



FUMCAH NEWS

AUGUST 2019

Unexpected Sabbath

I am an incurable list maker (I even have a book detailing how making lists can “change our hearts and open our lives!”). Before my Italian vacation last month, I researched the areas I would visit and made careful lists about the things that I wanted to see and do. Not to be missed were the Uffizi Gallery, the Duomo in Florence, a gondola ride in Venice and the Milan Cathedral. Opera was never part of my list – so imagine my surprise when, meeting up with Stephen and Sarah (our son and daughter-in-law), Sarah asked if I would like to see an opera. Don’t misunderstand; I have nothing against opera, but my only opera experiences have been listening to BRIEF snatches of opera on WFMT and seeing Carmen performed by marionettes.

I am, however, very open to trying new things - especially on my travel adventures with Stephen and Sarah. We saw not one, but two operas: *Aida* in the Roman Arena in Verona and *I masnadieri* at La Scala in Milan! It was wonderful! Actually seeing an opera is completely different from what I had imagined.

Sabbath moments for me include new discoveries, time spent with family and friends, a chance to rest. These things can be planned - and listed. But sometimes we experience unexpected Sabbath – those moments that move us beyond ourselves, that transform our imagination, deepen our relationship with God and others, spaces that give us the gift of time and creation in a new way – and that were never on our lists. I think we receive this gift when we practice the spiritual discipline of openness. For me, this means embracing mindfulness, moving away from lists, keeping my heart and mind and hands open, unclenching my fists. It is practicing extravagant hospitality. How might you open your life to unexpected Sabbath this summer? May you be blessed by the experience!

Pastor Lynn Mikels

Worship Schedule

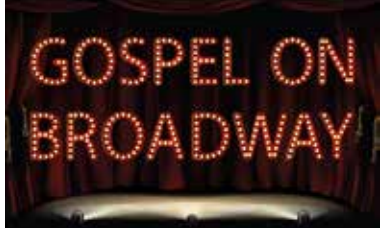
Gospel on Broadway

FUMCAH will feature songs from three famous musicals during worship service. The pastors will explore the themes of those stories in their sermons.

August 4 **Wicked:** “The Wizard of Oz” from the witches’ point of view. Elphaba and Galinda struggle through opposing viewpoints, rivalry over the same love-interest, and reactions to the Wizard’s corrupt government, and, ultimately, Elphaba’s public fall from grace.

August 11 **Dear Evan Hansen:** Coping with crippling anxiety, Evan Hansen finds it extremely difficult to fit in. Every day is a constant struggle, until the unexpected death of a classmate gives him a voice he never knew he had, even if it is all based on a lie.

August 18 **Cinderella:** Based upon the classic French fairy tale, *Cendrillon ou la Petite Pantoufle de Verre*, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s adaptation brought new life to the magical story of a young woman forced into servitude and who dreams of a better life.



August 25 **Blessing of the Backpacks:** Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship. We’ll pray for God’s guidance, presence, and direction in the adventures ahead.

FUMCAH CALENDAR

August Event and Contact Information

- 3** Re-Creation, Montrose Dog Beach, 9am.
- 4** Gospel on Broadway: Singers from FUMCAH will present selections from the musical, "Wicked."
- 5** Creation Camp, August 5-8, 1-3pm. Explore caring for God's creation and making a difference in the world together.
- 10** Family Picnic & Campfire: Camp Dan Beard Pavillion in Northbrook, 6-8:30pm. Bring a side dish to share. Fried chicken and s'mores will be provided. There will time for a short hike in the forest preserve. Contact Pastor Lynn for details.
- 11** Re-Creation, Chicago Botanic Garden, 8:30am.
Gospel on Broadway: Singers from FUMCAH will present selections from the musical, "Dear Evan Hansen."
- 12** Music Camp, August 12-15, 1-3pm. Setting the Stage will teach "Cinderella" for performance at August 18 worship.
- 14** Rainbow Circle: LGBTQ folks are invited for conversations about "Tales of the City." Contact Pastor Liz Evans for details.
- 17** Re-Creation, Labyrinth at Kingswood UMC, 8:30pm.
- 18** Gospel on Broadway: FUMCAH Music Campers, led by Setting the Stage staff, will perform "Cinderella" at worship.
- 20** Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444 to volunteer.
- 28** Rainbow Circle: LGBTQ folks are invited for conversations about "Tales of the City." Contact Pastor Liz Evans for details.

Save the Date!

- Sept. 7** 11th Annual Golf Outing, Rob Roy Golf Course. Call Darnell McClaney (773-412-9925) or visit go.fumcah.com/golf.
- Sept. 11** Rainbow Circle: LGBTQ folks are invited for conversations about "Tales of the City." Contact Pastor Liz Evans for details.
- Sept. 15** Faith Community Homes fundraiser, "Giving Hope," 3-6pm at Rolling Green Country Club. Call 847-342-0846 for details.
- Sept. 17** Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444 to volunteer.
- Sept. 22** Interfaith Potluck for Peace, 5-7pm, Saint Viator High School. Register online at www.bit.ly/coacregister.
- Oct. 2** J.A.M. (Jesus and Me), our weekly program for children in grades K-8, begins. Wednesdays 5-7pm, with dinner at 5:45pm.
- Oct. 6** Preschool Fundraiser, 3-4:30pm. Drinks and treats available to purchase. Prizes for children who participate.
- Oct. 19** Aging Gracefully: Fall seminar sponsored by our Adult Faith Formation Committee. Contact Pastor Lynn for details.

Join Rainbow Circle for conversations about "Tales of the City" throughout August and September! During Pride month, Netflix released a reboot of the 1993 miniseries based on the novel series written by Armistead Maupin. The show follows Transwoman Anna Madrigal, who owns a historic apartment building in San Francisco where LGBTQ people live and have formed community. All LGBTQ folks are invited to join us as we watch an episode from the show and discuss the themes related to love, identity, sex, truth, and faith. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 628 Thistle Lane.

Super Summer Experiences at FUMCAH

Creation Camp

August 5-8, 1-3pm. We will blend science, faith, and fun to explore caring for God's creation and making a difference in the world together. For those who have completed grades 3-6. Cost is \$25.

Family Picnic and Campfire

August 10, 6-8:30pm. You're invited to a potluck picnic and campfire at Camp Dan Beard Pavilion in Northbrook. Fried chicken and s'mores will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Between the meal and desert, you can take a hike through the forest preserve or relax at the campsite. RSVP to Pastor Lynn, including what dish you will bring.

Music Camp

August 12-15, 1-3pm. Setting the Stage staff will lead our amazing Music Camp with songs from "Cinderella." Actors must have completed Kindergarten. Performance in worship on August 18. Cost is \$40, additional children \$20 each.

Sign up online at www.FUMCAH.com/children

August Mission: Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)

Our August Mission is Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON). Moved by faith to welcome immigrants, several pastors and attorneys of the United Methodist Church founded Just Neighbors in 1996 in response to the legal challenges that low-income immigrants face in the United States. In 1999, UMCOR established Justice for Our Neighbors, which now has a network in 19 sites, supporting over 50 clinics, to serve thousands of clients. Our part of that network, Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors (NIJFON) has in addition to legal services provided by skilled attorneys, dedicated staff and volunteers who provide hospitality, needed childcare, assistance with requisite paperwork, education, advocacy efforts and building cross-cultural relationships. Please give generously to support our immigrant neighbors during this time when immigration issues and concerns are in the headlines daily.



Euclid Parking Lot Entrance Temporarily Closed

Because of construction, the Euclid Avenue entrance to FUMCAH is closed (except for accessible parking on Sundays.) During the week, enter the parking lot via Prindle Avenue. On Sundays, if you need an accessible entrance, please enter via the Euclid entrance. Someone will park your car for you, and others will assist you up the ramp at the northwest loggia entrance. On Sundays, spaces will be reserved on Prindle by the northeast sanctuary doors for those who are able to use stairs but would benefit from a closer space. For details, visit fumcah.com/buildingforall.

Re-Creation: Hour-Long Outdoor Retreats

Re-Creation is intended to be a way for us to connect with people who want to connect with God but are unlikely to come to church on a Sunday morning. We'd love for members of FUMCAH to help host anyone new we meet. Learn more at fumcah.com/re-creation.

August 3, 9:00am – Montrose Dog Beach

August 11, 8:30am – Chicago Botanic Garden

August 17, 8:30pm – Labyrinth at Kingswood UMC

Stephen Ministry

Wonderfully, we have a new group of people who are training for Stephen Ministry: Cassie Callow, Patty Crusius, Thom Frerk, Andrew Namowicz, Kim Palanichamy, Linda Riddle, and Laurie Schellinger. Their classes began on June 10 and continue twice monthly. They are receiving 50 hours of extensive training in Christian caring skills. This training honors the expectations of the care receivers for quality care and also meets the needs of caregivers to be confident that they are competent and equipped to meet the demands they will face. Working under Judy Protosevich's guidance and supervision, Stephen Ministers extends the capacity of our congregation to care. Periodic updates will be given during training. Please keep us in your prayers.

Register Now for FUMCAH's Golf Event

FUMCAH's 11th Annual Golf Event & Dinner will take place on Saturday, September 7. Join us for a day of golf, folks, food, and fun! Register today at the church office or visit go.fumcah.com/golf. You can use the handy registration form on the back page to sign up or to participate or advertise in our golf program. Early registrants will be entered into a drawing for Arlington Racecourse tickets!

Want to donate a prize for the 11th Annual Golf Event and Dinner? Donating a gift basket is a great way to be a part of this milestone event. Stop by and sign up at the golf registration table on Sunday mornings for some fun gift basket ideas. For additional information, contact Darnell McClaney at 773-412-9925 or dmcclaney@hotmail.com.

Nursery and Childcare Providers Needed

Fall will bring big changes to our Nursery and Toddler care this year. Not only will we have our new, remodeled space, our current childcare providers will be moving on to new phases of their lives and will unfortunately no longer be able to care for our little ones on Sunday mornings or during JAM on Wednesday nights. Miss Sara will be welcoming her own baby in mid-August, and Miss Kate will be starting her college studies in September at DePaul. This is a paid position and can be split between Sundays and Wednesdays if the applicant cannot work both days. The ideal candidate is 18 years or over and has experience working with infants through 2 years old. If you or someone you know is interested in providing care, please have them contact Sara Reich at sarajreich@gmail.com.

Financial Report through June 2019

June Revenue: \$65,035

Year-to-date Revenue: \$388,998

June Expense: \$52,159

Year-to-date Expense: \$365,023

We have paid \$37,158 (46%) of our total 2019 apportionment of \$80,624.

Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2019!

Congregation News

Our sympathy to Robin Paul whose father died on July 14.

Miles Mraz turned 99 on July 20!

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11th Annual FUMCAH Golf Event & Dinner at Rob Roy

**-ON COURSE CONTESTS
 -MULLIGANS AVAILABLE
 REGISTER BEFORE JULY 31 FOR
 SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING
 ONLY 80 PLAYER SPOTS**



Saturday, September 7, 2019
 Rob Roy Golf Course
 505 E. Camp McDonald Road
 Prospect Heights, IL

11am—Check-in, Refreshments, Putting Contest
 12:30pm—Shotgun Start - Scramble Format
 4:30pm—Social Hour, Cash Bar*, Contests
 5:30pm—Dinner, Prizes, Awards

**Please do not bring alcohol onto the premises*

Registration for GOLF & DINNER - Fill in how many people for each event

ADULT (over age 19)	YOUTH (age 10-18)
_____ Golf & Dinner \$85	_____ Golf & Dinner \$60
_____ Dinner Only \$30	_____ Dinner Only \$30

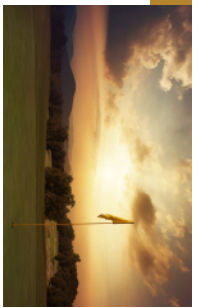
Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Registration for ADVERTISING - Please check all that apply:

- Hole Sponsor (hole sign, business card ad, web & program listing) - \$75
- Business Card ad only in program guide - \$25
- Prize Donation - Value \$ _____



Items (please list) _____

Name(s): _____ Company: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Advertisers: Please submit your business card and/ or logo (in digital or print format) by August 23.

Payments - please select one:

- Check (make payable to FUMCAH) Cash Visa/MC/Discover Card
- # of Adult Golfers _____ @ \$85 # of Youth Golfers _____ @ \$60 # of Dinner Only _____ @ \$30
- Total Amount Due \$ _____ Total Amount Paid \$ _____ Date ____/____/____ Thank You!

Contact Darnell McClanay at dmccclanay@hotmail.com or 773-412-9925 FUMCAH office 847-255-5112