

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, December 3, 2023

Christmas Flower Sale: Last Call! Orders due today!

The Worship Ministry Team will be taking orders for Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti to be placed on the altar for our Christmas Eve service. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall, and there is one included in your Agape. Please place your order and payment into the purple box, or send them to Wendy's attention at the church (sundayschool@noumc.org.) All plants are in 6 1/2" pots, and sell for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will support our Altar and Arts Team. Orders are due today!

Tuesday Evening/ Thursday Morning Adult Advent Bible Study: Begins this week!

It's not too late to sign up! For some, Christmas is a time of excitement, celebration, and quality time with loved ones. For others, it's full of loneliness, grief, and loss. No matter what this season holds for you, the promise of Christmas will bring you hope. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates: the child in the cradle who goes on to become the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a place on earth and a Savior in heaven. Come join us as we study "Because of Bethlehem," by Max Lucado. Revive your wonder in the promise of Christmas! Tuesday evening classes will begin on November 28th at 7pm and end on December 19th, and Thursday morning classes will begin on November 30th at 11am and will end on December 21st. There will be 4 sessions. Cost of the participation booklet is \$9. If you would like to join us, please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org. There will also be a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall on the sign-in table.

Intergenerational Advent Celebration: Join Us Today from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Your Christian Education team would like to invite you to bring your younger children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or any young children in your care to come celebrate Advent with us! Spend some fun one-on-one time with the young people in your life as you hear the story of Christmas, learn about Advent, engage in a craft, play a game, and enjoy a yummy snack together! This will be a hands-on experience, and adults should plan to stay the entire time. Our Intergenerational Advent Celebration will take place today from 12:30-2:30. All are welcome!

Sunday School Advent Study

December 10 and 17

9am Choir Room

“An Unlikely Advent”

By Rachel Billups

Led by Claudia Taller



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LOVED ONES**
(YOU ARE NOT ALONE)

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Palliative Care and Advanced
Directives

DECEMBER 9TH, 2PM

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Joyful Voices, Jubilant Sounds! West Shore Chorale Concert

Sponsored by NOUMC
Fellowship

(Andy Walsh is a member!)

[Sunday, December 3, 2023, 7:30 PM](#)

Rocky River UMC
19414 Detroit Rd

Tickets \$15 - All Students Free
See Char Vas for tickets

Blue Christmas: Blessing the Christmas We “Actually” Have

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

From Rev. Alice Walsh: Advent is a time of waiting... a time of hope-filled expectation for the coming of our Savior, Jesus. A time of preparing our hearts and our homes for the joys of the Christmas season, with so many desires and longings wrapped up in every parcel, every must-make recipe, and must-do tradition. Behind all the beautiful decorations and packages, glistening lights, and joyful music, the waiting may seem heavy. Our lives have changed this year, and for many, our world has up-ended. Yet underneath the grief, remains our longing for hope, peace, joy, love, and comfort for ourselves, our families, and our world. This year our Blue Christmas service will be a time of “Blessing the Christmas we actually have.” I know that my own soul is hungry for this service this year. I believe God wants to renew our lives this Christmas, bringing hope to us in the areas of our deepest need, bringing peace to us. I invite you to join me in-person this Christmas for a time of comfort and rest. We will also provide a link, closer to the date, for those who wish to join us online. The service will remain available for viewing afterwards on our website: www.noumc.org . Light refreshments will be provided so that we may share in community and fellowship together.

Best Wishes to Wayne Pullman/Cake and Fellowship Today!

Today, we honor Wayne Pullman, who is relocating to the Veteran’s facility in Sandusky. Wayne has been an active volunteer on many committees....Stephen Ministries, Men’s Group, Youth Work Mission team, Youth Activities....His new address is: Ohio Veterans Home, 3416 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH 44870. Wayne plans to visit NOUMC from time to time. Please help us honor Wayne with cake and fellowship after the service today.

This Week’s Gatherings

Advent Celebration: Sunday, December 3, 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

West Shore Chorale Concert: Sunday, December 3, 7:30 pm

Evening Advent Study: Tuesday, December 5, 7 pm, Classroom 7

UWF: Wednesday, December 6, 10 am, Classroom 7

Morning Advent Study: Thursday, December 7, 11 am, Classroom 7

Free Community Meal: Thursday, December 7, 4:30-5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir: Thursday, December 7, 7 pm, Choir Room

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, December 9, 8:30 am, Canary’s Restaurant

Caring For Our Loved Ones Program: Saturday, December 9, 2pm, Sanctuary

Sunday School: Sunday, December 10, 9 am, Choir Room

2nd Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 10, 10:30 am, Sanctuary