Folders, Conference Room
 10:00 am Starr Book Study, the Parlor
 6:15 pm Evening Yoga, the Gathering Place

Friday, May 10, 2019

9:00 am TOPS, room 111

Saturday, May 11, 2019

4:00 pm Proud Horizons, Ada Mead Hall

Sunday, May 12, 2019—Senior Recognition Sunday

8:00 am Close the Gap Together, Crossroads Commons
 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 Storm Chasers Game Tickets, the Gathering Place
 9:30 am Community Supported Agriculture, North Outdoor Courtyard
 9:30 am Senior Recognition, the Commons
9:35 am Faith Studies @First
 10:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal, the Sanctuary
 12:00 pm YES Meal Prep, the Main Kitchen
 6:00 pm UMYF, meet in room 112

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



Small Group Cottage Meetings - Don't forget, if you have not already done so, to sign up for a house meeting to discuss our way forward here at FUMC. We want everyone to have the opportunity to share their voice regarding our future in response to the UMC General Conference of 2019. Each meeting will be 60-90 minutes. The meetings are beginning now, in early May and will run through June.

Please see Mary Zlomke in the Gathering Place for dates and times, or call the front office during the week.

Upcoming Events @FUMC

For more information, please contact the Front Office: 402-556-6262



June 8, 2019: Binney Wirt Picnic, at the Binney-Wirt-Spencer Park (1812 Wirt Street). All are welcome to join our North Omaha Neighbors at this family-friendly event! **From 11:00 am—2:00 pm.**

June 29, 2019: It's Time for Pride!! Our faith community will once again take part in the Heartland PRIDE parade and festival for 2019. The parade will now be located in downtown Omaha, and the festival will again be held in the Baxter arena. We need parade participants and festival volunteers, as well as helpers to stuff goodie bags to pass out at Pride. **Starting in June, Compassion T-shirts in all colors of the rainbow will be on sale for \$10 in the Gathering Place (children sizes \$7).** Mark your calendar to be part of our rainbow!

Do you identify as an LGBT+ Elder? The lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community wants to meet you! Show your support and join us for the Pride Parade and Festival! Transportation and volunteers provided.

Please contact Heather Holmes with Inclusive Communities at MsHeatherHolmes@gmail.com or call 402-208-4091.

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. **From 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

Please be on the lookout for further information for these upcoming events!



Team FUMC – last Sunday we had a brief presentation about the budget gap we have for this year. We have enjoyed hearing ideas of not only what people might donate, skills they might contribute, as well as ideas about what you would like to give to. Stop by the Commons and see the banner decorated by our tweens and children from Sunday School class reminding us that our Close the Gap campaign involves every person here... every single “other” is part of our church family and part of helping us reach our goal this month. Stop by the table below the banner to review details about the campaign, fill out a new idea on a sticky note of how you can join in, or add some change to the coin vortex to help us “change” the size of our budget gap. Mark your calendar for the upcoming “Omaha Gives” on May 22nd as another way to join in to meet our challenge fund. All your ideas and contributions help...
thank you for being part of our May campaign!

Urban Abbey Pop-up Sale –

Urban Abbey will once again be joining us **Today! May 5, in the Gathering Place.** Urban Abbey helps promote and support the work of hundreds of small-scale artisans from all around the world. These artisans use locally-sourced and sustainable materials in their work, and are paid a fair wage for their work and their time. Because you buy fair trade, schools are built, irrigation canals are dug, and communities flourish. *Learn more at serrv.org.*

Honor Thy Self – “A Guide to Walking the Tightrope of Life” is the topic Connie Johnk will be presenting at our next meeting. If you are over the age of 60 we invite you to join us in **the Parlor at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 21. Any questions: call Ruthie Lees at 402 991-3168.**

*****RENOVATION NOTICE*****

Our Mead Chapel will begin renovation starting the week of **Monday, May 6 for a minimum of 8 weeks.**

During this time, all events previously scheduled in Mead Chapel will be moved. We thank you for your understanding and patience! —*FUMC Staff*

Phileena Heuertz - Join us as Phileena Heuertz, founder of Omaha’s spiritual activism center, Gravity, will preach at both worship services and speak in between services on contemplative prayer and lead us in prayer. Phileena recently published *Mindful Silence: The Heart of Christian Contemplation*. Richard Rohr writes in the foreword: “*Mindful Silence* contains not just her wisdom but the spiritual wisdom of the ages that is again standing the test of time and showing itself in the fruits of incarnational holiness.” Her spiritual journey is amazing – mentored by Mother Teresa and Thomas Keating, she believes contemplative prayer helps if one is called to activism in the midst of a world steeped in traumatic suffering. **TODAY! May 5, both services and speaking in between services in the Commons.**

Movie Group – All are welcome to join the Movie Group as we discuss *DUMBO* at **the W. Dale Clark Library, 15th and Douglas on Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to join us for the discussion and for dinner in a nearby restaurant following the discussion. If you enjoyed *The Greatest Showman* you will enjoy Tim Burton’s remake of the Disney movie released in 1941.

Photo Directory Supplements— Please stop by the front office to pick up the latest photo directory supplement from the last quarter of 2018-first quarter of 2019. We give thanks for a growing faith community!
If you would like to be part of growing our faith community, please contact Candice Nielsen at Candice.Nielsen@fumcomaha.org

Starr Book Review - An introduction to Mirabai Starr’s new book, *Wild Mercy: Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics* will be **May 9, 10:00 am in the Parlor. Study will begin May 23 and meet every Thursday until July 18, 10:00 am in the Parlor (we will not meet May 16 or July 4).** All are welcome to join us as we prepare for Mirabai Starr, who will join us July 21!

Take COMPASSION out to the Ballgame is back!!

Join us as a faith community on **Friday, June 7, at 5:05 pm**, to cheer on our local Storm Chasers baseball team for a Friday night of fun AND fireworks! People of all ages are invited and encouraged to bring family and friends. Be part of our rainbow by wearing your compassion t-shirt. Tickets are \$10 for youth & adults. Children 10 & younger are free, and will receive entrance to the Family Fun Zone (for ages 3-10).

Tickets will be on sale starting Today! May 5 in the Gathering Place.



On May 22, please consider **First United Methodist Church of Omaha** for Omaha Gives 2019! Please check out our page at **www.omahagives.org/FUMCOmaha**

Thank you, Steve! Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and Building & Grounds invite the congregation to join us in recognizing Steve Nehrig for his 30 years of dedication to the FUMC staff. Please come and enjoy a piece of cake, then thank Steve for all the important work he does to keep our building and grounds safe, comfortable and beautiful. **Sunday, May 19, 9:30-10:40 am in the Commons**

OTOC Steering Committee—

Join OTOC Leaders for Steering Committee, where representatives from each member congregation will review and approve the OTOC budget for next year, explore Summer Training options, and celebrate the great work of our Action Teams, especially on the recent Rental Housing Ordinance! **Monday, May 13, 7:00 pm, room 112**

May Book Review -

Please join us for Marilyn Hansen’s review of *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* by Clementine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil. She will share the true story of two sisters who were fortunate to escape the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and were able to migrate to the U. S. These experiences changed their lives. She will also enlighten us about the unusual title. All are welcome.

Thursday, May 16, 10:00 am in the Parlor

The Big Garden Spring Plant Sale: Join the Big Garden for a fundraiser where every dollar you spend supports local garden education in low-income areas!

April 18 - May 18, 9am-2pm every Thu • Fri • Sat 5602 Read Street, 68152