

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
June 30, 2024



The Race Card Project

You are invited to participate in The Race Card Project—joining in the teaming efforts of the people who were instrumental in launching it, adapted for North Olmsted UMC: Janis Jarvis, Barb Andrews, Sally Coast, Bev Hixon, Barb Clough, Carolyn Bernard, Terri Wilhelm, and Pastor Hoyte. Please complete a Card located on the tables in fellowship hall closest to the sanctuary doors and place it in the box labeled: “RACE.” Submitting your name on the card is optional. We will be planning possible future discussions in learning together about race and racial justice in respect for the cards that are completed.

Please note this good review about the origin and nature of the Project:

“If you could reveal your deepest, most intimate thoughts about race or identity in just six words, anonymously, what would you say? Those candid confessions—joyful, vulnerable, honest—are the heart of former NPR host Michele Norris’ stunning new book, ‘Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Really Think About Race and Identity,’ and her 14-year-long ‘Race Card Project.’ No matter your background or beliefs, everyone’s viewpoints are represented, in their own words—you learn, you reflect, you relate. The result is a dynamic collection of stories and photos that crackle with energy. Because when we remove the shame and judgment from these conversations and expose them to the light, we can finally embrace and understand each other, what sets us apart, and what brings us together. Reading this powerful page-turner is a vital step in creating a more peaceful, prosperous country with room for everyone to have a seat at the table.” —Lindsay Powers, Book Review Editor

We look forward to your responses so that we can learn and grow together! Thank you.

Oxcart’s School Supply Drive

Please help us collect school supplies a little earlier this year!
Please place in green bin in Fellowship Hall.





Church Gardening Update

Have you noticed how beautiful our gardens look? Thank you to Ron Clough for beginning the mulching of the main garden*. And then a HUGE "shoutout" to Pat and Craig Mueller who cleaned up gardens and mulched the remaining ones and spent hours in 90+ temperatures. Fortunately, we have had some showers, but if it seems dry, please water. As soon as you see spent blossoms, feel free to dead-head any of the perennials in the main garden*.

*For clarification, we will call the main garden *The Peace Pole Garden*! Other gardens are The Sign, The Tree and Sanctuary - faces Dover Center (mostly shrubs) The parking lot garden is full of Milkweed, so look for signs of Monarch butterflies. And please take some of the seeds to spread to help our monarchs.

Charlene Vas

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School

Your Christian Education Team would like to invite you to bring your younger children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or any young children in your care to our summer VBS sessions! Spend some fun one-on-one time with the young people in your life as you hear a Bible story, engage in a craft and a game, get up and dance, and enjoy a yummy snack together! This is a hands-on experience, and adults should plan to stay the entire time. Our VBS Summer Sessions will be held on **Thursday July 25th, Tuesday July 30th, and Wednesday August 7th, from 10 AM - 12PM**. The sessions will be held on a different day of the week each week to accommodate your busy schedules. Each session is a stand-alone. If you would like to participate, or if you have a relative, friend or neighbor who would like to participate with the children in their lives, please invite them.... all are welcome! Invitation cards and a sign-up sheet can be found on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Wendy, call her at 440-454-4153, or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org.



This Week's Happenings

Chair Yoga: Sunday, June 30, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall

UWF: Wednesday, July 3, 10am, Fellowship Hall

7th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, July 7, 10:30am, Sanctuary