# "Souper" Bowl of Caring

February 11, 2023

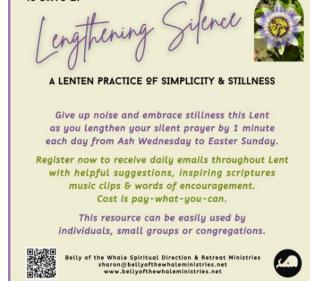
Join our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team as we help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need, by participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." This effort helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. After worship, large soup pots will be on the table in Fellowship Hall for you to drop in your donation. Or you may send checks in 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!

### **New Sunday School Series**

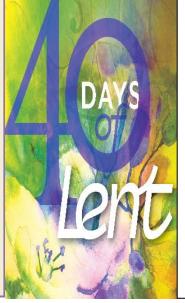
Beginning Sunday, Mar. 3 through April 14th, the Sunday School class will view the series "Seven Words", by Susan Robb. "While many of us naturally wish to avoid the reality of the cross, it's from the cross that Jesus speaks and shows his deepest love for us. It's from the cross that Jesus' full humanity draws us closest to him." See weekly email for more information.

### **February Oxcart Giving**

For February we will be collecting breakfast items, including cereal. Please place them in the green box near the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



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# Lent Sunday School February 18th and 25<sup>th</sup>

Craig Mueller will facilitate a two-week video screening of "Heaven, How I got Here: The Story of the Thief on the Cross" by Colin Smith. This is a powerful visual illustration of one man's journey coming to accept Jesus as his savior and learning what it means to fear God. A beautiful, emotionally charged performance by Stephen Baldwin brings this timeless story to life for a new generation in a way that is both entertaining and uplifting.

#### **Easter Flower Sale**

The Worship Team is taking orders for Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips, Martha Washington Geraniums, and Pansies to decorate our altar on Easter morning. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall every Sunday. Please fold your payment into the order form and place it into the purple box or send them to Wendy's attention at the church. You may also email your order to Wendy at <a href="mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org">sundayschool@noumc.org</a>. Proceeds from the sale will support our Altar and Arts Team and be used to decorate our altar. Deadline to order is Sunday March 3rd. Flowers may be taken home after our Easter morning service!

## **Grief Support Group Starting February 21st**

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one....the loss of physical or mental capacities that you or a loved one once had....the loss of hoped-for dreams coming true....the loss of stamina and resilience in being hopeful with troubling matters in your life or the world....maybe other matters of grief, too?

You are not alone and there are people in your church family that have experienced grief and are here to listen, pray, and support you. Rev. Alice, Rev. Joel and Pastor Hoyte understand and are offering a Grief Support Group during the Season of Lent on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Prayer Room of NOUMC beginning February 21 and ending March 27.

Please RSVP of your interest with the church office or simply show up on February 21!

### **February is Black History Month**

Black History Month celebrates Black Americans throughout U.S. history. Dr. Carter G. Woodson - historian and founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History - established Black History Week in 1926. He chose February because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln had birthdays in that month.

The Racial Justice Group will participate in the Pro-Racial Equity Group zoom meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Recaps of any speakers are available after the meetings. NOUMC RJ Group will have a discussion zoom meeting on the following Monday evening. Ask Janis Jarvis if you would like any of the registration info and zoom links.

# This Week's Happenings

Soup/Chili Potluck: Today, February 11, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall Nehemiah Mission Work Trip: Tuesday, February 13, 12-4:30pm

PM Bible Study: Tuesday, February 13, 7pm, Classroom 7

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 14, 7pm, Sanctuary

AM Bible Study: Thursday, February 15, 11am, Classroom 7

Christian Ed/Youth Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 6pm, Classroom 7

Chancel Choir: Thursday, February 15, 7pm, Choir Room Sunday School: Sunday, February 18, 9am, Choir Room

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent/Penny Sunday: Sunday, February 18, 10:30am