



Greek for “Love without Limits”

NOUMC To Aid Nehemiah Mission

Over the last two months, NOUMC, Bay UMC, Brecksville UMC and Chagrin UMC have been blessed to serve the Tuesday meals (*Bread on Bridge*) at Nehemiah Mission. The Mission serves the homeless and indigent on the near west side of Cleveland. They also provide safe housing for a number of immigrant families.

The kitchen is in need of significant refurbishment. Keith McGregor of Bay UMC has spent countless hours repairing their commercial stove. The 54” commercial refrigerator is more of a lost cause. It has broken down multiple times, thereby causing its food goods to be thrown away. In addition, the kitchen area needs a professionally done, deep cleaning.

NOUMC is committed to meeting the needs of Nehemiah Mission. To that end, we are trying to raise three to four thousand dollars to purchase a used 54” commercial refrigerator and provide for a professional deep cleaning.

Our effort is multifaceted, so we are sponsoring a “Go Fund Me” account with a goal of raising \$600. **On Sunday, April 21st, we are also planning an event at NOUMC from 4-6pm.** Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be available in working toward the goal of receiving three to four thousand mission ministry dollars. Our gifted pianist and organist, Javier Gonzalez, will provide music and Rev. Mike Parisher, Director of Nehemiah Mission, will share his hopes for the Mission.

We are hoping that our sister churches in Christ will provide \$250 to this effort by selling ten \$25 tickets. (Attendees’ checks should be made out to “Nehemiah Mission”).

In addition, a member of our faith community is sponsoring a fundraiser in his home in May. It is our hope that we will come together and truly be the Body of Christ in support of the physical needs of Nehemiah Mission.

Would you like to support the fundraising effort for Nehemiah Mission on April 21st at NOUMC? Donation to the event is \$25.00. Please make the check payable to Nehemiah Mission and give it to Charlene Vas or put it in the collection plate. We will get you your tickets before the event. Any questions contact Charlene at charvas@cox.net.

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

Visit <http://www.noumc.org/worship-remote-worship-resources/> for bulletins and worship links.

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
April 7	Barb Andrews	Barb Clough	???
April 14	Jean Scothon	Michelle Wolter	Barb and Ron Clough
April 21	John and Char Vas	Gloyd Andrews	Judi Wagner
April 28	Jim and Ellie Yager	John Wolter	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon

UWF News

The plant sale order sheets are here. You can find one blank sheet elsewhere in the Agape, and there are extra forms available in Fellowship Hall along with some color brochures. If you'd prefer to go to Dean's and pick out your favorites, you can buy gift cards for \$10, \$20 or \$50. We do get a percentage back for them. If you go to Dean's to use these cards or just to supplement your order between May 1 and June 15, when you check out, mention to the cashier NOUMC, and she will press a button on the register, and we will get a percentage of your purchase. The orders are due April 14 and pickup is Saturday May 11, 12 to 2 pm. —Barb Andrews

April Penny Sunday: Nehemiah Mission

This month's Penny Sunday offering will be going to the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. Nehemiah is located on Bridge Avenue in Cleveland. Their purpose is to assist the growing number of international newcomers and the local community members on the near west side, providing transitional housing to families, weekly community meals, home repairs, clothing and toiletry items and a welcoming space for young and old to find friends, a smile, or a warm cup of coffee. Your Penny Sunday donations will provide meals for their weekly Bread on Bridge community meal served every Tuesday afternoon. See the article of our fundraising efforts in this Agape!

Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Doors: The people of the United Methodist Church

Mission News

Another busy month for missions at NOUMC. First of all, a wrap-up for the Christmas Adopt-A-Family. Georgia sent a long letter. She sent her "sincere appreciation for your participation in the 2023 Adopt-A-Family program. It really made a difference to the families that you sponsored. --- We were able to help 40 families this holiday season." A personal note came from Family #11. Some excerpts from it follows. "I really don't know how to thank you! This year I am going through a difficult time and I was wondering how can I buy gifts for my children. ---Thank you very much making my children happy. I don't know how to respond but I will always pray for you. --- maybe one day I'll help you, too,"

Your donations of breakfast food grew so large that the articles ended up beside the green bin. Georgia was impressed. This month we will be providing hot drinks in cold forms, We are asking for coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, as well as powdered creamer, sugar and sugar substitute packets, and if you can think of something else along those lines, feel free to provide.

Finally, between Penny Sunday collection, in-kind donations, and several people who stepped forward when the donations were a little short, we were able to provide 60 Easter baskets, These provide some small gifts, but more than that, the toiletries are much appreciated in saving some money the clients don't have to spend. Once again, you made some North Olmsted neighbors happy. BTW: a special thank you to the UWF for spending several mornings getting the baskets ready to be delivered. —Barb Andrews

April Oxcart Pantry:

Coffee

Tea

Hot Chocolate

Powdered Creamer

Sugar/Sugar Substitute Packets

Other Beverages

Please place items in green bin in Fellowship Hall.

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC.

Through February, the church's giving is slightly below the amount anticipated (year-to-date) in our annual budget. Our expenses during the same period were about \$2,500 over budget. This difference is primarily due to repairs and maintenance to our furnaces. We expect this to even out over the rest of the year.

As always, our congregation has been very active with targeted missions. In addition to regular giving, the most notable special gifts (not included in operating expenses) in January and February were:

\$4,000 donated for the Pastor's Discretionary fund. \$500 was used for Giant Eagle gift cards to be given in the future to needy community members, as determined by our pastor.

\$133 Penny Sunday donations for the Red Bird Mission

\$180 Penny Sunday donations for the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry

\$250 given the Lorain Men's Shelter

\$231 collected during the Super Bowl of Caring

The regular community meals in January and February

Financial Snapshot

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

	January thru February 2024		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<u><i>Revenue and Expenses</i></u>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 34,358	\$ 35,667	\$ (1,309)
Operating Expenses	40,693	38,171	2,522
	(6,335)	(2,504)	(3,831)
 <u><i>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</i></u>			
Donations	\$ 5,051		
Disbursements	\$ 2,113		
 <u><i>Cash Balance</i></u>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 50,367		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	25,793		
	\$ 76,160		



Order from us or shop at the greenhouse between 5/1 and 6/15 and we will earn a 30% rebate on your purchase. At checkout tell the cashier you are supporting NOUMC! Shop with a gift card ordered from us! Dean's Gift Cards available in \$10, \$20 & \$50.

Orders due with payment by **Sunday, April 14, 2024.**
Pick-up at the church on Saturday, May 11, 12 to 2 pm.

Additional info on second page.

BEDDING ANNUALS - 24 PER FLAT
\$8.00 HALF/\$15.00 WHOLE

HALF	WHOLE	TYPE/COLOR
		Begonia - Green leaf/Pink
		Begonia - Green leaf/Scarlet
		Begonia -Green leaf/White
		Begonia - Bronze leaf/Scarlet
		Begonia - Bronze leaf/White
		Begonia -Bronze leaf /Pink
		Begonia-Bada Mix
		Impatiens - Lipstick Pink
		Impatiens - Mixed
		Impatiens - Red
		Impatiens - Salmon
		Impatiens - White
		Marigolds 9" mixed
		Marigolds 9" orange
		Marigolds 9" yellow
		Marigolds 12-14" yellow
		Marigolds 12-14" orange
		Petunias-sky blue
		Petunias-pink
		Petunias-deep purple
		Petunias-single mix
		Petunias-red
		Petunias-white
		Ageratum - blue
		Alyssum - white
		Alyssum - purple
		Coleus—mixed
		Dahlia - dwarf
		Dianthus - Mixed
		Dusty Miller
		Lobelia- blue
		Portulaca—mixed
		Salvia-Victoria blue
		Salvia—dwarf red
		Zinnia - Short Mix
Qty	Qty	\$ total

SPECIALTY ANNUALS
4.5" Pot - \$4.50 each

	Million Bells —purple
	Million Bells —cherry
	Million Bells —orange zest
	Million Bells —pink
	Million Bells —serenity
	Million Bells —yellow
	Million Bells —rose quartz
	Wave Petunia —blue
	Wave Petunia —pink passion
	Wave Petunia —electric lilac
	Wave Petunia —red velour
	Wave Petunia —white
	Wave Petunia —yellow
	Wave Petunia —blue vein
	Sunpatiens have replaced New Guineas. Sunpatiens thrive in sun and shade!
NEW	Sunpatiens —orange
	Sunpatiens —pink
	Sunpatiens —purple
	Sunpatiens —red
	Sunpatiens —salmon
	Sunpatiens —white
	Tuberous Begonia—pink
	Tuberous Begonia—red
	Tuberous Begonia—orange
	Tuberous Begonia—yellow
	Tuberous Begonia—salmon
	Euphorbia-Diamond Frost
	Sweet Potato Vine—black
	Sweet Potato Vine—yellow
	Lemon Coral Sedum
Qty.	\$ total

GERANIUMS 8 - 4.5" POTS
\$14.50 HALF/\$24.00 WHOLE

HALF	WHOLE	TYPE/COLOR
		Candy Pink
		Light Salmon
		Magenta
		Red
		White
Qty.	Qty.	\$ total

HERBS & ACCENT FOLIAGE
3" Pot \$3.50 each

	Basil
	Parsley
	Rosemary
	Oregano
	Thyme
	Spikes
	Vinca Vine
Total Qty	\$ total

VEGETABLES
Now in 2-pack \$3.00 per 2-pack

	Green Bell Pepper
	Sweet Banana
	Jalapeno
	Hungarian Hot
	Red Bell Pepper
	Yellow Bell Pepper
	Big Boy Tomato
	Early Girl Tomato
	Grape Tomato
	Sweet 100's Tomato
	Beefsteak Tomato
	Heirloom Slicer Tomato
Qty	\$ Total

Hanging Baskets are on second page of order form. Please put your name on this form in case pages are separated: _____

N.O. United Methodist Women's 2024 Spring Plant Sale

- Order plants and gift cards by Sunday, April 14th
- Or shop the In-store Walk-in Fundraiser at Dean's greenhouse for plants, soil, pottery and other spring décor between May 1 and June 15. **Just tell the cashier you are with NOUMC before you check out and Dean's will keep a tally of our members sales and send us a refund of 30% of the total purchases.**
- Do both - order a gift card from our fundraiser and shop the In-store Walk-in Fundraiser!

10" Hanging Baskets \$18.00 each

	Fuchsia
	Curb Appeal white/yellow/blue
	Hummingbird Falls Purples
	Dean's Sunny Daze Red/yellow /purple
	Cherry Kiss Red/light & dark pinks
	Daisy Dance Pink/coral/yellow
	Pink Lemonade Pink/yellow/white
	Night in Pompeii Pinks/purples
	Iconia Miss Malibu coral & orange begonia + coleus
	Iconia Miss Montreal White & yellow begonia edged in coral + coleus
	Polar Peach (Super Bells) Proven Winner, blue, purple & yellow NEW
	Wave Petunia - Blue
	Wave Petunia - Blue Vein
	Wave Petunia - Red/White/Blue
	Wave Petunia - yellow
	Wave Petunia - Blue/coral/pink
	Wave Petunia - Electric Lilac
	Wave Petunia - Pink Cosmo NEW
	Wave Petunia - Watermelon NEW
	Zonal Geranium Combo – pink
	Zonal Geranium Combo – red
	Zonal Geranium Combo – salmon
	New Guinea Impatiens - pink
	New Guinea Impatiens - purple
	New Guinea Impatiens - red
	New Guinea Impatiens - salmon
Qty.	\$ Total

Orders due with payment by Sunday April 14th.

Pick-up at the church on Saturday, May 11th, 12 to 2 pm.

Please make checks payable to *North Olmsted United Women of Faith (or NOUWF)*. Please place orders with payment in the **UWF mailbox** or mail to the church:

North Olmsted United Methodist Women in Faith
4600 Dover Center Rd.
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

All plants are provided by Dean's Greenhouse. Color photos of the plants are available on Dean's website www.deansgreenhouse.com or we can mail you a copy of the color flyer.

Need a flyer or additional info? Contact Judi Wagner at 440-567-1056 or email her at rjwags_fam@yahoo.com

- Total Bedding Annuals** \$ _____
- Total Specialty Annuals** \$ _____
- Total Geraniums** \$ _____
- Total Herbs/Accents** \$ _____
- Total Vegetables** \$ _____
- Total Hanging Baskets** \$ _____

- \$10 Gift Card** \$ _____
- \$20 Gift Card** \$ _____
- \$50 Gift Card** \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Chair Yoga Starting in April

Chair Yoga for the Faithful will be offered the third Sunday of each month starting in April following worship. Restore body, mind, and spirit through breath, movement, and meditation. Let go of fear, stress, and negativity and allow love, hope, peace and joy to flow in. Keep the stillness and openness as you go through your days. Claudia Taller, YA 200 certified instructor, will lead you through 30 minutes of renewal.

Adult Bible Study: Revelation: Extravagant Hope

What if the Book of Revelation isn't meant to scare us or to be a mystery? What if God saved the best for last? What if His final word is really a rescue plan? From numerical signs and monsters, this final book of the Bible can be difficult to wrap our minds around, but the Book of Revelation reminds us of God's power and promises and its message is intended to bring us hope! Join us as we study the book apocalypse, beginning on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM and Thursday mornings at 11AM. The study booklet cost is \$16, and includes access to the accompanying streaming video. The study is 6 weeks long and will conclude at the end of May. Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org for more information or to sign up. There will be a sign up sheet on the welcome table in Fellowship Hall as well.

Garden Help Needed: "March winds, bring April Showers, bring May flowers"...

So the saying goes. Many of you enter the church by the office. But, when you go in the main doors, well, you will see the main gardens are in desperate need of maintenance.

The Girl Scouts planted the main garden 2 years ago for a badge project and put in a stone edging. It made it through the first winter just fine. But this year, with very little snow, the stones were pushed several feet into the gardens by the snow plow. So they need to be put back in place and much of the green you see now are weeds – fortunately not all!

We are seeking help earlier this year than usual because on April 21st NOUMC is hosting a fund raising event for Nehemiah Mission. We will have many visitors.

If it is not snowing on April 13th, I will be at the gardens to work and would appreciate lots of help – especially moving stones back into place. If you cannot make it on that date and would like to do the stone work another time, please let me know.

And after this time-sensitive project is complete, I will be looking for weekly help maintaining the gardens. Thank you!

Charlene Vas charvas@cox.net 440-477-9061

DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE NEWS

Bishop and Delegation Lead Webinar About the Postponed 2020 General Conference

Bishop Tracy S. Malone and the East Ohio Conference delegation hosted a General Conference webinar to provide clergy and laity with information about the upcoming postponed 2020 General Conference to be held April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Webinar viewers saw presentations from members of the East Ohio Conference General Conference delegation and were able to ask questions via the Q&A Zoom feature. The webinar was held so that we are all more informed as we live into our shared vision for how we can fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The assembly meets at the beginning of each quadrennium to consider revisions to church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, economic, and public policy issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years.

Delegates from Africa, Europe, Asia, and the United States will be present in the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina for the postponed 2020 General Conference, which was not able to be held as scheduled in Minneapolis, Minnesota because of the pandemic.

The East Ohio Conference delegation to the General Conference in April is comprised of six clergy persons and six lay persons who were elected to serve by action of Annual Conference 2019.

[View the recorded General Conference webinar.](#)

Prepare for General Conference

General Conference will convene in Charlotte, N.C., April 23 through May 3. Whether you're planning to attend the conference in-person or follow along online, you'll find a full event schedule, news updates, proposed legislation and other resources on the General Conference homepage.

Link: [General Conference 2020 \(resourceumc.org\)](https://resourceumc.org)

New District for the East Ohio Conference of The UMC

Members connected with our church have requested to see a map of the new Districts for the East Ohio Conference of The UMC.

The link below provides this information, including links to the churches connected with each respective District. North Olmsted UMC is a part of the new Northern Waters District.

[East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church \(eocumc.com\)](http://eocumc.com)

Camp Wanake Camperships



Register by 11:59pm on Friday, March 15 and save \$25 on summer camp registration!

AND Early Birds are entered in a drawing for a free week of camp!

**Is Summer Camp Stretching Your Budget?
Additional ways to finance a week of camp at Wanake.**

- Register for Wanake Adventure Discount Weeks and save an additional \$20 (June 30-July 5 and July 28-August 2, 2024)!
- Take the sibling discount if more than one child from your family is attending camp. Contact the camp office to redeem: camp@eocumc.com.
- You can pay in multiple payments. Call the East Ohio Camps Office at 800-831-3972 ext. 139 to arrange a payment plan
- Apply for a campership, see button below for application.
- Your church may be able to help pay part of the cost. Check with your Camp Contact Person or your Pastor.
- Your district may have Campership Funds available. Check with your District Office.

Church Family News

1	Bill & Wendy Cooper	20	Charlene Vas
2	Kara Quan	22	Jim Yager
4	Andrew Peralta	22	Carol Nupp
4	Ray & Diane Plogger	23	Amy Fennell
5	Kimberly Busser	23	Becky Riddlebaugh
12	Zurich Bernard	25	Daniel Brewster
18	Louise Harrington	26	Carole Bettinger
19	Claudia Taller	30	Judy Solt
20	Amye Sabin	30	Virginia Steiger
20	Joan Phillips		

APRIL



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



REQUESTS

FOR

PRAYER

Those affected by gun violence and homelessness	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness and addiction	Selene, lifted by Carole A	Nancy D.
Betty, Paul T.'s aunt	Vicki & family, daughter of Rae & Walt S.	Lois D.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Joy & Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.	Anita B.
Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Marianne, lifted by Janis J.	Cindy, Reba Y.'s SIL	Jane P.
Jan, Community Meal volunteer	Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Keith A.
Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C.	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Barbara B.
Bill and Marilyn R.	David N., JoAnne's husband	Susan L.
Carole B.'s niece and family	Richard P., lifted by Liz L.	Joan H.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	Barb L.
CJ C., lifted by Chris B.	Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Judy L.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	2 7pm Scouts	3 10am UWF 8pm AA	4 7pm Choir	5	6
7 9am SS 10:30am Worship	8 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	9 7pm Scouts	10 8pm AA 7pm Council on Ministries	11 7pm Choir	12	13 8:30am UMM Breakfast
14 9am SS 10:30am Worship 3-4:30pm GS	15 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	16 1pm Book Bank 7:30pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	17 8pm AA	18 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	19	20
21 9am SS 10:30am Worship/Penny Sun 11:30am Yoga 4-6pm Nehemiah	22 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	23 7:30pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	24 8pm AA	25 11am Bible Study 4:30-5:30pm Community Meal 7pm Choir	26	27
28 9am SS 10:30am Palm Sunday 3-4:30pm GS	29 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	30 7:30pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts				

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.

North Olmsted United Methodist Church
4600 Dover Center Road
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070



APRIL

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, April 25, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ham, Perogies, Fruit, Dessert, Beverage

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, please contact us at 440-779-6634. *We are an accessible facility.*

A sign-up sheet for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up will be in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Barb Linton at blintonofnr@aol.com.