



# FUMCAH NEWS

MAY 2019

## Conversations with Confirmands

Over the last couple of weeks, I've been meeting one-on-one with 8th graders in our Confirmation class. In the fall, I met with the 7th graders. These conversations aren't quizzes on church trivia or inquisitions to check doctrinal fitness. They're just conversations to get to know these young people. I ask about what they're involved in outside of church, what their peers (and they) worry about, and what their experience in Confirmation has been like. I listen for what's happening in their spiritual lives, what the church means to them and how we might be in ministry together.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know these newest members of our church. They are interesting, compassionate, caring, thoughtful, funny, dedicated people. They worry about school and friendships, think about how to care for the planet and how to eradicate poverty. They're busy with homework and sports and the arts. They care about their relationship with God, are seeking to understand who Jesus is, and value their connection to our church.

I hope you'll take a moment to get to know a teenager in our congregation. They aren't just the church of the future. They're the church of the present.

Pastor Melissa Earley



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## Worship Schedule

- May 5** Music Appreciation Sunday and Hymn Singing  
Join us to thank all those who have led our worship through music this year. We will sing a few favorite hymns and hear testimony about why they are people's favorites.
- May 12** Children's Musical – Celebrating Mother's Day.
- May 19** Confirmation Sunday  
The disciple Thomas demands to see the risen Christ for himself in John 20:24-31. What do we do in times of doubt and what constitutes proof? Church Conference after worship to approve final design on building renovation and financing for the project.
- May 26** Baccalaureate Sunday  
When we look back at our lives we can see moments when deeply held views change. That happens to Simon Peter in Acts 10:1-17, 34-48.

# FUMCAH CALENDAR

May	Event and Contact Information
4	Next Chapter White Elephant Gift Exchange, 6:30pm. You can bring a gift to trade, an appetizer or dessert to share, and any beverage. RSVP Mary Ann Laforet at 847-870-8344.
5	Mother's Day cards on sale for \$10, before and after worship. Proceeds go to Faith Community Homes. Edie Carey Benefit Concert, 6:30pm in the FUMCAH Sanctuary. Tickets are \$25 at the church office. Benefits Pinwheels.
8-10	MMDC Mission Trip: ages 11 and up are invited to Pawnee, IL, to pack kits, sort goods and more at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. To find out about costs and transportation, call Naoki Nakamura at 847-650-3608.
10-11	Spring Rummage Sale, Fellowship Hall, 9am-3pm on Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturday. United Methodist Women will gladly accept donations from April 30 to May 6. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444.
12	Children's Spring Musical at the 9:30am service. JAM children's choirs will sing.
18	Crossroads: children in grades 4-6 will meet at the church for a service project from 7 to 9 pm to work for Feed My Starving Children. To register, contact Sarah Hunter Montgomery at shunter26@hotmail.com. Mom's Night Out: Nina Karaoke Lounge & Japanese Restaurant, 7-10:30pm. Contact Stephanie Sutton at 847-452-8452.
19	Confirmation: Our church's young people will confirm the vows made at their baptisms at our Confirmation service.
21	Summer Suppers, for the homeless and food insecure individuals, at FUMCAH on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8pm. Anyone high school age or older can volunteer to help out. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444.

## Save the Date!

June 2	Buffalo Grove Pride Parade, 10:30am.
June 9	All church birthday party to celebrate Pentecost.
June 18	Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444 to volunteer.
June 30	Chicago Pride Parade, Montrose Avenue and Broadway, noon.
July 15	Vacation Bible School, July 15-18, 3-5:15pm. Ages 2 (by September 1) through completion of 6th grade.
July 16	Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444 to volunteer.
July 22	Art Camp, July 22-25, 10am-noon. 3rd grade-adults welcome. Contact Thom Frerk at 773-507-5340.
Aug. 5	Creation Camp, August 5-8, 1-3pm. Explore caring for God's creation and making a difference in the world together.
Aug. 12	Music Camp, August 12-15, 1-3pm, performing in August 18 worship.
Aug. 20	Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444 to volunteer.
Sept. 7	11th Annual Golf Outing, Rob Roy Golf Course, Contact Darnell McClaney at 773-412-9925.
Sept. 17	Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444 to volunteer.

## Super Summer Camp Experiences at FUMCAH

### Vacation Bible School

At VBS, we will journey "to Mars and beyond" and discover a new realm of possibilities, reaching for the stars and encountering the limitless power and love of God. Ages 2 (by September 1) through completion of 6th grade.

### Art Camp

July 22-25, 10am-12pm. Set your inner artist free at this summer's Art Camp! For those who have completed grade 2 through adults.

### 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.

### Music Camp

August 12-15, 1-3pm. Setting the Stage staff will lead our amazing Music Camp with songs from "The Greatest Showman". Actors must have completed Kindergarten. Performance in worship on August 18.

## May Mission: Faith Community Homes

FUMCAH has worked with Faith Community Homes since 2003, making a difference in the lives of local families who are experiencing financial hardships. With our support, FCH is able to provide not only housing assistance, but also mentoring and guidance, helping these families move towards financial independence. FCH parents meet with mentors (some of the mentors are FUMCAH members!) regularly for two years to set goals, find appropriate community resources, eliminate debt and build good financial habits.

Why donate to Faith Community Homes?

- Donations go to our neighbors in Arlington Heights and Palatine.
- You are helping children in these families have a healthier home life.
- You are helping a family become financially stable and productive.
- You are strengthening your own community.

### Mother's Day Card Sale for FCH

Cards will be sold at church for \$10, April 28 and May 5. Proceeds will go to Faith Community Homes.



## UMW Rummage Sale

UMW Spring Rummage Sale: Friday, May 10, 9am-3pm and Saturday, May 11, 9am-1pm. United Methodist Women will gladly accept your donations! All proceeds benefit UMW missions in our community, nation and world. We will be accepting donations from April 30 to May 6. Drop your items off in room 31 any time the building is open. Please contact Jacqueline Raitano or call 847-612-8444.

## Summer Sisters

Sisters, FUMCAH's Wednesday evening spiritual study group for women, goes on hiatus during the summer. But for those Sisters who would like to get together before next fall, as well as any interested women, Summer Sisters will meet on four Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am, in the Wesley Room. The dates for our summer gatherings will be June 5, June 19, July 17, July 31—basically every other week with time off for Independence Day. No matter what your summer travel plans, we're hoping everyone can attend a few times, if not every time. We'll be reading the new book from Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. It's already a New York Times bestseller. Please read the first chapter prior to June 5. Call or email Pastor Lynn if you are able to join us.

## Dads and Grads Gift Card Fundraiser

Team ASP will sell gift cards to fund their mission trip to Harlan, Kentucky this summer. You could even buy a gift card for gas and donate the gift card to ASP. It's a "two fer" donation! Orders will be taken May 12 to June 2 with deliveries from May 19 to June 9.

## Summer Suppers

Summer Suppers for the homeless and food insecure individuals will be served at FUMCAH on the third Tuesday of each month (May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 and September 17) from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Anyone high school age or older can sign up to help (we ask that volunteers age 14 - 16 have a parent sign up with them). We also need volunteers to prepare dinners, salads and desserts and deliver them to FUMCAH. There will be sign up sheets available before and after church on April 28. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4aa2fab9-fumcah4>. There will be spots for serving, preparing meals at home, and donating items to be dropped off.

For more information about the Summer Suppers program, please contact Jacqueline Raitano at [JacquelineRaitano@yahoo.com](mailto:JacquelineRaitano@yahoo.com) or 847-612-8444.

## Doing His Journey

You are invited to join a small discussion group that will focus on a variety of topics centered around, "Doing the work of Jesus." We will meet in the church parlor at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays beginning May 7, for 5 to 6 weeks.

We will use Richard Rohr's book, *Everything Belongs*, for the first couple of sessions and then open discussion to other materials that may be of specific importance to you and others in the group.

We would love to have you join us. Just let one of us know if you plan to attend: Ron Reed 224-688-3114, Chris Mier 847-778-8864 or Dick May 847-975-9789.

## Financial Report through March 2019

March Revenue: \$68,342

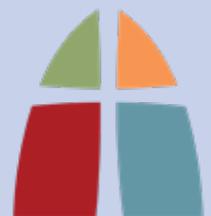
Year-to-date Revenue: \$216,555

March Expense: \$52,811

Year-to-date Expense: \$183,662

We have paid \$14,195 (18%) of our total 2019 apportionment of \$80,624.

Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2019!





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### Art Classes

Youth Art Classes: From 4-5:30pm on Tuesdays, for ages ten and older, and on Thursdays, for ages 6-9. Projects will include clay, jewelry, drawing, painting, mixed media, and more.

Saturday Open Studio: Whether you are a beginner or have experience, our open studio allows you to work at your own pace on projects of your choice, such as painting, printing, drawing, mosaic tile, glass fusing, and more. Drop in for however long you wish in our relaxing, supportive setting. Saturdays, 9:00-11:15am. Open to ages 13 and up.

All classes are \$7 per class or \$25 for a punch card of four, participants need not attend every week. To sign up, call Thom Freerk at 773-507-5340 or email him at thomfreerk@gmail.com.

### Yoga Classes

Christine Pellum, a certified yoga-fit instructor, welcomes adults on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30am and Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm. Cost is \$10 per session. For more information, call the church office at 847-255-5112.

### Voice Lessons

Voice lesson times will be offered on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Individual sessions are \$30 for 30 minutes. All ages are welcome. Scholarships are available. Contact Lorena (lorenacory@gmail.com) for more information about pricing and scheduling.

### Zumba®

Burn lots of calories while dancing to a blend of Latin and World music. Routines can be modified for your level of fitness. Classes are led at FUMCAH by one of our own church members, Veronica Biazio, ACE certified group fitness instructor and licensed Zumba® instructor.

Regular Zumba® classes, Wednesday mornings (9:30 - 10:30 am), and Thursday evenings (6:30pm-7:30pm).

Classes are open to all church members and the public (age 16 and over), \$8/drop-in class, save with a class pass (5 classes/\$35, 10 classes/\$60, 20 classes/\$110). Seniors (62+) and Students w/IDs (16+), \$6/drop-in or 10 classes/\$50.

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