

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 7, 2024



July 21st, 10 am

As many of you know, I have been initiating conversations with area UM pastors interested in developing partnerships with each other in fellowship, missions, and worship. While respecting the independence of our churches, we are discovering as pastors and laity that there are certainly things that we can do better together than on our own. The successful fundraising effort in support of the Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland led by the

laity of our church with the support of seven other UM churches is a great example of what God can do when we team together!

I recently met with Rev. Dr. Steve Knisely, pastor of Berea UMC. One of the good outcomes of our meeting was an invitation from Steve on behalf of Berea UMC for NOUMC to join them for an outdoor worship service on their lawn at 10am on Sunday, July 21. I believe that this would be a lot of fun and a good opportunity to share in worship with our brothers and sisters at Berea UMC! More details to come!

Oxcart's School Supply Drive

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



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.



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.



Flowers on the altar are given by Sarah Jackson in honor of her mom and Donald.

This Week's Happenings

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, July 13, Canary's Restaurant

8th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, July 7, 10:30am, Sanctuary