

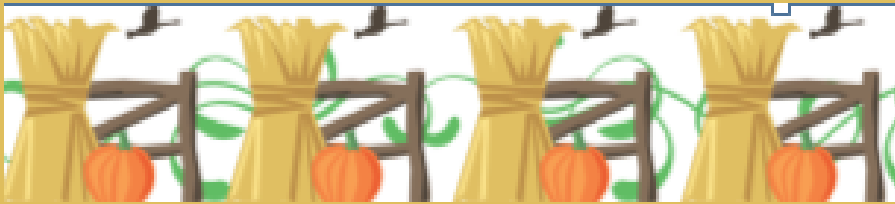
Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

OCTOBER 2023

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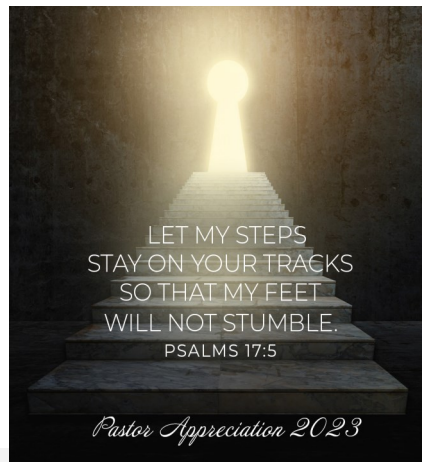
This Month's Highlights




WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Support scholarships for students

[GIVE NOW](#)

SPECIAL SUNDAY
World Communion



LET MY STEPS
STAY ON YOUR TRACKS
SO THAT MY FEET
WILL NOT STUMBLE.
PSALMS 17:5

Pastor Appreciation 2023



CLAY CRAFT HOME DECOR HOLIDAY ITEMS
HANDMADE JEWELRY QUILTED ITEMS COLOR STREET SCENT

CHURCH MOUSE CRAFT FAIR

FREE ADMISSION
lunch and bake sale

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14TH,
2023, 9AM-3PM

NORTH OLMSTED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4600 COVER CENTER ROAD

Pastor: Hoyte Wilhelm
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Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
October 1	Sarah Jackson	Bev Hixon	Barb and Ron Clough
October 8	Jim and Ellie Yager	Floyd Andrews	Judi Wagner
October 15	Floyd and Barb Andrews	Chris Byrns	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon
October 22	Jean Scothon	Ed Brewster	Beth Cruz
October 29	Char and John Vas	Randall Sheets	Barb and Ron Clough

Opportunities to Give

OX CART PANTRY

**Oxcart Pantry
Thanksgiving
Collection**

It is time to prep for our neighbors needing some assistance. Please help us by donating food items fit for a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

Where: Oxcart Pantry
26272 Butternut Ridge Road

When: Drop off Tuesdays & Thursdays
in October

Time: 9:30-4:00pm

Items we need most:

- Boxed/bag stuffing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Sausy (jar/can/packets)
- Dessert items (boxed cake mixes, cookie mixes, brownie mixes, etc.)
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Mashed Potatoes (boxes/packets)

Financial donations welcome. www.oxcartpantry.com
Oxcart Pantry 440.716.4166



We kind of doubled up on our requests this month, and you came through. Laura's Home asked for a special collection to help students there have a good back-to-school experience. We received several gift cards as well as many in-kind gifts, especially school supplies. Emily, the volunteer coordinator, was very appreciative and glad that we still felt a connection after having to drop the monthly dinner.

Our monthly food donation to the Oxcart Pantry ended up with 52 peanut butter and jellies, some late arriving school supplies (which were still welcome since not all students were able to get the supplies last month), and quite a few extra items. Items that are not on our monthly lists are always welcome. The monthly items are just to give you ideas about what is currently needed. With that said, Georgia is asking for Thanksgiving items for this month. See flyer to left for items needed.

Children's Book Bank Volunteering Opportunities

Contact Sarah Jackson with questions.
All Tuesdays at 1-3 pm, meeting at
the church to car pool at 12:15.

October 10th
November 14th and
December 12th



Update on Africa University EOC—Dorm Construction



The East Ohio Conference raised and collected more than \$1.5M under the Teach*Reach*Bless campaign to build a female dormitory which addresses the growing demand for on-campus housing at Africa University. Women represent about 58 percent of the student population and are, at times, more vulnerable and financially challenged when commuting long distances to the campus daily. Construction of the 3-story, 90-bed facility began in February and is scheduled to be completed by November. Thank you to all EOC churches that contributed to this dorm's cost.

Our District Superintendent, Bruce Hitchcock, hopes to lead a group to Africa University in February 2024 for the dedication of the dorm. If you are interested, please share this with Bruce at bhitchcock@eocumc.com.

October Penny Sunday Mission: Maui Fire Relief/Global Ministries Advance #901670



As you probably know, on August 8, 2023 high winds and downed power lines caused the deadliest wildfire incident in the U.S. in over a century on the **island of Maui, and the worst natural disaster in Hawaii's history**. In Lahaina (the first capitol of the Hawaiian culture), the death total stands at 97 with 31 to 41 people still missing. Approximately 2,220 structures were damaged or destroyed in Lahaina and elsewhere in the upcountry of Maui. The fires burned more than 2,500 acres of land on an island that is just 48 miles long and 26 miles wide. Many families were left homeless without any of their belongings as they escaped the rapidly moving

fire. It will take years to recover from the devastation in Lahaina.

Let us come together to help the people of Maui and extend our own "aloha spirit" which means to:

- *Appreciate everything and be thankful for the beauty of the world around you. ...
- *Pay homage to nature. ...
- *Stay rooted in your 'ohana (your family). ...
- *Be kind.

Mahalo nui loa (Thank you very much)

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC. Through August, the church's regular giving was about \$17,100 less than was budgeted. Our expenses during the same period are running about as expected. Giving has dropped significantly during the summer months as many people have been away. If you have been away, please remember to send your summer pledge to the church.

The church invested \$5,900 in August to repair and repave a portion of the entry drive near our front door. In early August, the church paid to the East Ohio Conference the first half of our Shared Ministries apportionment for 2023.

North Olmsted United Methodist For the year to date through August

	January thru August 2023		
	YTD <i>Actual</i>	YTD <i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<i><u>Regular Operations</u></i>			
Regular Giving	\$ 132,992	\$ 150,000	\$ (17,008)
Operating Expenses	174,362	173,537	825
Excess (Deficit)	\$ (41,370)	\$ (23,537)	\$ (17,833)
<i><u>Ministries funded through targeted dona-</u></i>			
Donations	\$ 12,751		
Disbursements	\$ 17,580		
<i><u>Cash Balance</u></i>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ (5,252)		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	27,390		
	\$ 22,138		
<i><u>Apportionments Payable</u></i>	\$ 5,907		



October is Pastor
Appreciation Month!
We are thankful for
you, Pastor Hoyte!

UWF News

From Barb Andrews:

Our second big fund raiser of the year is this month. The Church Mouse Craft Fair takes place on October 14 from 9:00 until 3:00. It is important that you try to stop by even if it's just to have lunch with us. We know if you do that, you'll probably find something you want for yourself or as a gift. It's not too early to think about Christmas shopping. One other thing we would like you to contribute. We have a bake sale table that would love to see some of your goodies on it. The money from this table is one of our best money makers. Don't forget that the money from our fund raisers either goes back to the church or goes to other charities that the UWF and you help to support. We appreciate all you do for us.

It's not too early to be thinking about bringing in articles to stuff Christmas stockings for Oxcart Pantry. Leave them in the box near the green bin under the stairs. We need lots of toiletry items as well as some stockings and small gifts. More details to come!

Pastor Appreciation

A note from the SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a special time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastor who gives, cares, and serves us and our community in remarkable ways.

How exactly can we celebrate Pastor Hoyte this year? He does so much for us. In fact, he does more than we ever know or realize on a daily and even moment-by-moment basis. How can we show him that we appreciate not only what he does, but also who he is to us and so many others?

Here are some ideas and suggestions to get your creative juices flowing:

- **Prayer** - Pause for a few moments every day to pray for Pastor Hoyte and his family. On Sunday, October 8th, join us as we honor (and pray for) him during our worship service.
- **Encouragement** - 1 Thessalonians 5:13 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Let's practice this together. If you have an encouraging word for Pastor Hoyte, use this month to write him a note and tell him how his ministry has impacted your life.
- **Honor Pastor's "Day Away"** – Did you know that UMC pastors are required by the conference to have a day off each week (in addition to a day for their own Sabbath reflection?) Pastor Hoyte's day off is Monday. We honor him when we wait until Tuesdays to reach out to him for non-emergency matters. (Note: Pastor Hoyte carries his cell phone and is available for emergencies at *any time*.)

Thank you for being a caring congregation for our pastor. We are certainly blessed by his ministry among us.

Blessings,

Alice Walsh

Chair, SPRC

Church Family News

4	Claire Taller	19	Jack Anderson
9	Nancy Driftmyer	19	Hoyte Wilhelm
11	Michael Gaydos	19	Harry Walton
13	Emma Thompson	25	Tony Dolar
13	Loften Thompson	26	Rita Wallace
14	Dave Hinckley	28	Ellie Yager
14	Don Pattison	29	Alyssa Dennis
16	Mary Ellen McMillin	31	Jim Sainsbury
17	John Weinert	31	Rachael & Tom Berry
18	Elizabeth Goodman	31	Anthony Brunson
18	Michael & Jennifer Gaydos		

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



First Responders	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Ron W.
Victims of natural disasters	Selene, lifted by Carole A	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness	Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Lois D.
Those affected by gun violence	Sandi & Frank O.	Anita B.
Those experiencing addiction	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Those affected by the Maui fires	Randall S.	Jane P.
Those who are homeless	David & Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	Keith A.
Terry, Kathy & Deb, lifted by Paul and Claudia T.	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Barbara B.
Ryan and family, lifted by Ron and Barb C.	David Noss, JoAnne's husband	Susan L.
Carole B.'s niece and family	Bill & Marilyn Ransom	Judy L.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	2 8:30pm AA	3 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study	4 10am UWF 7pm Church Council 8pm AA	5 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	6 Conference Reports Due	7
8 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3-4:30pm GS	9 6pm GS 6pm Finance 8:30pm AA	10 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study	11 8pm AA	12 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	13	14 8:30am UMM Breakfast 9am-3pm UWF Craft Fair
15 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Penny Sunday/Laity Sunday	16 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA Agape Deadline	17 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study	18 8pm AA	19 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	20	21 2pm-4pm Charge Conference Westlake UMC
22 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3-4:30pm GS	23 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	24 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study	25 8pm AA	26 11am Bible Study 4:30-5:30pm Free Com. Meal 7pm Choir	27	28
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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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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED



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, October 26th

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Menu: Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Applesauce,
Dessert and Drink

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,

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 at blintonofnr@aol.com.