



Greek for “Love without Limits”

Happy New Year!

We did it! Another year has passed in which you served faithfully in love, care, and impactful ministries in and beyond NOUMC. Thank you for all that you have done and will commit to do in the New Year as we live into our membership vows as Christians and United Methodists to "faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness."

More specifically as you look forward to serving in the life of church in the New Year, I encourage you to serve in new ways as you believe God is calling you to do. Please feel free to discuss your interests and I will be glad to help in guiding you to particular areas of ministry that you can enjoy and find very fulfilling!

Again, Happy New Year, and blessings for good health, joy, and happiness.

Peace,

Pastor Hoyte

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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)
January 7	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Greg Lavelle	Barb and Ron Clough
January 14	Jean Scothon	John Vas	Judi Wagner
January 21	John & Char Vas	Joel Chermonte	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon
January 28	Jim & Ellie Yager	Alice Walsh	Barb and Ron Clough

Oxcart Pantry



Peanut Butter and Jelly!

For January, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. Please place them in the green box near the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

“Souper” Bowl of Caring

On February 11th, 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!

Missions News

What a giving congregation! We started with 62 Christmas bag items for the Oxcart Pantry. Then you came up with many toiletries and gifts and a large amount of money so that we were able to send 80 Christmas stockings to help make a lot of individuals a little happier, as well as providing some essentials that we take for granted but are extras for many of the clients there. Finally, you took every tag off the easel and placed asked-for gifts under the tree in the sanctuary. We all know that some of the gifts are going to be life changing for some, and some of the gifts, mainly for the children, might seem frivolous. Just think of how these teens and younger feel when they see most of their classmates with those same gifts and normally cannot compete with them. You have made many people happy this Christmas season. And I'm sure they wish all of you a Happy 2024. (From Barb Andrews)

January Adult AM and PM Bible Studies

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.

New Sunday School Series Begins January 7th!

Craig Mueller will begin a new Sunday School series on January 7th! 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 7th! All are welcome. AJ Lavine will challenge you in your understanding of the Good News!

TECH News

Live-Streaming: Beginning in January, the live stream will start 5 minutes (instead of 15) before the scheduled service starts.

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.

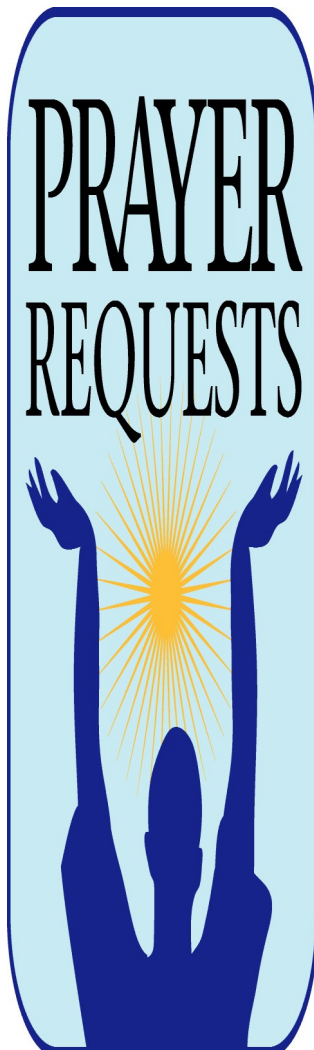
Church Family News

2	Elizabeth Sullivan	19	Christine Mincik
4	Benjamin Tidmore	20	Joel Chermonte
4	Brenda Forsberg	21	Mary Lou Luckado
5	Taylor Hotz	21	Bob Reinecke
7	James Bridges	25	Bob and Carol Nupp
9	Kim Delfing	26	John and Judy Solt
10	Morgan Chapman	27	Sydney Moses
11	Madlyn Bard	28	Janis Jarvis
13	Leighton Maculewicz	29	Casey Hollis
15	Barbara Linton	30	Dave and Gwen Hinckley
16	John Doerner	31	Emily Cooper
16	Clara Mae Brown	31	Darlene Owings
18	Nancy Kinzy		

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Those affected by gun violence and homelessness	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Ron W.
Victims of Maui wildfires and natural disasters and First Responders	Selene, lifted by Carole A	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness and addiction	Vicki & family, daughter of Rae & Walt S.	Lois D.
Beth N., sister-in-law of Ron & Barb C.	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.
Alice W.'s Dad's recovery	David & Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	Keith A.
Terry, Kathy & Deb, lifted by Paul and Claudia T.	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Barbara B.
Ryan and family, lifted by Ron and Barb C.	David N., JoAnne's husband	Susan L.
Carole B.'s niece and family	Jewel Y., by the Wolters	Joan H.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Harry W., son of Harry W.	Our Church
Wayne K., lifted by Liz L.	Matt, lifted by Janis J.	Judy L.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	Bill & Marilyn R.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	2 7pm Scouts	3 10am UWF	4 7pm Choir	5	6
7 9am SS 10:30am Worship 3-4:30pm GS	8 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	9 7pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	10 8pm AA 5:30pm Lay Leaders	11 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	12	13 8:30am UMM Breakfast
14 9am SS 10:30am Worship 11:30-2pm Joint Council	15 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	16 1-3 Book Bank 7pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	17 8pm AA	18 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	19	20
21 9am SS 10:30am Worship/Penny Sunday 3-4:30pm GS	22 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	23 7 pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	24 8pm AA	25 11am Bible Study 4:30-5:30pm Community Meal 7pm Choir	26	27 2pm Northern Wa- ters District Gather- ing
28 9am SS 10:30am Worship	29 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	30 7 pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	31 8pm AA			

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.

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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, January 25th, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Host: St. Clarence Catholic Church

Menu: Baked Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Drink

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,

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.