

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, March 10, 2024

## Communion after Worship during Lent

Alice Walsh and Joel Chermonte will be taking turns after morning worship services during the Season of Lent to offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Prayer Chapel beginning Sunday, February, 25 and ending Sunday, March 24, except for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, where communion will be during the service. Please join them for this special way of gathering and centering with God and Jesus during this Holy season. Thank you, Alice and Joel!

## Easter Basket Donations Needed

From Barb Andrews: We are back to collecting items for Easter baskets. They are basically the same items provided for Christmas stockings, but with baskets instead! Please leave these items in the box near the green Oxcart Pantry bin: wrapped candy, shampoo, deodorant, conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hair items, small coloring books, soap, skin cream/lotion, puzzle books, lip balm, razors, crayons, nail clippers/files, small tools, pens and pencils, jewelry, toy cars/trucks, small stuffed animals, small dolls, cosmetics. Toiletry items and men's gifts are especially needed. We will, however, make use of all donations. Remember that the items need to be small enough to fit in baskets. We can also use donated cash to shop for needed items. Since Easter is so early this year, we will need the items by March 17, preferably earlier.

## New Sunday School Series

March 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.

## Grief Support Group

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. Anyone is welcome any time!

## PI\*/PIE DAY! SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>



\*Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of  $\pi$ . So, here at NOUMC it seemed like the perfect time for a pot luck of Shepherd's Pie (pot pie or other main dish) for St. Patrick's day with pie for dessert! Sign up beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup> and indicate the type which you would like to bring!



## UMCOR SUNDAY – MARCH 10, 2024

The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. This offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need. These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

### Join Us For Our Spring Card-making Day!

Saturday, March 9 from 10 am to 2 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sandra Andrews and Sharon Werner have designed a selection of handmade greeting cards for Spring that can be customized for a variety of occasions, including Easter and Mother's Day. Card kits cost \$2.00 each. Bring a snack to share and a double-sided tape runner (can be purchased at the event). Please call or email Sharon Werner for photos of the cards being offered and an order form. If you can't make it that day, you can order a kit with everything pre-stamped, just assemble and mail. Sign up by March 5th.

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 23rd, we will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn! Families will have two hunt times to choose from...one at 1:00 and the second at 2:00. Please spread the word to any families with children that you know! Save the date cards that you can hand out will be available on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall, as well as a sign-up for volunteers. Egg filling will take place on Weds, 3/20 at 3:00 pm in Classroom 7. Donations of candy and volunteers to work the day of the hunt are also needed. Please see Wendy, Tammy, Sarah, Chris or Judi for further details!

### March Oxcart Pantry: Special Diet Foods

Donations can be dropped in the green box in Fellowship Hall:

**Heart Healthy** (low salt, low saturated fat, high fiber)

**Gluten-Free**

**Diabetic** (whole grains, oats, low or no added sugar items, brown rice, barley, quinoa)

### 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.

### This Week's Happenings

Mission Ministry Team Meeting: Sunday, March 10, 11:30am, Classroom 7

PM Bible Study: Tuesday, March 12, 7pm, Conversation Café

Grief Support Group: Wednesday, March 13, 6:30pm, Chapel

AM Bible Study: Thursday, March 14, 11am, Conversation Café

Chancel Choir: Thursday, March 14, 7pm, Choir Room

Sunday School: Sunday, March 17, 9am, Choir Room

5th Sunday in Lent/Penny Sunday: Sunday, March 17, 10:30am

Pie (Pi) Day Potluck: Sunday, March 17, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall