

Welcome

Today is Sunday, August 11, 2019

PIONEER SUNDAY

- 8:30 & 10:50 am **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
 8:30 am Lost & Found Table, the Commons
 9:15 am Hospitality Hour, the Commons
 9:35 am Small Group Sign-Ups, Crossroads Commons
 9:35 am Stephen Ministry, the Conference Room
9:35 am Faith Studies @First
 9:40 am Acolyte Training, Narthex
 12:00 am Mead Chapel Dedication, Mead Chapel
 12:30 am Children and Youth Faith Studies Orientation, Room 112

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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We are collecting school supplies for Omaha United for Youth and Lewis and Clark Middle School. Most needed are backpacks, highlighters, washable markers, erasers, three-ring binders, blue or black ball point pens, loose-leaf notebook paper, and glue sticks.

Mercy and Justice

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30-8:00 pm

At the Creighton University Harper Center David Blight will speak on his Pulitzer-Prize winning biography of Frederick Douglas, and living historian Michael Crutcher will re-enact the 1893 speech that Douglas gave in Omaha.

Thursday, September 19, 7:00-9:00 pm

School to Prison Pipeline. Join us to hear from ACLU regarding their recent report on racial profiling and how the school to prison pipeline is a new form of Jim Crow.

TURNING POINT "A Portrait Exhibition"

by Monica Maxwell

Monica Maxwell is a contemporary realist visual artist and photographer working in Omaha, NE. In this collaborative series, Monica features oil portraits of Omaha women sharing their stories, and expressing their lived experiences in a way that creates a compelling visual advocacy. Monica's visual storytelling highlights compassionate, engaged citizens that stand in the face of adversity while seeking to bridge the disparities and divisions among us.

On display through August 31st, in the Gathering Place

Survivorship 101 Class – A Time to Heal, Cancer Foundation, is offering a free class, a group course for adult cancer survivors and their adult caregivers on **Monday evenings** starting **September 9 in the Parlor**. Please visit atth.org to learn about the class or to register. For more information, please call **Brenda Kastens, Program Director, at 402-401-6083**.

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! **While Noni works part-time on a flexible schedule, she will be in the office every week on Tuesdays, 2:00-5:30 pm.**



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
Summer Schedule for August

Children Faith Studies – We offer fun, friendly, and up-beat faith learning for the youngest members of our faith community. Children meet with their age group.

- 3-year-old/Pre-K, and Kindergarten
- 1st & 2nd grade
- 3rd, & 4th grade
- Tween Scene (5th and 6th graders)

All grades drop off and pick up in Room 208

Youth Faith Studies –

- Grades 7-12 will meet in Room 114 and talk about interesting stuff that matters

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

Boomers +/- — Explore topics around the theme “Progressive Christian Living”. **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 topic. Explorers' will continue to discuss an article by Walter Wink and *God and the Gay Christian*. **Adult Education Library**

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

Spiritual Study on Wild Mercy — We will continue this week with an overview and commit to spiritual deepening practices at the end of each chapter. **The Parlor**

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

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Office Hours:

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



Sunday, August 11, 2019

10:50 am



PRELUDE

"Partita on 'Blest Are They'"

Charles L. Lenz

WELCOME

Rev. Kent H. Little

Personal listening devices and large-print hymnals and worship guides are available from the ushers. Please silence your phones. Children are always welcome in worship; childcare is also available in the Nursery.

***CENTERING SINGING BOWL**

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 CELEBRATION**

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

"Gathering Chant"

Musical notation for "Gathering Chant" with lyrics: Gath - ered here in the mys-t'ry of this hour, gath - ered here in one strong bod - y, gath - ered here in the strug- gle and the pow'r, Spir - it, draw near.

Words and Music: Phil Porter, 1990

***OPENING HYMN**

"When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise" Black Hymnal #2216

***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!

Musical notation for "Children's Word" with lyrics: This is the day, yes! This is the day, yes! This is the day that God has made!

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WISDOM READINGS

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Rumi

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The Light"

Rev. Kent H. Little

Sermon Series on Mystics

Today's Mystic: Rachel Naomi Remen

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"

Black Hymnal #2027

PIONEER MEMBER RECOGNITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn of Prayer

"Saranam (Refuge)"

Musical notation for "Saranam (Refuge)" with lyrics: Je - sus, Sav - ior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly: Sar-a - nam, Sar-a-nam, Sar-a - nam; thou the Rock, my ref - uge that's higher than I: Sar - a - nam, Sar - a - nam, Sar - a - nam.

Words: Trad. Pakistani; Music: Trad. Punjabi

Prayers of Concern

This we pray.

Hymn of Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving

This we pray.

Hymn of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Jesus

Divine Presence in heaven, blessed be your name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today the bread we need. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from trying times, and deliver us from evil. For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***SALAAM, SHALOM, PEACE**

...be with you.

And also with you.

BECAUSE WE GIVE/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Summer Choir

"May Your Life Be Filled With Gladness"

Michael McCabe

May your life be filled with gladness which will grace you all your days, and transfigure hurts and troubles into daily psalms of praise. May your life be filled with passion, where delight and sorrow fuse, teaching you to find, when suffering, gift of joy you cannot lose. May your life be filled with wonder at the whole world God has made; and, although your sight may falter, may your vision never fade. May your life be filled with beauty from which angel light reflects, and be waiting in excitement for what God will teach you next. May your life be filled with Jesus, and his love to all proclaim, until every thought and action offer glory to God's name!

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red Hymnal #94 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!

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Blest Are They"

Black Hymnal #2155

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

"Trumpet Tune and Toccata on 'Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being'" Rick Deasley

Spiritual Practices @First

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

- ◆ Taizé Worship 1st Saturday of the month, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance Tuesdays, 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

The Mead Chapel is now open!

Join us for the dedication, TODAY 12:00—12:30 pm