

# Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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## Journey with Us through Holy Week

All worship services available in-person and online  
Visit [www.noumc.org](http://www.noumc.org) for worship links



### Palm Sunday, April 2, 10:30 am

We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

### Good Friday, April 7, 7 pm

We remember the significance of Jesus dying on the cross.

### Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:30 am

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection and proclaim, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

## Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, April 23

Historically, Native American Ministries Sunday has been celebrated with an offering on the third Sunday of Easter. This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. Half of the offering is disbursed through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for Native Americans. Half is disbursed through the Conference Native American Awareness Committee to develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference.

**Make checks payable to NOUMC and write Native American Ministries Sunday in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.**

**SPECIAL SUNDAY** NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

**"May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house. May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here."**

—TRADITIONAL CHEROKEE NATION PRAYER  
(FROM THE UM BOOK OF WORSHIP)

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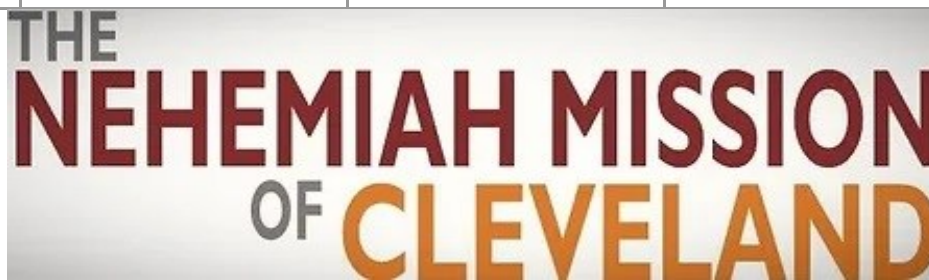
## Worship Opportunities

### Worship With Us In-Person and Online

*Sundays at 10:30 am*

Visit <http://www.noumc.org/worship-remote-worship-resources/> for bulletins and worship links.

Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Usher(s)
<b>April 2</b>	Ellie & Jim Yager	Michelle Wolter	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon
<b>April 9</b>	Charlene & John Vas	Alice Walsh	Beth Cruz
<b>April 16</b>	Barb Andrews	Barb Clough	Barb & Ron Clough
<b>April 23</b>	Sarah Jackson	Floyd Andrews	Judi Wagner
<b>April 30</b>	Brenda Forsberg	Ed Brewster	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon



### Support The Nehemiah Mission

*Penny Sunday is April 16*

Our April Penny Sunday collection will be donated to The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, a mission of the United Methodist East Ohio Conference. The Nehemiah Mission serves the elderly, disabled, homeless, and those in need of food or clothing. Some of their current projects support refugees, providing transitional housing and English classes. The Nehemiah Mission welcomes individuals or groups for a variety of meaningful work experiences. Please check their website ([www.nehemiahmission.org/](http://www.nehemiahmission.org/)) for more information on this valuable and dynamic mission.

**Make checks payable to NOUMC and write April Penny Sunday or The Nehemiah Mission in the memo.** Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.

## Opportunities to Give

### Oxcart Pantry Collection

*Collecting "side dishes fit for a holiday dinner" until April 30*

Your North Olmsted friends thank you for your donation of 47 pasta packages and pasta sauces last month. This month Georgia is asking for what she calls "side dishes fit for a holiday dinner". These include rice sides (heat/eat or package mixes), boxed mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, and noodle side dishes.

## Christian Education



### East Ohio Summer Camps

*Register Now for Camp to Take Advantage of Early-Bird Savings*

If you know of a youth who would love to spend a week away at camp this summer, why not invite them to check out one of our beautiful area United Methodist summer camps? There are many different camps available; there is something to spark every interest. Please see Wendy Cooper or contact the church office for more information.

Register by April 15 and your camper will receive a limited-edition 2023 Summer Camp t-shirt that is not available in the stores at Camp Aldersgate, Camp Asbury, or Camp Wanake.

### Graduate Recognition

*During worship in June*

*RSVP by May 15*

If you are a recent graduate (high school, college, technical school, online degree, etc.), we would like to honor you during worship! We will need your name, school, degree, and what you will be doing next. Please get all of your details to Wendy Cooper by May 15. We will be recognizing your achievements during worship in June!



### Adult Sunday School

***The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, by Adam Hamilton***

*Sundays beginning April 16, 9 am, Prayer Room*

All are welcome to join us! Our new study focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. For more information, contact Craig Mueller.



## Opportunities to Be in Fellowship and to Serve

### Ballpark Fellowship Lunch and Parking Lot Fundraiser

*Sunday, April 16, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall*

Join our Adult Fellowship Ministry Team after worship on Sunday, April 16 for our season opener Ballpark Lunch! We will serve grilled hot dogs, tater tots, cookies, and lemonade. There will be a free-will offering; all donations will benefit our Parking Lot beautification fund. We are also looking for a few relievers to pitch in and help with clean-up. Please see any members of the Adult Fellowship Ministry Team (Barb Clough, Char Vas, Sarah Jackson, or Tammy Moore) for more details.

**Thanks**  
*FOR PITCHING IN!*



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped us celebrate Pi Day! We had a surPIESing variety of delicious pies donated which created a well-rounded time of Fellowship. Thanks also to all of our pie eaters! We couldn't have done it without you!!

### Lunch and Nature Walk

*Sunday, April 30, Following worship*

Pack a lunch and take a 17-minute drive to Miller Nature Preserve in Avon. We will eat at tables outside\* and tour the 5000 sq. ft. Conservatory (\$2.00). Plants include orchids, bonsai, palms, and cactus. Then, if you would like to take a hike, there is a flat, gravel path that winds along the French Creek. An unmarked surprise is a stone garden created by Buddy Miller who donated his property to Lorain MetroParks. No sign up necessary! For details, call Charlene Vas.

\*In the event of inclement weather, we will eat at church and drive to the Conservatory for the plant tour.

### Free Community Meal

*Thursday, April 27, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

A sign-up sheet for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up will be in Fellowship Hall in April. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

**Community  
Meal**



### Cleveland Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip

*Wednesday, April 5, 1 pm - 3 pm, Carpool from NOUMC at 12:15 pm*

Join us as we support Kids' Book Bank in their work to ensure all kids growing up in Greater Cleveland have books of their own to read and cherish. We will help to sort book donations; no lifting required. We will carpool from the church building at 12:15 pm. Contact Sarah Jackson to reserve a spot.

## United Women in Faith

### United Women in Faith's Spring Plant Sale



*Orders due by April 16; Pick up orders on May 13, 9 am - 3 pm*

As I write this article, I look out the window at the snow and dream of warmth and flowers. Don't forget to order your supply from Dean's through the UWF. Forms can be found with the Agape or at the church building. Color pictures of the flowers are available, as well, so you will know what you're ordering. Order forms can be given to a UWF member or left in the UWF mailbox across from the office. The costs are less than purchasing directly at Deans, but you can buy gift cards from us that will also give us a profit. Remember that most of our profit goes back to the church or local charities, so it's a win/win deal for all.

*—submitted by Barb Andrews*

## The Dover Players

**Help Keep the "D" in Dover**

**The Dover Players present: *The Boyfriend***

*April 28; May 5, 6, 7, 13, 14*

*Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm  
and Sundays at 6 pm*

*Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by contacting:*  
[doverplayers@gmail.com](mailto:doverplayers@gmail.com)



Dover Players is attempting a come-back. We encourage your support as we move forward!

Dover Players' productions are fund-raisers for the church. Half of the ticket price for church members and their guests are given to the church, as well as the concession profits. Dover Players is also a part of church outreach.

*The Boyfriend* is a "twistery," a mystery with a "twist." George O'Malley is a frustrated retired police detective confined to a wheelchair after being wounded on duty and forced to retire. He becomes increasingly suspicious of Tim, the boyfriend of his daughter. Tim is a highly intelligent, nice, and polite young man with no past. George uses all of his forensic skills as a detective and is unable to get any answers. The audience attempts to solve the mystery of the boyfriend. Is he a serial killer, the victim of a paranoid father's over-active imagination, or something else entirely? The audience member, filling out the Sleuthing Form, states his conclusions as to what, if anything, the boyfriend is hiding and his predictions as to the ending of the play in order to qualify for prizes.

Please attend and promote this production. D = Dedicate. Help keep the "D" in Dover to be a positive reality with our next production!

## Church Family News

2	Kara Q.	22	Carol N.
5	Kim B.	22	Jim Y.
12	Zurich B.	23	Amy F.
19	Claudia T.	23	Becky R.
20	Joan P.	25	Daniel B.
20	Amye S.	26	Carole B.
20	Charlene V.	30	Judy S.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**List of Community Senior Services**

*Available in Fellowship Hall*

Last Fall, the Nurture Team compiled a list of community senior services. Contact the church office or Claudia Taller for a copy, or pick one up in Fellowship Hall on the check-in table.

1	Wendy and Bill C.
4	Diane and Ray P.

I wanted to thank you all for the lovely welcome and congratulations on my new apartment gift. It was so wonderful to get that in the mail. I will definitely put it to good use on stuff I need for my apartment. Thanks again, Addie Mueller

## Prayer Concerns

First Responders  
Victims of natural disasters  
Those suffering from mental illness  
Those affected by gun violence  
Those who are homeless  
Those experiencing addiction  
Our condolences to Barbara, Susan W.'s roommate, following the passing of her brother

Our condolences to Ron J. following the passing of his brother, Greg  
Chris B.  
Cole, lifted by Liz & Greg L.  
Susan L.  
Louise A.  
Carole B.  
Sally and Will S.  
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.  
Karen, sister of Jeff R.  
Jane P.  
Barb & Ray S.

Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.  
Judy L.  
Nancy D.  
Josh O. & Guylene H.  
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.  
Ron W.  
Lois D.  
Keith A.  
Barbara B.  
Steve and David, lifted by Mary Ellen M.  
Selene, lifted by Carole A.

### May Agape Deadline

April 15

Please email articles to [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org), mail them to the church, or put them in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office by April 15.

## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm</i></p> <p><i>On Tuesday, Megan works from home and will check her email and voicemail during office hours, 10 am - 2 pm</i></p>						<b>1</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>2</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>3</b> 5 pm Bells (Choir Room) 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7) 7 pm D. Players (Sanctuary) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>4</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>5</b> 10 am UWF (Classroom 7) 1 pm - 3 pm Kids' Book Bank 2 pm - 3:30 pm Lenten Study (Zoom) 7 pm Dover Players (Sanctuary) 8 pm AA (FH)	<b>6</b>  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)  7 pm D. Players (Sanctuary)	<b>7</b> <i>Good Friday</i>   7 pm Worship	<b>8</b> 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's)  10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>9</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 10:30 am Worship	<b>10</b> 5 pm Bells (Choir Room) 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7) 7 pm D. Players (Sanctuary) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>11</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>12</b>  7 pm Council on Ministries (Classroom 7)  7 pm Dover Players (Sanctuary) 8 pm AA (FH)	<b>13</b>  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)  7 pm D. Players (Sanctuary)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>May Agape Deadline</i>  10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>16</b> <i>Penny Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  11:45 am Ballpark Fellowship & Parking Lot Fundraiser (FH)	<b>17</b> 5 pm Bells (Choir Room) 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7) 7 pm D. Players (Sanctuary) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>18</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>19</b> 6 pm Christian Ed./Youth Min. (Classroom 7)  7 pm Dover Players (Sanctuary) 8 pm AA (FH)	<b>20</b>  11:30 am Lunch with Friends  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>23</b> <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i>  9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<b>24</b> 5 pm Bells (Choir Room)  7 pm D. Players (Sanctuary) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>25</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>26</b>  7 pm Dover Players (Sanctuary)  8 pm AA (FH)	<b>27</b> 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Free Community Meal (FH) 7 pm Choir (Choir Room) 8 pm D. Players Preview	<b>28</b>   8 pm <i>The Boyfriend</i> (Sanctuary)	<b>29</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  10 am Spring District Conference (Pleasant Hills UMC)
<b>30</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12 pm Nature Walk	<p><i>Please contact the church office (<a href="mailto:noumc@noumc.org">noumc@noumc.org</a> or 440.779.6634) to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.</i></p> <p><b>For the most up-to-date calendar, visit <a href="http://www.noumc.org">www.noumc.org</a>.</b></p>					

## Agape Newsletter

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### Our Guiding Principles

- We appreciate and invest in our youth.
- We actively serve our neighbors in the North Olmsted community and the wider world.
- We provide varied opportunities for people to grow in their faith.
- We welcome and nurture a diverse congregation who become extended family.
- We foster lasting personal relationships, which are especially important in a digital world.

## Free Community Meal (In-Person Only)

*Thursday, April 27*

*4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

Menu: Baked Pasta, Salad, a Roll,  
Fruit, and Dessert

Please join us for dinner and fellowship!

The Free Community Meal is a mission of North Olmsted United Methodist Church with assistance from our friends at St. Richard and St. Clarence Catholic Churches and others in the community. All meals are funded by donations, and the dinners are prepared and served by volunteers. Menus may change because of donated food or food pricing. Additional volunteers are always welcome! If you would like more information, please contact us at 440-779-6634. *We are an accessible facility.*