



# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, March 3, 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 Begins Today**

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.

## **Easter Flower Sale: Today is the Last Day to Order!**

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 [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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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. 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!

### 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.

### Thank you from Barb and Floyd Andrews

Thank you for the prayers, thoughts, and cards at my brother's passing. Although his illness, death and funeral all happened in such a short time that we were not able to say our goodbyes to him and other family members, it was wonderful to have such support from our church family!

### Honorarium in Honor of Barbara Miotti

A donation was given to the monthly community meal in memory of Barbara in honor of her hospitality, graciousness and wonderful way of making everyone feel comforted and cherished. Thank you, Kathy, Kurt and Grace Kaesermann!

### 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. Donations of candy, volunteers to fill eggs, and volunteers to work the day of the hunt are needed. Please see Wendy, Tammy, Sarah, Chris or Judi for further details!

### This Week's Happenings

PM Bible Study: Tuesday, March 5, 7pm, Classroom 7

UWF: Wednesday, March 6, 10am, Fellowship Hall

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

AM Bible Study: Thursday, March 7, 11am, Conversation Cafe

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

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, March 9, 8:30am, Canary's Restaurant

Cardmaking: Saturday, March 9, 9am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School: Sunday, March 10, 9am, Choir Room

4th Sunday in Lent: Sunday, March 10, 10:30am

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