



Thank you for your continued support as I live into the allowance and encouragement of leadership of The East Ohio Conference of The UMC for all full-time ordained clergy to take four weeks of vacation and two weeks of continuing education and spiritual renewal including seven Sundays for refreshment and renewal within an appointment calendar year of July 1-June 30.

Most recently, I was blessed by two weeks of continuing education and spiritual renewal at St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers, Michigan and The Centering Space in Lakewood, Ohio. Thank you, too, to Joel Chermonte, Alice Walsh, and other area preachers providing worship leadership while I was away.

Thank you, also, to all who were instrumental in coordinating and making the Nehemiah Mission fundraiser on Sunday, April 21 a success! There were over 50 people in attendance from NOUMC, people from nearby area UMC partnership churches, and guests of our members. To date, we have raised a collective amount of over \$6,000 exceeding our goal of three to four thousand dollars—and the gifts keep on being received! Nehemiah Mission's *Bread on Bridge* feeding ministry will be blessed in many ways by your and others' financial gifts. A special thanks is offered to Deb and Joel Chermonte, Char and John Vas, and Javier Gonzalez who did a lot of the "heavy-lifting" in making the event enjoyable and so successful. We are blessed to be a blessing!

—Pastor Hoyte

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) |
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| May 5 | Sarah Jackson | Chris Byrns | Sarah Jackson |
| May 12 | Barb Andrews | Bev Hixon | Barb and Ron Clough |
| May 19 | Jean Scothon | Randall Sheets | Judi Wagner |
| May 26 | John and Char Vas | Joel Chermonte | Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon |

The Recap | General Conference Daily News

General Conference began April 23rd, and you can watch or read up on the news by visiting <https://www.umc.org/en/news-and-more/the-recap>. **Take a look** at General Conference proposals, such as the Revised Social Principles and regionalization. **Preview** the celebrations that will take place at General Conference. **Celebrate** the historic election of Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, the first Black woman to lead the more than 110 active and retired United Methodist bishops.

Highlighted ways you can follow along with General Conference updates:

Official General Conference website: [UMCGC.org](https://www.umc.org)

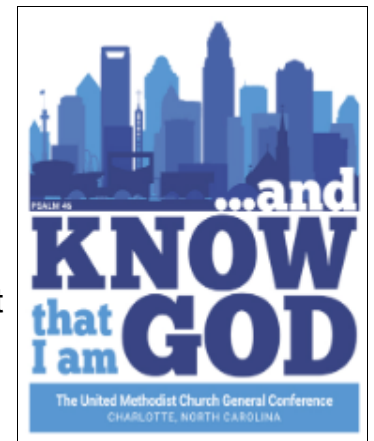
Livestream of General Conference: [UMCGC.org/live](https://www.umc.org/live)

Ongoing updates: [UMNews.org](https://www.umc.org/news)

Real-time information in the language of your choice: [UMC.org/ConnectedGC](https://www.umc.org/ConnectedGC)

Basic information: [UMC.org's General Conference page](https://www.umc.org/general-conference)

A post-General Conference episode of The Recap will publish in late May: [UMC.org/TheRecap](https://www.umc.org/TheRecap)



April Oxcart Pantry



Even though the items the pantry asked for were a little hard to remember, you managed to get 73 items during the month that was called Health Month. For next month the Pantry is getting ready for summer by asking for picnic condiments. You do a great job keeping the green bin filled! — Barb Andrews

Attention, Graduates!

If you are a recent graduate (high school, college, technical school, online degree...etc.), we need your information by May 15th so we can honor you during worship! We will need your name, school, degree, and what you will be doing next. Please send all of your details to Wendy, sundayschool@noumc.org. We will be recognizing your achievements during worship on June 9th!



Matchless Bible Study

June 11th-July 30th

Tuesday Evenings @ 7:30 PM

We talk about Jesus all the time, but do we really know...Who is He? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? We live in a world where there's a lot of confusion about Jesus. How can we know the truth? Learn Scripture in a way that's easy to understand, regardless of how long you've been studying the Bible. This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend. Join us as we learn the story of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM, for 8 weeks, beginning on June 11th. The participation booklet cost is \$16. Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org if you have questions or would like to sign up. Feel free to invite a friend!

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC. Through March the church's giving is about \$2,800 above the amount anticipated (year -to-date) in our annual budget. Our expenses during the same period were slightly over budget. Full financial statements for the quarter are available in the office.

| Financial Snapshot | | | |
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| North Olmsted United Methodist Church | | | |
| For the year ended December 31, 2024 | | | |
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| | January thru March 2024 | | |
| | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Variance</i> |
| <u>Revenue and Expenses</u> | | | |
| Regular giving and special income | \$ 56,256 | \$ 53,500 | \$ 2,756 |
| Operating Expenses | 59,056 | 58,280 | 776 |
| | (2,800) | (4,780) | 1,980 |
| <u>Ministries funded through targeted donations</u> | | | |
| Donations | \$ 6,520 | | |
| Disbursements | \$ 4,115 | | |
| <u>Cash Balance</u> | | | |
| Unrestricted (for operations) | \$ 63,290 | | |
| Restricted (for targeted ministries) | 30,096 | | |
| | \$ 93,386 | | |
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UWF News

From Barb Andrews.....Dean's plant orders will be here on May 11. You can pick up your plants between noon and 2 o'clock. If you can be at the church at 9:00, which is the scheduled delivery time from Dean's, and are knowledgeable about plants, we could use your help unloading and sorting the plants. Also, remember if you missed the sale, decided you didn't order enough of your selected plants or didn't see what you wanted on the order sheet, you can go to Dean's and pick out things on your own. If you buy something at Dean's between May 1 and June 15, tell the cashier when you check out that that you are with North Olmsted United Methodist Church, and we will get a portion of your purchase price to add to our plant order profits. We appreciate your help and support.

Church Family News



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|----|---------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Sarah Bridges | 13 | Carolyn Owings | 22 | Zoe Bridges |
| 2 | Karin Deeken | 13 | Alice Walsh | 22 | Liz and Greg Lavelle |
| 3 | John Gonska | 14 | Oriana Brenzo | 22 | Janis and David Jarvis |
| 4 | Cameron Ressel | 14 | Chris Benko | 23 | Georgia Awig |
| 4 | Raymond Schurr | 14 | Deb and Joel Chermonte | 23 | Mary Mugge |
| 5 | Sam Vas | 15 | Ed Brewster | 24 | Josh Walsh |
| 7 | Jennifer Kearney | 15 | Anita Bridges | 25 | Mark Bailey |
| 7 | Alice Fahey | 17 | Susan Lancuski | 26 | Benjamin Dennis |
| 9 | Carole Andrews | 17 | Hannah Anderson | 27 | Natalie and Josh Walsh |
| 10 | Leslie Dilley | 17 | Lisa Davison-Stroup | 28 | Kathryn Krueger |
| 10 | Susan Wolter | 17 | Gyulene Harold | 28 | Tammy and Mike Moore |
| 10 | Kim Seedhouse | 21 | Linda Gorsuch | 30 | Shane Mincik |
| 10 | Barb and Ray Clough | 21 | Alexa Angeloff | 30 | Kelly and Chris Benko |
| 12 | Michael Moore | 22 | Colin Jarvis | | |
| 13 | Judi Wagner | 22 | Dale Deeken, Jr. | | |

May Penny Sunday: Camperships



Did you ever go to summer camp as a child or teen? It's a unique experience. United Methodist camperships help youth experience joy and adventure in a safe Christian setting. Our pennies, dollars and checks help youth find a new outlook on life. Please donate to our May 19th Penny Sunday.



IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

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| 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. |
| CJ C., lifted by Chris B. | Curtis, lifted by Reba Y. | Ray S. |
| Marianne, lifted by Janis J. | Cindy, Reba Y.'s SIL | Jane P. |
| Jan, Community Meal guest | 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. |
| Janis J. | Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J. | Judy L. |



May 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 10am UWF 7pm Church Council 8pm AA | 2 6pm Bells 7pm Choir | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9am SS 10:30am Worship 3-4:30pm GS | 6 6pm GS 8:30pm AA | 7 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study | 8 8pm AA | 9 6pm Bells 7pm Choir | 10 | 11 8:30am UMM Breakfast 12-2pm Dean's Plant Sale |
| 12 9am SS 10:30am Worship | 13 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA | 14 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study | 15 7pm Christian Ed 8pm AA | 16 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9am SS 10:30am Worship/Penny Sunday 11:30am Yoga | 20 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA | 21 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study | 22 6:30pm Grief Support Group 8pm AA | 23 11am Bible Study 4:30-5:30pm Community Meal 7pm Choir | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9am SS 10:30am Worship | 27 6pm BS 8:30pm AA | 28 7pm Scouts 6pm SPRC | 29 8pm AA | 30 4:30pm Free Community Meal | 31 | |

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, May 30, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Roll 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.