

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Adult Council Events Slated

The Adult Council handed out a little poll/survey recently to gauge interest in activities outside of NOUMC. They had 19 surveys returned and all supported the following events. Sign up sheets will be on the table outside of the sanctuary. For more details, see Barb C. Come join the fun!

Friday, July 7th, Coe Lake Gazebo (105 S. Rocky River Dr., Berea) 8 pm – 10 pm: Outdoor Concert – Beach Boys Tribute

Sunday, July 9th, Cleveland Shakespeare (BAYArts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village) 7 pm – 9 pm: "As You Like It"

Summer Salad & Ice Cream Sunday!

Sunday, July 23rd, Following Worship

What 2 summer foods go great together???? Summer Salad AND Ice Cream!! A little healthy, followed by a treat – what could be better??!! Bring a bowl of your favorite summer salad to share and we'll supply the ice cream and fixings! Join us for some tasty salad and yummy ice cream!!!

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 M.

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)
July 2	Wayne Pullman	Alice Walsh	Floyd Andrews
July 9	Charlene & John Vas	John Vas	Barb & Ron Clough
July 16	Wayne Pullman	Barb Clough	Judi Wagner
July 23	Jean Scothon	Floyd Andrews	Beth Cruz
July 30	Wayne Pullman	Chris Byrns	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon

Opportunities to Give

OXCART PANTRY

It's that time already!! This month, we will collect school supplies! Please put all donations in the green Oxcart Pantry bin under the stairs in Fellowship Hall.

No specific list of supplies has been stated, so please bring whatever you can!



Christian Education

News From Your Christian Education/Youth Ministry Team

Intergenerational VBS: One More Session on July 12th

Grandparents, you are invited to bring your younger grandchildren to our new summer VBS sessions! Spend some fun one-on-one time with your grandchildren as you hear a Bible story, engage in a craft or game, and enjoy a yummy snack together! Grandparents with older grandchildren are invited, too, to volunteer together in our sessions during games, craft & snack time! This is a hands-on experience, and grandparents should plan to stay the entire time. Our last VBS Session will be held on July 12th, from 10 AM - 12PM. If you would like to participate, or if you know of a grandparent who would like to participate with their grandchild, all are welcome! Also perfect for parents, aunts and uncles, or neighbors who would like to participate. If you are interested, please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org.

UWF News

While we continue to get together throughout the summer on Wednesdays, we are taking it easy. Come join us for lunch. We are still waiting for the final numbers from Dean's as to what we have earned on the sales from the nursery as you purchased items there and mentioned the church. We'll hope a final count will be available by next month.

Mission Ministries

Georgia was appreciative of the 144 items we took to the Oxcart Pantry, but because of unforeseen circumstances, I had to tell her that was for two months' contributions. It still was pretty good. This month we will be collecting school supplies. I know it seems school just ended, but it takes awhile to see what supplies and money are donated, check on who will receive the bags, do the shopping, fill the bags, and get them to the students before school starts. Supplies needed go from a box of crayons to book bags. If you'd rather the Pantry did the shopping the Penny Sunday donations will go to purchase needed items. Just another way NOUMC helps our neighbors.

New Meal Serving Opportunity

We have unfortunately had to stop preparing a meal at Laura's Home due to new rules that made it impossible for us to continue. We have, however, found a new location to continue making meals for those in need. We are starting this month cooking for the men's shelter in Lorain. We will catch you up on this new mission once we have actually started on it and know what this entails. Meanwhile, please look at the portion of the email we received from the volunteer coordinator, showing Laura's Home appreciation for all that you made possible:

"Thank you for your email. While we are sad to hear this news and will miss having North Olmsted UMC serve at Laura's Home, we do understand. Thank you for your many years of faithful service to our women and children. Your time and efforts to provide meals for our families is greatly appreciated.

If at any point in time you'd like to consider serving with us again, please don't hesitate to reach out to Carla or I. We would be happy to do whatever we can to make the process smooth for you! Again, we appreciate you and your team!"

Penny Sunday News

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NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Through the first five months of the year the church's regular giving was about \$4,800 short of our annual budget, explained mostly by a drop-off in donations during March and May. Our expenses during the same period are about \$2,600 over budget. This difference is primarily due to higher-than-expected winter utility bills and insurance costs. Moderate temperatures in May helped a bit, and the church received some rental income in May to help with these expenses.

Please remember that our new giving year begins July 1, when we all begin contributing the new amounts we pledged 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:

- \$450 was donated for our ongoing Building Capital campaign.
- Penny Sunday collections in May totaled \$250 for camperships.
- We provided our regular monthly meal to the community on May 25.
- We provided \$125 for a meal at Laura's Home.

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC.

For the year to date through May 31, 2023

	January thru May 2023		
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
<u>Regular Operations</u>			
Regular Giving	\$ 88,926	\$ 93,750	(4,824)
Operating Expenses	111,073	108,461	2,612
Excess (Deficit)	\$ (22,147)	\$ (14,711)	\$ (7,436)
 <u>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</u>			
Donations	\$ 8,107		
Disbursements	\$ 8,704		
 <u>Cash Balance</u>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 3,011		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	32,489		
	\$ 35,500		
<u>Apportionments Payable</u>	\$ 14,769		



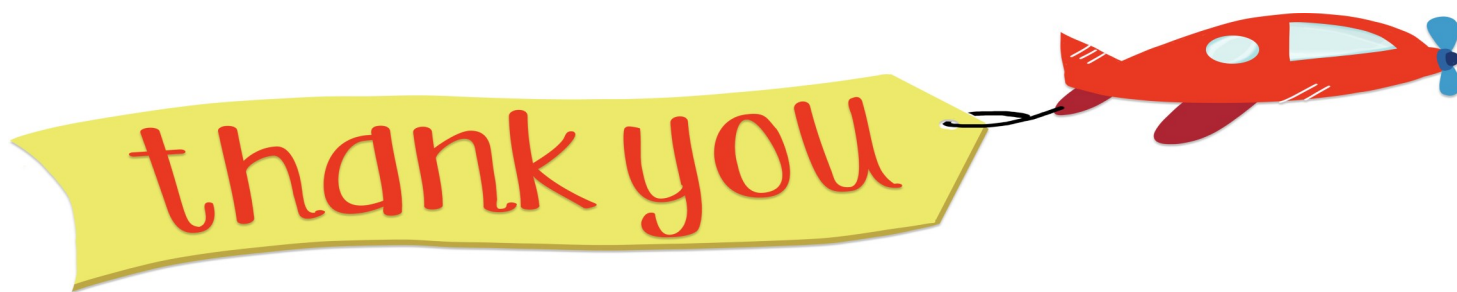
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Conference News



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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofnoumc> . This contains event reminders and posts from members and committees. Connect with us!



Dear NOUMC,

Thank you so much for the generous love offering and thoughtful notes you gave me as a lovely send-off. I am so grateful for all of you and the many kindnesses you have shown me the past few years. I have really enjoyed my time with you, and please know that I miss you already!

May God bless you and your ministry!

Peace,
Megan H.

AND ANOTHER ONE!

Thank you all for your wonderful welcome and your patience as I follow the footprints of very big shoes to fill! Thanks to Megan, also, for her great training and for all she did to make this transition easier for me. I am loving getting to know all of you better!

Terri



Church Family News

4	Donald J.
5	Neil D.
8	Tammy M.
8	Paul T.
10	Ray & Jane B.
12	Frank O.
12	Jeff R.
13	JoAnn & Larry K.
14	Rae S.
16	Leslie & Neil D.
18	Gabriela M.
20	Wilbur S.
20	Alexa C.
22	Mary Lou F.
23	Amber F.



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

		24	Kelly B.	28	Jane B.
		27	Don & Georgia A.	29	Stevie J.

In Our Prayers

First Responders

Victims of natural disasters

Those suffering from mental illness

Those affected by gun violence

Those who are homeless

Those experiencing addiction

Carole B.'s niece and

Husband

Billy E., brother of Sarah J.

Ryan and family, lifted by Ron and Barb C.

Ron W.

Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.

Gabriela M.

Condolences to the family of Bob Reich on his passing

Betty Ann, sister of Mike (Chris) B.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Marianne, lifted by Janis J.

Jane P.

Keith A.

Judy L.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.

Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.

Randall S.

Barbara B.

Anita B.

Ray S.

Lois D.

Josh O.

Nancy D.

Jeannie & Sterling B.



July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am Sanctuary reserved
2 10:30am Worship	3	4 Office Closed	5 10am UWF 6:30pm Racial Justice Zoom	6 11am Bible Study	7 8-10pm Beach Boys Tribute Band—Coe Lake Gazebo (Adult Council)	8 10am Sanctuary reserved 8:30am UMM Breakfast-Canary's
9 10:30am Worship 7-9pm "As You Like It" BayArts (Adult Council)	10	11 11-2 Sanctuary Reserved	12 10-12pm VBS	13 11am Bible Study	14	15 10am Sanctuary reserved Agape Deadline
16 10:30am Worship/ Penny Sunday	17	18 11-2 Sanctuary Reserved	19 7 pm Church Council	20 11am Bible Study 11:30am Lunch with Friends	21	22 10am Sanctuary reserved
23 10:30am Worship 11:45am Summer Salad & Ice Cream	24	25 11-2 Sanctuary Reserved	26	27 4:30-5:30pm Free Community Meal	28	29 10am Sanctuary reserved
30 10:30am Worship	31	For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.				

Please contact the church office (office@noumc.org or 440.779.6634)

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, July 27th

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Salad, Fruit, Dessert
and Beverages

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.*