



## Save the Date for a Big Garden Celebration

Save the date to celebrate the fall harvest with the Big Garden on Sunday, November 1, 4-6 pm. Enjoy appetizers featuring locally grown vegetables, stories of the season, music, and a new "Garden Stand." The event will be held at Hot Shops Art Center, 1301 Nicholas Street, Omaha, NE.

Cost to attend is \$20 per person. Event and 2010 Garden Sponsorship opportunities are also available. All proceeds from the event will benefit the activities of the Big Garden.

RSVP to Jessica Mews, Big Garden Coordinator, at 402.898.9862 or [jmews@bigmuddyumc.org](mailto:jmews@bigmuddyumc.org).

Cannot attend the event but want to support the Big Garden? Purchase a non-raffle ticket for \$10. Proceeds from the non-raffle will benefit the work of the Big Garden in 2010. Please note that holders of the non-raffle tickets are not eligible for a prize or entry into any drawing. To purchase your non-raffle ticket contact Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede at 402.898.9862 or [revsteph@bigmuddyumc.org](mailto:revsteph@bigmuddyumc.org).

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**November 1, 2009**  
Big Garden Harvest  
Party

**November 7, 2009**  
Color Outside the  
Lines

**January 18, 2010**  
MLK Day of Service

**April 24, 2010**  
Global Youth Service  
Day

### Register Now for Upcoming Mission and Justice Events Designed Especially for Youth

#### **Color Outside the Lines**

**Color Outside The Lines** is a cross-cultural, inter-denominational event designed to give young people a chance to share experiences from their unique cultures and traditions, and to use them to create art and build relationships with others. The event will be held on Saturday, November 7, 9am-3pm at Hanscom Park United Methodist Church, 4444 Frances Street.

This event is open to middle school students, grades 6-8. Students will choose three of the following workshops: Music, Movement & Dance, Theatre & Storytelling, Visual Art, and Poetry. Each topic will be facilitated by a professional teaching artist.

Registration fee is \$10 for the day. Lunch will be provided. Deadline for registration is Oct. 31. To register or request more information about **Color Outside The Lines**, please contact: Keith Hart, 402.898.9862, [khart@bigmuddyumc.org](mailto:khart@bigmuddyumc.org)



### **Holiday Food Challenge is Almost Here. . Are You Ready?**

The fourth quarter is proving to be a difficult time for many of the local food pantries. The numbers served are increasing dramatically and the pantry shelves are bare. Some pantries are seeing a 400 percent increase of last year! United Methodist Ministries is calling out to all of our friends to help these pantries meet the increased demand with the annual Holiday Food Challenge.

#### **What is the Holiday Food Challenge?**

Churches and groups from the Missouri River District are encouraged to collect food items and money for the local food pantries during the months of November and December. The Holiday Food Challenge starts on November 1 and continues through December 31. To participate collect items and then count the number of items and money collected for local agencies during that time and report those efforts to United Methodist Ministries at 402.898.9862 or [lmaupin@bigmuddyumc.org](mailto:lmaupin@bigmuddyumc.org).