

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Putt-Putt with the Pastor

Tuesday, August 15th, 6 pm

Berea Dairy Queen (1005 West Bagley Road)

Back by popular demand, it is time for our annual event Putt-Putt with the Pastor! Meet us at the Berea Dairy Queen and play a round a mini golf with Pastor Hoyte and other members of the church family or just come for the fellowship and ice cream. Kids and seniors are \$6 and \$7 for adults. Hope to see you there!! If you have questions, please contact Tammy Moore.

Join Us for Our Summer Card-Making Day!

Saturday, August 12th, 10am –2 pm

Fellowship Hall

Sandra Andrews and Sharon Werner have designed a selection of hand made greeting cards for Summer and Fall that can be customized for a variety of occasions. Card kits cost \$2.00 each. Bring a snack to share and a double-sided tape runner (can be purchased at the event.) Please call or email Sharon Werner by August 7th for photos of the cards being offered and an order form. If you can't make it that day, you can order a kit with everything pre-stamped. Just assemble and mail or plan on joining us for Christmas Card-making in November.

Lunch With Friends Announcement

The Lunch with Friends group will be taking a break from meeting for the foreseeable future. The monthly newsletter will continue. Thanks for the great memories!

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) |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| August 6 | Floyd & Barb Andrews | John Wolter | Barb & Ron Clough |
| August 13 | Sarah Jackson | Randall Sheets | Judi Wagner |
| August 20 | Floyd & Barb Andrews | Joel Chermonte | Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon |
| August 27 | Sarah Jackson | Joel Chermonte | Sarah Jackson |

Opportunities to Give

OXCART PANTRY

We will be collecting peanut butter and jelly in August. Please put your donations in the green bin under the stairs. We collected 152 BBQ items in July! Thanks for all you give!



Staff News

Thank You, Marlene!

Our wonderful organist, Marlene Dirksen, is retiring. Her last Sunday as our organist will be August 27th.

A reception in Marlene's honor will be held after the service on the 27th. Please plan on staying after church, enjoying some cake and punch, and honoring Marlene's many years of service.

A few people will be needed to help set up, bake cookies, or clean-up after the reception. Please contact Jean Scothon to volunteer.

Christian Education

News From Your Christian Education/Youth Ministry Team

“Seamless” Bible Study: Fall Adult Evening Study

Join us as we take a broad overview of the Bible to discover how the 66 books of the Bible tell one seamless story, from Genesis to Revelation, about the God who made us, who loves us, and has a future planned for us! We will be meeting in the evening this time for those who couldn't join us for the summer AM class. We will begin after Labor Day, and will meet on either Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7pm for about 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Please watch your bulletin for updates as we get closer to Fall. The class will be 7 weeks long. The participation booklet cost is \$20. Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org if you have an opinion on the day, if you have questions, or would like to sign up!

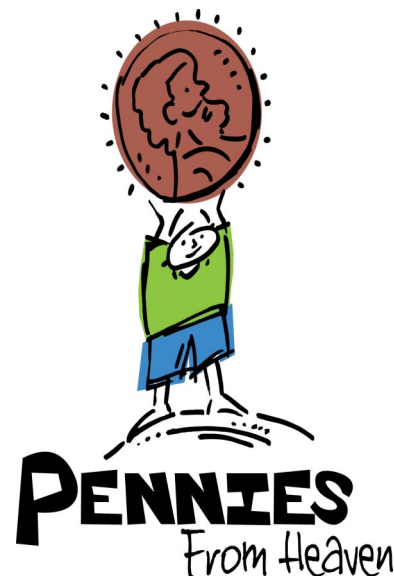
“Matchless” Bible Study: Fall Adult Morning Study

We talk about Jesus all the time, but do we really know...Who is He? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? We live in a world where there is a lot of confusion about Jesus. How can we know the truth? Learn Scripture in a way that's easy to understand, regardless of how long you've been studying the Bible. This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend. Join us as we learn the story of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message. We will probably meet on Thursday mornings at 11AM, for about 2 hours each week, or 8 weeks, beginning sometime after Labor Day. More details on date and time will follow. The participation booklet cost is \$16. Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org if you have questions or would like to sign up.

UWF News

Penny Sunday News

Although we are sorry to have to stop our dinners at Laura's home, we are happy to say that we have begun to provide a meal to the Men's Shelter in Lorain. This is a Catholic Charities Mission, so we continue to serve in an ecumenical way. The mission is open to all men in need. To get this charity kicked off in style, August's Penny Sunday collection will go towards funding this mission.



NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Through the first half of the year the church's regular giving was about \$8,100 under budget. Our expenses during the same period are about \$1,400 over budget. This difference is primarily due to higher-than-expected winter utility bills and insurance costs.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have filled out a pledge card, contributing to both the operating budget and the capital campaign. This year, the capital campaign target was significantly reduced, largely thanks to the overwhelming amount of volunteer support we have received at the church. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and willing community of individuals who have generously offered their time and efforts to repair and maintain our property. The collective efforts of many have truly made the workload lighter, and we deeply appreciate everyone's contributions.

Please remember that each new giving year begins July 1, when we all begin contributing the new amounts we pledge during the Stewardship Campaign in May.

As always, our congregation has been very active with targeted missions. Among the most notable of those in May were:

- \$535 was donated for our ongoing Building Capital campaign.
- Penny Sunday collections in May totaled \$249 for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.
- We provided our regular monthly meal to the community on June 28.

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC. For anyone interested in more detailed financial information, the first half financial statements for the church are available in the office.

For the year to date through June 30, 2023

| | January thru June 2023 | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|----------|--|
| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance | |
| <i><u>Regular Operations</u></i> | | | | |
| Regular Giving | \$ 104,357 | \$ 112,500 | (8143) | |
| Operating Expenses | 131,542 | 130,153 | 1389 | |
| | | | | |
| Excess (Deficit) | \$ (27,185) | \$ (17,653) | (9,532) | |
| <i><u>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</u></i> | | | | |
| Donations | \$ 8,891 | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ 8,854 | | | |
| <i><u>Cash Balance</u></i> | | | | |
| Unrestricted (for operations) | \$ 7,235 | | | |
| Restricted (for targeted ministries) | 32,392 | | | |
| | \$ 39,627 | | | |
| | | | | |
| <i><u>Apportionments Payable</u></i> | \$ 17,721 | | | |



THANK
you.

Conference News



Connect with us on Facebook

Do you follow us on Facebook? Please “like” and “follow” our official Facebook account North Olmsted UMC at <https://www.facebook.com/northolmstedunitedmethodist/>. You will find events, worship links and other updates and information. Also, please join our group—Friends of NOUMC at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofnoumc>. This contains event reminders and posts from members and committees. Connect with us!

EarthKeepers Training Opportunities in October

If you'd like to act on the call to care for God's creation, Global Ministries' EarthKeepers program can help you to make a lasting difference. EarthKeepers is a training program that equips laity and clergy to launch and grow environmental projects in their communities. When you become an EarthKeeper, you receive training in project planning, community organizing, ecotheology, and anti-racism. You also connect with a whole community of United Methodists who are passionate about caring for the earth. Back home, you'll receive ongoing project support and technical guidance as you carry out your project. Training will be held October 5-8, 2023 in three locations: Birmingham, Alabama, Denver, Colorado and Hartford, Connecticut. Except for your transportation to the training location, the cost of the program is underwritten by Global Ministries. To learn more and to apply, go to: EARTHKEEPERS at <https://www.globalministries.org/>.

Nurture Team News

It's summertime ice cream time! What's your favorite? An ice cream sandwich, ice cream bar, popsicle, creamsicle, or ice cream drumstick? We'll bring a cooler to your house, and you can choose. Just let us know what afternoon you'd like them! Send an email or call Claudia Taller and let her know when we can visit you on one of the following dates: Saturday, August 5; Tuesday, August 8; Saturday, August 12; or Thursday, August 17. We'd like to show you some love, and ice cream is a way of doing it.

What is the Nurture Team and what does it do? The Nurture Team is part of the Mission Ministry Team, which Deb Chermonte and Nancy Driftmyer co-chair. The Mission Ministry Team also includes the Community Meal, Oxcart Pantry, and the church's collections and donations to community and global ministries such as UMCOR and the Nehemiah Mission. Nurture's mission is to minister to members of the congregation so they know they are loved and cared for by their church community. We send out cards, make food deliveries when needed, reach out with phone calls and visits, and send special packages during holidays, school exam times, and sometimes just for fun. Last year we organized a program with North Olmsted Senior Services, which led to preparing a list of services available to our members (copies of which can be found in Fellowship Hall or requested from a Nurture Team Member.) We're always looking for a way to support our church family, and often have a lot of fun doing it, like when we take ice cream treats to people. Team members include Carole Bettinger, Sara Coast, Beth Cruz, Sarah Jackson, Tammy Moore, Claudia Taller, Judi Wagner, and Reba Yafanaro, and the team is led by Claudia Taller.

August 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----|-----------------------------|
| | | 1 7pm Scouts | 2 10am UWF 8pm AA | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10:30am Wor- ship | 7 8:30pm AA | 8 7pm Scouts | 9 8pm AA | 10 | 11 | 12 10-2pm Card Making |
| 13 10:30am Wor- ship | 14 8:30pm AA | 15 6pm Putt Putt w/Pastor 7pm Scouts | 16 8pm AA | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 10:30am Wor- ship/Penny Sunday | 21 8:30pm AA | 22 7pm Scouts | 23 8pm AA | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10:30am Wor- ship | 28 8:30pm AA | 29 7pm Scouts | 30 8pm AA | 31 4:30-5:30pm Free Commu- nity Meal | | |

For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.

Please contact the church office (office@noumc.org or 440.779.6634) to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.

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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, August 31st

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Pasta, Salad, Fruit, Dessert and
Beverages

Please join us for dinner and fellowship!

(One meal per person inside in FH, please.)

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.*