

# Sunday

**January 1, 2023**

**10:50 am**

"The cosmos is within us.  
We are made of star-stuff.  
We are a way for the universe to know itself."  
~ Carl Sagan

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"The Magi"

Oliver Messiaen

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

"How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"

How far is it to Beth - le - hem, not ver - y far?  
May we stroke the crea - tures there, ox - en or sheep?

Shall we find the sta - ble room lit by a star?  
May we peek like them and see Je - sus a - sleep?

Can we see the lit - tle child, is he with - in?  
If we touch his ti - ny hand, will he a - wake?

If we lift the wood - en latch, may we go in?  
Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?

Words: Frances Chesterton, 1922; Music: Traditional Czechoslovakian.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"We Three Kings"

Red hymnal #254

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*We invite all to sign in on the pads found near the center aisle of your pew.*

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalms 119: 1-8, 105-112

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Gathering of Children** "Star Child" Vs 1, Black Hymnal #2095  
*The children are invited to gather at the front of the church.*

**Children's Message**

**Response**

"Star Child"

Vs 5, Black Hymnal #2095

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## CONVERSATION

*A Different Journey Home*

Maddi Baugous

## COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Black Hymnal #2257a-d

Prayers of Concern

Prayers of Thanksgiving

### LORD'S PRAYER

Divine Presence in heaven, blessed be your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Everyone is invited to share in this holy sacrament. Please cup your hands to receive the bread, then dip the bread into the cup.*

## BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"The First Noel"

Red hymnal #245

## BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

### POSTLUDE

"Praise Him, Sun and Moon; Praise Him, Ye Stars of Light"

Robert Hebble



**Please join us after the service today to  
remove our Christmas decorations.  
We would appreciate any help you can give.  
Food will be provided.**

# Welcome

We are happy to have you worship with us this morning! Join us Sunday mornings for worship at 8:30 & 10:50 am, and Faith Studies Classes at 9:35-10:35 am for children, youth, and adults.

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

All are welcome.

**Today is Sunday, January 1, 2023**

10:50 am	Worship Service, the Sanctuary
9:35 am	No Faith Studies or Sunday School

## Faith Studies @First

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

**Children Sunday School** - Our children will meet every Sunday for activities and fun! Every Sunday will be something fun and different!

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| • 2 years - 2nd grade   | <b>Room 206</b> |
| • 3rd grade - 5th grade | <b>Room 209</b> |

**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.

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| • Jr High & Sr High (6th-12th grade) | <b>Room 114</b> |
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**Adult Classes — Sunday morning, 9:35 — 10:35 am**

**Boomers +/-** — Explore topics around the theme “Progressive Christian Living”. **Room 112**

**Centering Prayer** — We gather at 9:30, and begin a 20-minute sit in silence at 9:35, closing with The Lord’s Prayer. All are welcome.

**Mead Chapel, Door #9 or 11**

**Connections** — These Gen-Xers meet to discuss the place of faith in addressing current social challenges. **Room 107**

**Explorers** — Seekers who inquire in depth by reading and discussing a book. **Adult Education Library**

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

**Young Adult Class** — These Millennials meet to discuss current events and our faith. **East Parlor**

*Please check out our online calendar at [fumcomaha.org/events](http://fumcomaha.org/events) for*

# From Participants to Partners

We welcome **ALL** to meaningful participation in the life and ministries of FUMC Omaha. When you are ready to move from meaningful participant to meaningful membership through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, witness, and enthusiasm, please contact Morita or Maddi by e-mail or phone; they would be delighted to answer your questions and get to know you better!

[Morita.Truman@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Morita.Truman@fumcomaha.org); 402-556-6262 x 1002

[Maddi.Baugous@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Maddi.Baugous@fumcomaha.org); 402-556-6262 x 1006

You are invited to explore the many ways we are a community, growing and sharing love to bring change into the world:

## Mercy & Justice Ministry Teams

Eco Team, Feeding Ministries, Fiercely Inclusive Team, Immigration Ministry, Poverty Education and Advocacy Team (PEAT), Omaha Together One Community (OTOC), Racial Justice, Salt & Light, Volunteer in Mission (VIM)

## Music Ministries

Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Youth and Children's Choirs, Instrumentalists, Summer Choir

## Spiritual Practices

Centering Prayer, Labyrinth, Tai Chi, Taizé Worship

## Faith Studies

Adult classes: Boomers +/-, Centering Prayer, Connections, Explorers, Faith Links, Young Adult.

## Youth & Children

Youth and Children Sunday School 3 years - 12th grade. United Methodist Youth Group (UMYF).

## Health, Healing & Spiritual Formation

Blood Pressure Screening, HELP Closet, Parish Nurse, Stephen Ministries, Tai Chi

## Church Volunteers & Fellowship Groups

Afternoon Circle, Book Review, Craft Group, Front Desk, Hospitality Crew, Movie Group, Mow Crew, Stitchin' Sisters, Transportation Ministry, United Women in Faith (UWF), Wedding Assistants, Welcome & Support Team

*For more information on any of these groups, please contact  
Cass Opal, Director of Communication & Membership,  
at [Cass.Opal@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Cass.Opal@fumcomaha.org) or call 402-556-6262 x1001*

### Office Hours:

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

7020 Cass St Omaha, NE 68132  
402-556-6262 [www.fumcomaha.org](http://www.fumcomaha.org)

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# Announcing

January 1, 2023



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## Monday, January 2

Building Closed

10:30 - 11:30 am Ruth Kruse Celebration of Life, Sanctuary

## Tuesday, January 3

9:00 am Facebook Devotion

10:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting, Room 112

## Wednesday, January 4

5:30 - 6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

6:30 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30 - 8:00 pm AA Meeting, Ada Mead Hall

## Thursday, January 5

10:00 am - 12:00 pm United Women in Faith, Room 112

9:00 am Facebook Devotion

## Friday, January 6

9:30 - 10:30 am Together We Win, Room 111

9:30 - 11:30 am Tai-Chi, Mead Chapel

## Saturday, January 7

5:00 - 6:00 pm Taizé Service, Mead Chapel

## Sunday, January 8

8:30 - 9:30 am Sunday Morning Early Worship, Sanctuary

Faith Studies / Sunday School

9:35 - 10:30 am Boomers, Room 112

9:35 - 10:30 am Connections, Room 104

9:35 - 10:30 am Explorers, Library

9:35 - 10:30 am Faithlinks, Room 111

9:35 - 10:30 am Children's Sunday School, Room 206 & 209

9:35 - 10:30 am Youth Sunday School, Room 114

9:35 - 10:30 am Young Adults Sunday School, Parlor

9:30 - 10:15 am Centering Prayer - Mead Chapel

10:50 am - 11:50 am

Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Confirmation Classes

Starting January 8th running every Sunday thru April, with April 16th being Confirmation Sunday.

For more into contact Chris Marshall 402-660-7932

[Chris.marshall@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Chris.marshall@fumcomaha.org)

## ***Savor: Mindful Eating, Mindful Life* six week book study offered via zoom starting January 12**

Would you like a healthier relationship with food? You are invited to join others for a weekly conversation about the book *Savor: Mindful Eating, Mindful Life* by Thich Nhat Hanh and Dr. Lilian Cheung.

Learning from the Buddhist



tradition, we will get beyond shame and guilt and explore ways in which we can truly enjoy and savor food AND nurture a more healthy, mindful life.

The group will meet via zoom Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. starting January 12 and concluding February 16th.

We encourage buying books from local book sellers like Urban Abbey. They can also be purchased used (recycled is good for the environment) online.

Contact Carol Windrum if you have interest in joining this book study, [cawindrum@gmail.com](mailto:cawindrum@gmail.com)

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

All church members are welcome to attend and participate.

**Tuesday, January 10**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Room 112**

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# Ruth Kruse

*October 26, 1930 - December 13, 2022*

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January 2, 2023 | 10:30 am

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## **A Culture of Generosity**

At Omaha First we believe generosity is a spiritual practice. When a gift is given faithfully we consider it sacred. For those able to participate in financial giving, you may support your community of faith in these ways:

**Mail your check to the church:**

**7020 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68132**

On our website: [www.fumcomaha.org/giving](http://www.fumcomaha.org/giving), on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FUMComaha](https://www.facebook.com/FUMComaha). We give thanks for the continued generosity of our faithful members and friends. If you have questions regarding your giving, please contact our Finance Director, Noni Cambridge, at [Noni.Cambridge@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Noni.Cambridge@fumcomaha.org).



**The FUMC building will be closed  
Monday, January 2**

## ***Clair Cares Food Pantry***

### ***Volunteers Needed!***

For More Information, Contact Judy Prenzler at [prenzler@cox.net](mailto:prenzler@cox.net)

Next Opportunity for Volunteering:

**January 19 & 20**

5544 Ames Ave, Omaha

**Donations of food or money are always welcome.**

**We are in need of nonperishable food items.**

Please drop off at FUMC, 7020 Cass St., 8:30 am - 4:00 pm M - Th  
(food donation container provided outside door #2)

## **LIVING HOPE FOOD PANTRY**

**Food Pantry Open M-F, 10 am - 4 pm**

**Tri Community UMC, 6001 Fontenelle Blvd, Omaha**

**Closed on major holidays.**

**Volunteers needed for all days.**

Contact Ron Alexander at [rwalexander222@gmail.com](mailto:rwalexander222@gmail.com)

**Drop off Food Donations at FUMC**

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## **MOVIE GROUP**

**Tuesday, January 10, 6 pm, via ZOOM!**

### **BANSHEES of INISHERIN**

**Optional dinner before Zoom  
meeting at local restaurant.**

**Email Bonnie Wallace at**

**[bonniewallace59@gmail.com](mailto:bonniewallace59@gmail.com)**

# Taizé Worship

Meditative Spirituality with Distinctive Music and Candlelight

Saturday, January 7

5:00pm | Mead Chapel

(enter door 9 or 11)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Inspired by the Taizé ecumenical community in France, the Taizé Prayer Service has spread around the world because of its unique style inviting people into a deeper experience of God's love. The service includes songs, short readings, spoken prayers and silence. The beautiful chapel and the use of candles add to the meditative nature of the service.

The service is an opportunity to open our hearts and minds, to listen and to rest in Divine Presence. It is a spiritual practice.



29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
BENEFIT

**BARN  
DANCE**

Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 7 - 10 pm

Suggested Donation \$10 | 18 and under Free

Squares, Rounds, Contras, Polkas, Waltzes & More

**Great Family Fun!** No Experience Necessary!

All Dances Taught by Caller Eric Manley

Sponsored by the Lively **Rivertown String Band**

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Enter through door #4 on the East side

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# Church Staff Contact Information

**Church Phone Number is 402-556-6262**

Listed below are the four digit staff extension numbers.

## Clergy:

1002. Pastor .....[Morita.Truman@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Morita.Truman@fumcomaha.org)

1006. Associate Pastor .....[Maddi.Baugous@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Maddi.Baugous@fumcomaha.org)

## Music:

1021. Director of Music Ministries .....[Mark.Kurtz@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Mark.Kurtz@fumcomaha.org)

..... Music Associate/Organist .....[Marie.Meyers@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Marie.Meyers@fumcomaha.org)

## Staff:

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..... Custodial ..... Jasmine Butler

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of additional support, pastoral care, or there is an emergency, please reach out to

**Morita Truman** at

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or call 402.556.6262 x1002

**Maddi Baugous** at

[Maddi.Baugous@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Maddi.Baugous@fumcomaha.org)

or call 402.556.6262 x1006

**We are here for you!**



You can also email

**Lynne Elwood**

[lwood2@gmail.com](mailto:lwood2@gmail.com)

to be added to  
our prayer chain.

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Closed Friday & Saturday.

Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:50 am

## In-Person

On-Line Service - 10:50 only

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