

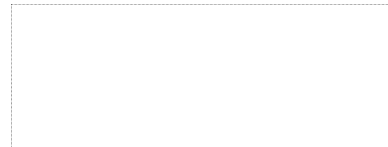
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PreK-6th Grade

July 15-19

Mon-Fri 9 am - Noon

Only \$25 per student

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Join us for this brand new ACTING camp. We will spend two weeks learning music, acting, and dancing in the exciting musical, We Are United. We will also be learning about ways that we can serve OUT in our community and work together just like the characters in the musical.



Completed 2nd - 6th Grade

June 17-21 & 24-28

Performance: June 28 @ 7:00

Mon-Fri 9 am - 4 pm

Only \$50 per student

Register for both
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\$10
Discount.

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www.fumcomaha.org

Questions? Contact:

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 & 10:50 a.m., Sanctuary

Taizé Worship

Saturday, May 4

5:00 p.m., Mead Chapel

Pastors:

Jane Florence, Senior
Debra McKnight, Associate

"We are a United Methodist congregation of all sexual orientations and gender identities making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We stand in solidarity with Reconciling Ministry Network working against injustice and discrimination through peace and justice."

BREAD is published once monthly.

Submit your articles by the 15th of each month to Roberta.Coss@fumcomaha.org.

Copies of BREAD are available in the printed version mailed to your home or found around the church building, the electronic version e-mailed to the address you provide, or the electronic version on the church's website.

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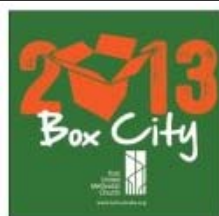
Many Thanks and Best Wishes!

Barrett Scroggs had "big shoes to fill" when he became the Director of Family and Children's Ministry and the Community Coordinator for Urban Abbey two years ago. His predecessor, Sue Rood, had established a fine children's ministry and Barrett took the position and made it his own. He brought his drama and directing talent, his teacher training, his enthusiasm and passion and led our ministries with the Family and Children's Council in creative and new ways. Barrett is now leaving us to pursue his Master of Arts in Drama Therapy in Manhattan, KS. **All are invited to a reception in Cary Hall in his honor on May 12 during the Education Hour.** (Editor's Note: Read Barrett's article on page 5.)



Welcome Aboard!

Jessica Thacker has grown up in this congregation. Currently, Jess shares her tremendous musical talents singing in our Chancel Choir and volunteering with our youth ministry. We are excited that Jess has accepted the position of Director of Family and Children's Ministry. Jess will also be assisting with Urban Abbey ministries and creating opportunities for college groups and student ministry with UNO. Jess has most recently worked providing case management for high-risk families, prior to that she worked with special needs students. We welcome Jess to the FUMC staff this month and look forward to her creative ministry with us.



Youth Raise Awareness of the Homeless at Box City 2013

You don't have to sleep in a box all night to be part of Box City 2013! Bring a lawn chair to listen to speakers Erin Porterfield from Metro Area Continuum of the Care of the Homeless (MACCH); Craig Howell, Chief Service Officer with the City of Omaha & Outreach; and Shawn Miller from Youth Emergency Services. When you go home to your warm bed, the 100 youth that are spending the night in a box will put together 500 toiletry bags including shampoo, bar of soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste. (Article continued on page 4)

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Closed Saturday

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Welcoming

Attendance for April 2013

	Total Attendance	First Time Visitors
3/31/13.....	1105**	18
4/7/13.....	500	4
4/14/13.....	370	4
4/21/13.....	352	5
4/28/13.....	will be included in June issue of BREAD	
**=includes Holy Thursday (125) and Good Friday (143) services		



Are you interested in joining with other United Methodist Women in supporting missions locally and throughout the world? You can choose to be a member-at-large or an active member in the FUMC unit. A member-at-large can support UMW by making a financial contribution, baking cookies, or helping in any way your time allows. A member-at-large can attend no meetings or any meeting of her choice. Contact Suzanne Morgan, Nancy Cozhiar, or any UMW member for more information.



From the Library Shelf...

A few books to “challenge” are now in the link hallway room. Books such as the following will be challenging persons who are staying ahead on various issues.

“Hostile Takeover” by David Sirota gives an overview about today’s government, its problems and a way to reclaim democracy—for even you.

“Aristotle’s Children” by Richard Rubenstein is a remarkable book about the origins of the modern world and the long-standing relations between faith and reason.

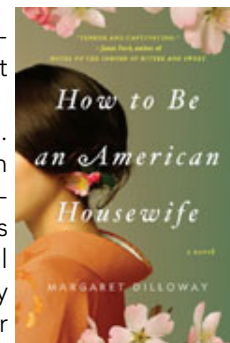
“On God’s Side” by Jim Wallis relates scripture and political issues to enable politicians, left and right wing, secular humanists, economists, and everyone to see how much we have in common with each other.

You can find these and MANY more books in the Adult Library (room 107), in the Gathering Place, and the room located between the link hallway and church office.

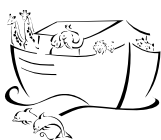
May 16 Book Review

The final spring Book Review will be given on Thursday, May 16, in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

Our guest reviewer will be Jan Walden. She will share with us, “How to Be an American Housewife” by Margaret Dilloway. It is patterned after her mother’s life. It is a lively and surprising novel about a Japanese woman with a closely guarded secret, the American daughter who strives to live up to her mother’s standards and the rejuvenating power of forgiveness.



Please come and join us for a morning about a good book.



Noah’s Ark Library—

This is the children’s library located directly across from Cary Hall in the north education wing.

If you’ve checked out a book or other media that needs to be returned, the blue bin right outside the door can be used for that purpose and is there all the time!

We’ve been experiencing a very large number of books, tapes and CDs that were checked out and not returned. We want to keep this library open and **we need your help** to do this! Please check to make sure that all items you have checked out from the library have been returned and if not, please get them to the church office right away (no questions asked!). Thanks so much!!!

Questions can be answered best by Kathy England at 402-292-1312 or volunteermomke@cox.net.



May 4th 2-4 p.m.

Rev Debra McKnight and her husband, Mike Ramsey, are expecting their first child near the end of July.

We are showering them with our love on May 4th. Stop by room 112 anytime from 2- 4 p.m. to offer your best baby wishes.

(They are expecting a girl and have registered at Target, Babies R Us, and Pottery Barn Kids.)





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Urban Abbey Omaha

Mercy & Justice

Marlo Thomas' "Free to Be...You and Me" Coming to FUMC!

On **Friday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m.**, First Church will present the musical, "Free to Be...You and Me," conceived by Marlo Thomas. Ms. Thomas is best known for her leading role in the 1960's TV series, "That Girl," and is also recognized along with others like Gloria Steinem for being on the leading edge of the feminist movement. The musical is based on a children's book that, instead of telling boys and girls who they should be, would open them to the possibilities of who they could be. Life-enhancing themes are imaginatively blended with music and humor to expand all of our personal horizons, while dispelling some old constraints and worn-out conventions in the process.

Mark Kurtz is the musical director and Fran Sillau is the staging director.

Shalom in Action, May 5

Help end poverty housing! Between services you are invited to learn more and write a letter in the Gathering Place. We will focus on Habitat for Humanity's efforts to not only build homes, but to change policies that lead to adequate housing for all. Few programs can prove their effectiveness and efficient use of every federal dollar as well as the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program. It has far exceeded its performance targets in numbers of families' assisted, home equity created, low default rates, and private funding leveraged.

Our letters will express support for maintaining stable funding for SHOP. Background information will be provided. This effort is a project of the FUMC Poverty Effort Team.

Kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

During the 2013 Nebraska Annual Conference Session at Lincoln St. Mark's, June 6-8, a semi-trailer will be on-site to receive items for UMCOR.

What to Bring: Bring any of the seven UMCOR Kits. Full instructions for the contents and assembly of kits may be found at www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. As of March 2013, UMCOR is especially in need of layette kits, sewing kits and bedding kits. Your pastors and lay delegates are going to this conference in Lincoln. If you need items transported there, please let Jane or Debra know.

Poverty Effort Team Addresses Homelessness in Connection with Box City May 3

Over the next few months, the Poverty Effort Team will be sharing various topics of information in coordination with the Mercy and Justice Team events/activities. In connection with 2013 Box City, a major youth-sponsored event scheduled for May 3, the focus for May is homelessness.

Information will include the extent of homeless in the Omaha Metro Area, the extent of homeless children in Nebraska and where Nebraska ranks relative to the other 49 states, programs and services of the Siena/Francis House, Nebraska's largest shelter providing emergency shelter, and the role that the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) has played in assisting and working toward preventing homelessness in Nebraska. Check the TV monitor in the Gathering Place and watch for snippets of information in Announcing each Sunday.



We are open for business @ 1026 Jackson Street in the Old Market

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Coffee Shop Hours:

Monday-Friday, 6:30 am-10:30 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am-10:30 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Wesley Pub—a gathering for questions not answers, conversation not condemnation. Bring your own beverage, voice and thoughts to our evening of reflection through music, poetry, traditions and scriptures.



Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 pm

"A few deadly verses: The Bible and Sexuality"

Our community partner for the month of May is **Youth Emergency Services (Y.E.S.)** founded in 1974 by a group of community volunteers who noticed homeless youth hanging around in Omaha's Old Market district. The YES house (known today as the Emergency Shelter) has helped more than 5,800 youth escape crisis situations. Programs have been developed to help youth in crisis learn the life skills necessary to become independent and self-sufficient, such as Street Outreach Program and Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Home.

10% of all Urban Abbey coffee bar sales and 100% of the bagged "YES Coffee Blend" sales (coffee comes from small-scale farms where farmers receive a living wage) go to support their work for change. Join us to learn more and support these great organizations with every cup of coffee.

Inspiring Worship Assistants for May



May 5—Habitat Sunday

Lectionary: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Acolytes (10:50 only): Paul Bierman & Blake Dreher

Coffee Servers: Miriam Chapman & Karin Sadowski

Greeters:

8:30—Marilyn Hansen (Captain), Alan & Jann Dappen,
Mako Jacobs

10:50—Joanne & Roger Burns, Dave England,
Judy Nauman, Jodi & Steve Sindelar

Ushers:

8:30—Bruce & Dottie Deines (Head), Rosemary Hroch,
Jean Wilmoth

10:50—Jim Keeney (Head), Jo Ann Cooper,
John Freeman, Judy Torrens



May 12—UMW Sunday

Lectionary: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Acolytes (10:50 only): Ian Andress & Daniel Graham

Coffee Servers: Mark Darby & Steven Rothe

Scripture Readers:

8:30—Marilee Garrison

10:50—Don Bredthauer

Greeters:

8:30—Chuck & Mary Haskell (Captain), Nancy & Walt
Coziahr, Carol & Michael LaCroix

10:50—Barb Bredthauer, Dave England, Ruthie Lees,
Kay Peters

Ushers:

8:30—Bruce & Dottie Deines (Head), Rosemary Hroch,
Jean Wilmoth

10:50—Michael Gordon (Head), Rosemary Opbroek,
Harlan Sayles, Shirley Ward

May 19—Day of Pentecost

Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104-24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Acolytes (10:50 only): Abby & Ellie Siebe-Walles

Coffee Servers: Ron Alexander & Joan Clark

Greeters:

8:30—Kevin & Patty Bain (Captain), Ranita Lilyhorn,
Shirley Ward

10:50—Dave England, Lowen & Ruth Kruse,
Nancy Simpson

Ushers:

8:30—Bruce & Dottie Deines (Head), Rosemary Hroch,
Jean Wilmoth

10:50—Jean Keeney (Head), Barb Bredthauer, Matt
Morton, Daryl Traster

May 26—Trinity Sunday

Senior High Recognition Sunday Peace with Justice Ministries Sunday

Lectionary: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5;
John 16:12-15

Acolytes (10:50 only): Danny Baron & Grayson Dreher

Coffee Servers: Jane & Ken Jones

Scripture Readers:

8:30—Nancy Coziahr

10:50—Mike Rosenthal

Greeters:

8:30—Emogene & John Whitten (Captain), Chuck & Mary
Haskell, Nancy & Walt Coziahr

10:50—Dave & Kathy England, Ann Hudson,
Daryl Traster

Ushers:

8:30—Bruce & Dottie Deines (Head), Rosemary Hroch,
Jean Wilmoth

10:50—Kevin Graham (Head), Paul Ing, Ken Jones, Mark
Schulze

Upcoming Worship Themes You Won't Want to Miss:

June—God on Vacation
August—Sin, Death, Satan and Hell

July—Awakenings with Jesus and Buddha
September—The Struggle to Belong

Spirituality



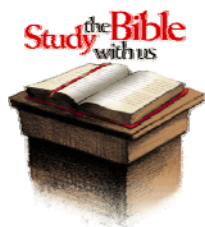
Taizé Services

Taizé worship is an invitation to listen and to open hearts and minds to the Divine Presence. It is prayer.

Taizé services are inspired by the Taizé ecumenical monastic community in France in the small village of Burgundy. The community was founded by Brother Roger Schutz during the Second World War.

Each Taizé service is unique but common characteristics include a period of silence, the use of candles and the meditative weaving together of readings, prayer and music.

Taizé services are held on the first Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in Mead Chapel. All are welcome!



Would you like to learn more about the Bible? Do you have questions you've never asked? And don't know how to?

Starting June 5, Rev. Jane will be leading a Bible Study for those interested in a general overview of scriptures from Genesis to Revelation on the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays monthly at 6:30 p.m. in**

room 112.

We will begin each session with a short video and follow with conversation and dialogue. Both *Disciple Bible Study* curriculum and *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg will be integrated in our time together. Try it out on June 5th! Bring a friend.

For questions, contact jane.florence@fumcomaha.org.

Looking for a "Good Read"?

If you have hung around FUMC a while, you may have noticed that it's a place where people are invited to use their brains, ponder, muse, and ask questions. People are encouraged to explore ideas for themselves, alone or in groups. One of those ways is through books. You have seen the trolley of books from the Library in the Gathering Place, inviting you to pick one up, check it out, take and read. (*Thank you, Ruth Kruse, for making that happen!* Editor's Note: see article on page 2) Additionally, several books, in brand new condition, are in the church office. (Suitable for a gift, perhaps? Maybe for you?)

These books are overstocks from books read by the Explorers Class, (formerly No Name). Because Soul Desires Bookstore has given us a church discount for these books, we can pass this on to you. If you are interested in the in-

tersection between spirituality and science, Christianity and economics, or God's "open source" gifts to other religions, then read on! The cost and number of copies available are listed after a brief description of the book.

Ancestral Grace: Meeting God in Our Human Story by Diarmuid O'Murchu. This fascinating account of humankind from our beginnings in Africa seven million years ago to the present, blends history, anthropology, and spirituality to demonstrate that God has been and always will be with us. It's one of those rare books that can change the way we see the world. \$18.00 1 copy

In the Footsteps of the Prophet: Lessons from the Life of Muhammad by Tariq Ramadan. The author is a noted Muslim scholar and asks how the Prophet's life can remain—or become again—an example, a model, and an inspiration, and how Muslims can move from formalism—fixation on ritual—toward a committed spiritual and social presence. \$12.76 3 copies

Einstein's God: Conversations About Science and the Human Spirit by Krista Tippett. The author is the host of the radio show *On Being* (formerly *Speaking of Faith*). In it she interviews 13 luminaries, drawing out connections between the realms of science and spirituality. \$12.80 3 copies

No Rising Tide: Theology, Economics and the Future by Joerg Rieger (*2012 Horizons of Faith Presenter*). "Theologian Rieger challenges the market's own fetishes and belief structure, criticizes Christian Theology for its complicity in underwriting our economic crisis, but then also mints theology anew for a Christian practice of economic justice. Rieger's book is where Christian theological reflection on the economy must now begin."—Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary.

..... \$17.00 5 copies
To purchase, come to the church office. Cash will be accepted (correct change will be appreciated) or make checks payable to "First United Methodist Church" and note the book title in the memo line. —Mary Spurgeon

Dig Into Bible History—Literally!

Kristy Leahy, the Coordinator of Excavations of the ancient city of Bethsaida informs us that there is still space for this summer's archeological dig! Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles, spending your days digging and your evenings on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Individuals or groups can be accommodated. Anyone can join; if you have an interest in Biblical history and a desire to dig in the sand, they would love to welcome you.

Two sessions are still accepting volunteer excavators from May 19 to June 15. For more information on cost and how to sign up, check out world.unomaha.edu/Bethsaida.

Supporting

Please remember in prayer
these members of Our Church Family

For Continued Healing: Doris Boruff-Peterson, Dick Burroughs, Phyllis Burroughs, Milo Cowdery, Michael Dantzler, Milton Davison, Betty Dorr, Terri Elliot-Mason, Kathy England, Leah Gadzikowski, Ella Gerber, Charlie Gould, Garnet Hafer, Paul Halverson, John Hansen, Marilyn Hansen, Gladys Haskett, Jim Horrocks, Daline Jensen, Diane Jensen, Eileen Johnson, Lee Kaiser, Ross Kaiser, Sarah Kaseforth, Nan Knicely, Sharisse Kroh, Michael LaCroix, Bev Lobo, Deborah Mabry-Strong, Mildred Mattson, Norm Miller, Bonnie Morehead, Marv Morgan, Suzanne Morgan, Zaiga Moriarty, Ella Muntz, Cheryl Nelson, Helen Nipper, Elna Peirce, Dorothy Pennington, Arlene Peterson, Victoria Peterson, Dale Seyl, Laura Seyl, Mary Ellen Shuler, Ed Schwenk, Lois Weirich, Carol Windrum, Jack Wright

Sympathies to: Shirley Carpenter and family on John's death, April 22—a memorial service is pending in May

Celebration of the Baptisms of: Ezekiel Harris Mayle, son of Briana & Kevin on April 14; Nathan Lucky Heimuli, son of Christina & Nathan; Trent Ralph Kaseforth, son of Jason & Sarah and Grayson Paul Valdes, son of Henry & Holly on April 7

Celebration of the Confirmations on April 7 of:

Lucas Gabriel Baron,
Joshwah Emiliano Rodriguez Dobson,
Lilian Xinxin Fogland, Nora Elizabeth Routt Graham,
Nathan Lucky Heimuli, Leif Fredrick Jacobs,
Sophia Marie Kazmierski, Lauren Elizabeth Kendall,
Austin Joseph Lakin, Ethan Alexander Morton,
Russell Lee Norton, Reid Annell Sindelar, and
Aliyah Markay White

Celebration of these New Members: Jason & Sarah Kaseforth, Brianna & PJ Lakin, Darla & Jack Plymale, and Scott Sumpter on April 7

Please let the church office know if you are hospitalized or if there has been a family loss.

- B. Give a brief statement of need—illness, grief, crisis
- C. Get permission from the person to be listed on the Prayer Chain before contacting Marilyn or the church



Together, Inc. thanks us for our monthly donation. To find out more about Together, Inc., go to their website at: www.TogetherOmaha.org.

(Continued from page 1—Youth Raise Awareness...)

These bags plus “rent” to spend the night and canned goods collected will go to Y.E.S. here in Omaha.

Join us **Friday, May 3 @ 7:30 p.m.** on the front lawn to raise awareness of the homeless in Omaha.

Flyers are available on the homepage of the church's website: www.fumcomaha.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Jones at 402-556-6262 x1005 or Becky.Jones@fumcomaha.org.

Three Progressive Christianity Voices in Texas

If you find events like Horizons of Faith to be more fun than playing baseball or the organ, then you may be interested to know about another event. The D. L. Dykes Jr. Foundation is hosting Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan and Joan Chittister in Houston, TX, October 18-19, 2013 for *Does Christianity Have a Future? Schism, Scandal and the Loss of the Sacred*.

For complete information, go to www.faithandreason.org/.

Happy Mother's Day! From April 1st thru Mother's Day (May 12), all mothers receive a FREE facial & 25% off any order of \$75 or more! Also get entered in the “One Woman Can” global contest; winner receives \$5,000 to the charity of choice benefiting women/children and \$5,000 towards an international vacation!

Contact Independent Senior Mary Kay Sales Consultant Celita Mata, 402-630-1198, celitamata@marykay.com to book your free facial.

Prayer Requests



Submit your prayer requests to Marilyn Stewart at MarilynS@aol.com or call the church office at 402-556-6262 x1001.

Please follow these brief guidelines when submitting a request for

the Prayer Chain:

- A. Use names without describing the need. Give the first or full name and relationship—friend, brother/sister, spouse/partner, parent, child, etc.

Faith Studies@First



Barrett's favorite picture—
the 2012 Easter Egg Hunt on front lawn

This March I celebrated two wonderful years as the Director of Children's Programming here at First United Methodist Church. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with the families. From the very beginning this has been a dream job for me. I

have had the opportunity to teach, direct, form new programs, and continue to grow in my faith as I reached out into the community. It is with a deep sadness that I must leave FUMC. As many of you know, I have spent the past two years taking online courses for my Graduate degree in Drama Therapy at Kansas State University. It is now time for me to move to Manhattan, KS to complete my studies. My last Sunday at FUMC is May 12. I will always be grateful for the opportunities I had here. I will always be grateful for the families here. You have made me feel welcome and supported from the moment I started. It will be extremely difficult for me to leave FUMC but I will always remember the amazing experiences that we had here together.

—Barrett

What's going on in the Kids Zone?

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:35 for Hosanna Choir and other creative activities upstairs in the Kids Zone (room 208). Parents, be sure your child arrives at 9:35 so that we have plenty of time for fun and learning.

Youth Update

Box City: May 3, 7:30 p.m. Speakers include Craig Howell, Erin Porterfield, County Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, and staff/clients from Y.E.S. Come support area youth as they prepare to sleep outside the entire night in a box. "Citizens" will pay "rent" of \$5 and 5 cans which all go to Youth Emergency Services. 500 toiletry bags will be assembled and given to Y.E.S. It's a great night and a great way to support those making a stand for the homeless.

May 26 is High School Sr. High Recognition Day. Have a piece of cake in their honor and view their accomplishments in the Gathering Place. At the 10:50 service, our graduating seniors will be recognized and blessed as their journey continues. We are very proud of them!

The FUMC Youth join with Urban Abbey on May 28 to help cook and serve dinner to clients at Youth Emergency Services. It's a great way to support Y.E.S.!

Adult Classes

These classes meet Sunday mornings at the church in the room listed at 9:35 unless otherwise noted.

All are welcome to any class.

Boomers +/-—This class meets to care for one another and explore themes as they relate to our faith, spirituality and progressive theology. This class meets on the **Stage**.

Connections—On April 21, Dr. Jane Florence began a five-session class on the Gnostic Gospels that accompanies her sermon series. Join in this opportunity to explore the contents of gospels that did not "make the cut" to be included in the library we call the Bible. Millennial and GenXers mostly make up this group, but all are most welcome. Come to the **Parlor**.

FaithLinks—Each week a new, stand-alone topic from a current event or contemporary problem is explored within the context of the Christian Faith. You, your viewpoint, and opinion are welcome to this intergenerational class and no preparation is required! Find them in room **111**.

Galileans—On May 5, Carol LaCroix, M.D. will speak on the topic "Changes in Health Advice for Older Adults". On May 12, Sheran Cramer will give an update on the continuing process of merging three Conferences of the United Methodist Church—Kansas East, Kansas West and Nebraska, into one—the Great Plains Conference. On May 19, Alison Dreher will speak about her work at Woodhaven Counseling Associates. This class will begin their break for summer on May 26. Until then, all are welcome to join them in room **112**.

Explorers—On April 28, this group began the study of a book that contrasts Christianity with another faith tradition, leaving the reader with a better understanding of both. That book is *Without the Buddha, I Could Not Be a Christian* by Roman Catholic professor of Theology, Paul Knitter. This group will welcome you in room **108**.

Centering Prayer—This prayer time begins with 10 minutes of fellowship, followed by 20 minutes of silence closing with The Lord's Prayer. This is a contemporary form of an ancient spiritual practice. All are welcome in **Mead Chapel at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday** and/or also on the **2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in Mead Chapel**.

Sophia's Path—Sophia's Path is a group of women (but men are welcome!) meeting weekly on **Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in room 111**. They are "Going to the Movies" for the remainder of the year, discussing documentaries and other movies after watching them during their time together. **Childcare is provided in room 105**. Come join them! Questions? Contact Maria Walker—mariabwalker@yahoo.com.

Continuing to Live the Questions Class—Led by Dr. Jane Florence, the broad topic is the Gnostic Gospels. This class is a discussion format in which questions are welcomed and encouraged. This class will meet **May 1 & 15 at 6:30 p.m. in room 113**.