

Greek for "Love without Limits"

**Join Us for Holy Week  
and Easter Sunday**

Alleluia!  
Christ is  
Risen!

**Good Friday • 7pm • MARCH 29**

**Easter • 10:30am • MARCH 31**

**Free Meal • 4:30pm • MARCH 28**

**North Olmsted United Methodist Church**  
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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)
<b>March 3</b>	Sarah Jackson	Ed Brewster	Barb and Ron Clough
<b>March 10</b>	Barb Andrews	Randall Sheets	Sarah Jackson
<b>March 17</b>	Jean Scothon	Joel Chermonte	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon
<b>March 24</b>	John and Char Vas	Greg Lavelle	Barb and Ron Clough
<b>March 29</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	Jim and Ellie Yager	John Vas	Judi Wagner
<b>March 31</b> <b>Easter</b>	Sarah Jackson	Alice Walsh	Judi Wagner Sydney Scothon

## 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. Please join them for this special way of gathering and centering with God and Jesus during this Holy season. Thank you, Alice and Joel!

## Mission News

From Barb Andrews:

Our peanut butter and jelly collection netted 50 items, but some came in late, so it was really a higher amount. Looking at the green bin mid-February has shown it is overflowing with breakfast items. Good going!!

We will continue the Easter baskets and fillers until March 17, but we would appreciate it if you could get them in earlier. We will see how many baskets we can supply to bring a little cheer and some needed toiletry articles, gifts, and candy to make the season a little happier. The most needed things are the toiletry articles. You can check the weekly reminders to see what's included.

This month the Pantry is asking for special diet items. These would include things for diabetics, those with heart problems, and gluten-free articles. These are a little harder to pick what's asked for, but I'm sure you'll come through. You are such a caring group of people.

## UWF News

We are still getting together every Wednesday and welcome any newcomers. Last month we updated our card selections, so if you haven't checked out the selection, this might be a good time to do it.

We have received confirmation from Dean's for our plant delivery. That happens on May 11. Look for the order forms soon.

## 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. Since Easter is so early this year, we will need the items by March 17, preferably earlier.

## March Oxcart Pantry: Special Diet Foods

In March, we will be focusing on collecting foods for those with special diet needs:

**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)

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

## March Penny Sunday: Support Our Midwest Disaster Relief Mission

This month's Penny Sunday offering will be going to the Midwest Disaster Relief Mission. They do amazing projects! From January-June in 2023, \$3.83 million in humanitarian aid was sent. There were 1,364 on-site volunteers and 3,161 off-site volunteers for the mission, as well as 125 domestic shipments and 26 international shipments (including to Ukraine). Many areas of giving are included such as: Education, Health, Disaster Relief and Micro-Business. EVERY GIFT HELPS! Donate to the March Penny Sunday with cash or checks!

## NOUMC Financial Snapshot

NOUMC is a very generous church. In addition to your regular giving, the special collections during Penny Sundays and United Methodist Special Offering Sundays have a significant reach in our community and beyond. Here is a sampling of such contributions the church made in 2023. Thank you!

### Penny Sunday Collections

Month	Recipient	Donations
January	NOUMC Community Meal	\$ 635
February	City Mission	278
March	Oxcart Pantry - Easter Baskets	320
April	Nehemiah Mission	220
May	Camperships	295
June	UMCOR	168
July	Oxcart Pantry - School Supplies	296
August	Lorain Men's Shelter	241
September	Ohio Guidestone	190
October	Maui Relief	339
November	Oxcart Pantry - Christmas Stockings	200
December	UMCOR - Middle East	238
		\$ 3,418



You will be enriched  
in every way to be  
*generous in every way,*  
which through us will  
*produce thanksgiving*  
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

### United Methodist Special Sunday Collections

Date	Purpose	Donations
January 15	Human Relations	\$ 40
March 19	UMCOR	600
April 23	Native American	85
June 4	Peace with Justice	85
October 1	World Communion	45
November 26	UMC Students	55
		\$ 910



## 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.

## New Sunday School Series Begins March 3

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."

Session 1 - "Father Forgive them"

Session 2 - "Today You will be with me in Paradise"

Session 3 - "My God, My God, Why have You Forsaken me?"

Session 4 - "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

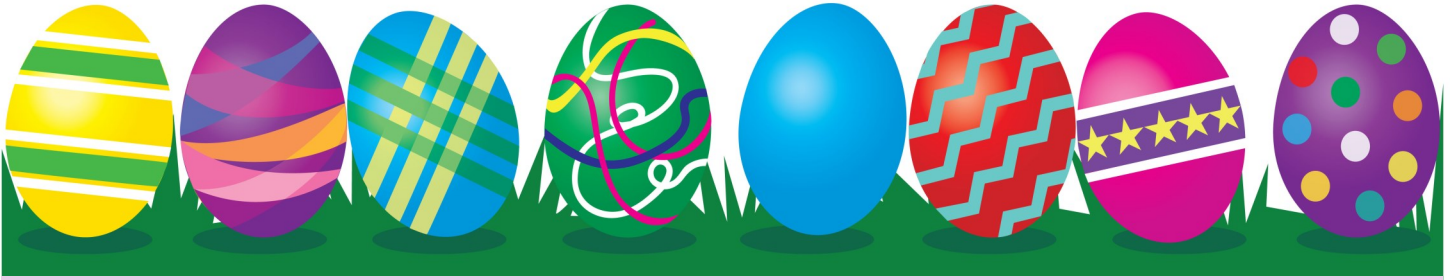
Session 5 - "I'm Thirsty"

Session 6 - "Into Your hands I commend my Spirit" and "It is finished."

## PI\*/PIE DAY! Sunday, March 17th



\*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!



## 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. Please see Wendy for further details!

### Egg Hunt Volunteer Opportunities Available:

#### 1. Candy Donations

We are accepting donations of candy to fill our plastic eggs with. Please be sure the candy is pre-packaged and small enough to fit into the eggs. Please drop off any candy donations in the basket provided in Fellowship Hall, in the Christian Education mailbox or at the office. Please donate by March 20th.

#### 2. Egg Filling Day

On March 20th, we will gather at the church to fill our plastic eggs with candy and other goodies. Please look for times in future bulletins. We will be prepping about 400 eggs.

#### 3. Volunteers on Hunt Day

## Easter Flowers: Last Day to Order is March 3!



Worship Team will be 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. 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 [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org). 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

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. Alice, Joel and 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.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend on any Wednesday!

In love and support,

Hoyte, Alice, and Joel

## Thank You from Family 12 (Adopt-A-Family Giving Tree)

NOUMC Church,

May your holiday be filled with laughter and happiness, the way your kindness has done to our family! May God bless you and your family. Thank you!! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

## Thank You from UMCOR

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”-Luke 10:27 CEB

Dear friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, YOU are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

—Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

## Church Family News

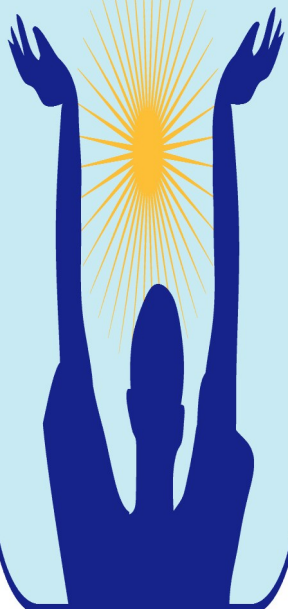
1	Sally Coast	17	Ken & Kim Delfing
1	Judy Kaylor	19	Liam Benko
1	Javier Gonzalez	20	Deb Chermonte
2	Gwen Hinckley	21	Wendy Cooper
5	Sharon Werner	21	Heather Pangle
5	Kirsten Ressel	24	Iris Stroup
6	Luma Bautista	25	Hannah Rose Fragapane
7	Mark Steiger	25	Marilyn Ransom
9	Nathan Clough	27	Gabriela M. & Javier G.
9	Jessica Smith	28	Ed & Barb Brewster
12	Nicole Blosser	28	Daniel Hollo
12	De Niro Bernard	30	Dick Mercer
17	Timothy Smith	30	Cheryl Lehner
17	Kristin Hipple	31	Diane Plogger

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

# PRAYER REQUESTS



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	David & Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	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	Jewel Y., by the Wolters	Joan H.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Harry W., son of Harry W.	Liz L.
Wayne K., lifted by Liz L.	Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Judy L.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	Barb L.



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 9am SS 10:30am Worship	<b>4</b> 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	<b>5</b> 7pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	<b>6</b> 10am UWF 6:30pm Grief Support 8pm AA	<b>7</b> 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30am UMM Breakfast 9am-2pm Card Making
<b>10</b> 9am SS 10:30am Worship 11:30am Missions 3-4:30pm GS	<b>11</b> 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	<b>12</b> 7pm Bible Study 7pm Scouts	<b>13</b> 8pm AA 6:30pm Grief Support	<b>14</b> 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am SS 10:30am Worship/Penny Sunday 11:30am Pi Potluck	<b>18</b> 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	<b>19</b> 1-3 Book Bank 7pm Scouts	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Grief Support Group 8pm AA	<b>21</b> 7pm Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1-3pm Easter Egg Hunt
<b>24</b> 9am SS 10:30am Palm Sunday 3-4:30pm GS	<b>25</b> 6pm GS 8:30pm AA	<b>26</b> 7pm Scouts	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Grief Support Group 8pm AA	<b>28</b> 4:30-5:30pm Community Meal 7pm Choir 8pm AA	<b>29</b> 7pm Good Friday Service	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:30am Easter Worship						

For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [www.noumc.org](http://www.noumc.org).

Please contact the church office ([office@noumc.org](mailto: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, March 28, 2024*

*4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

**Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert**

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](mailto:blintonofnr@aol.com).