

# **Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!**

## **Announcements for Sunday, December 31, 2023**

### **January Adult PM Bible Study: Begins January 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

Let's get our new year off to a great start by studying God's Word! We will be working through the books of 1, 2, & 3 John in Jen Wilkin's "Abide." John calls us to keep a habit of close communication with God, to hold fast to His word, to live like we believe it, and to find encouragement in the truth that God loves us! This is a 10 week study, and we will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM and Thursday Mornings for about 2 hours. The evening class will begin on Tuesday January 9th, and will end on March 12th. The Thursday morning class will begin on January 11th and end on March 14th. Study booklet with video access cost is \$25. Please join us as we dig in to the apostle John's letters! Sign up sheets will be on the sign in table in Fellowship Hall, or please email Wendy at [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org).

### **Live-Stream Service Change**

We are going to make a slight change to the live-stream service. Beginning in January, the live stream will start 5 minutes (instead of 15) before the scheduled service starts.

### **New Sunday School Series Begins January 7th!**

Craig Mueller will begin a new Sunday School series on January 7<sup>th</sup>! This is a 6 session series that will run through Sunday, February 11.

"The Difficult Words of Jesus," by AJ Lavine is a beginner's guide to Jesus' most perplexing teachings. Amy-Jill Levine shows how the difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

Come join us beginning Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>! All are welcome. AJ Lavine will challenge you in your understanding of the Good News!

### **Note from Nurture Team**

SHIIP (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program) offers free educational programming and one-on-one counseling for those on Medicare. They do not sell insurance so individuals will get unbiased information. You can learn more here: <https://insurance.ohio.gov/about-us/divisions/oshiip>. The North Olmsted senior center no longer counsels on Medicare.

## **Free Community Meal**

January 25, 2023

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Host: St. Clarence

### **Menu:**

Baked Lasagna

Salad

Bread

Dessert

Beverages

## **“Souper” Bowl of Caring**

February 11, 2023

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God’s love with our neighbors in need by participating in the “Souper” Bowl of Caring. This effort helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. During worship, large soup pots will be on the table in Fellowship hall for you to leave your donation. Or, you may send checks to the church office, to the attention of Wendy Cooper. Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write “Souper Bowl of Caring” in the memo. This year’s donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry. Please consider donating to help us make a difference in our community!

### **Book Bank Dates**

**Tuesdays, 1-3pm**

(Meet at 12:15 to carpool.)

January 16<sup>th</sup>

February 20<sup>th</sup>

March 19<sup>th</sup>

April 16<sup>th</sup>

For more information, see  
Sarah Jackson.

### **Technology Trainees Needed**

Do you know how to push a button? The booth crew is looking for some backup! We would like to invite people to train with us to learn how to run the audio-visual booth. Training will consist of a brief session to familiarize you with the equipment and procedures, and plenty of opportunities to stand with us in the booth during services to learn hands-on. Contact John or Phil Wolter or email [webmaster@noumc.org](mailto:webmaster@noumc.org).