# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church! Announcements for Sunday, December 31, 2023

Adult Bible Study: Abide by Jen Wilkin: A Study of 1, 2 & 3 John Begins this Tuesday Evening at 7 PM & this Thursday Morning at 11 AM

It's not too late to join us as we study the books of 1, 2, & 3 John! The Apostle 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 at 11 AM for about 2 hours (please choose the class that works best for you!). 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 <a href="mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org">sundayschool@noumc.org</a>.

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

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

#### **New Sunday School Series Begins Today!**

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! All are welcome. AJ Lavine will challenge you in your understanding of the Good News!

## "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!

#### **Free Community Meal**

January 25, 2023 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Host: St. Clarence Catholic Church

Menu:
Baked Lasagna
Salad
Bread
Dessert
Beverages

#### 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 audiovisual 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.

### This Week's Happenings:

PM Bible Study: Tusday, January 9, 7pm, Classroom 7

Lay Leaders Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 5:30pm, Classroom 7

AM Bible Study: Thursday, January 11, 11am, Classroom 7 Chancel Choir: Thursday, January 11, 7pm, Choir Room

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, January 13, 8:30am, Canary's Restaurant

Sunday School: Sunday, January 14, 9am, Choir Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany/Human Relations Day: Sunday, January 14, 10:30am

Joint Councils Meeting: Sunday, January 14, 11:30am, Classroom 7