



Greek for “Love without Limits”

From the Pastor’s Desk: Please Support 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.

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
July 7	Barb and Floyd Andrews	Greg Lavelle	Barb and Ron Clough
July 14	Jean Scothon	Joel Chermonte	Judi Wagner
July 21	John and Char Vas	John Vas	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon
July 28	Jim and Ellie Yager	Alice Walsh	Liz Lavelle

Nehemiah Mission: “Fill the Suitcase” Sock Collection

Where there's a need, we provide. It has come to our attention that there is a need for clothing, especially socks, at Nehemiah Mission. We're calling this fundraiser the “Fill the Suitcase” mission. We, the Mission Ministry Team, are requesting donations of new socks for the clients at Nehemiah Mission. All sizes (men, women, kids) are need and accepted. Look for the suitcase in Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation of socks in the suitcase by August 4th .

Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Doors

The people of the United Methodist Church



July Oxcart Pantry



School Supplies!!

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

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. 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.

July Penny Sunday: Afghanistan UMCOR

Afghanistan has been entangled in conflict, drought, extreme poverty and natural disasters for many years including two devastating earthquakes in 2022 and 2023. Since 1966, United Methodists have been working to meet the significant needs of the Afghan people in rural, isolated communities and in larger cities.

UMCOR's ecumenical partner in Afghanistan exists "to bring hope and transformation to the people of Afghanistan. We focus on building capacity in the sectors of health and development – seeing lives changed through eye care, community development, health projects and education. We believe that the people of Afghanistan can build a more just, peaceful and sustainable future."

Please consider giving generously to Afghanistan UMCOR during the next Penny Sunday collection on June 16th.



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



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.
Todd & Caroyne W., lifted by Barb Andrews	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	.James B.
Carole B.'s niece and family	Chris K., lifted by Jean S.	Joan H.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Kim J., Sarah J.'s sister-in-law	Dustyn D.
Janis J.	Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Judy L.
Jennifer G.	Ron S., lifted by Ed B.	Will S.
Mario, Community Meals Pianist	Kevin, lifted by Barb and Ron C,	Andy W.

Church Family News



JULY

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

4	Donald Jackson	13	Larry & Joann Criss-	23	Amber Faught
5	Neil Dilley	14	Rae Spalding	24	Kelly Benko
8	Tammy Moore	16	Leslie & Neil Dilley	26	Alex & Jennifer Kearney
8	Paul Taller	18	Gabriela Martinez	27	Don & Georgia Awig
10	Ray & Jane Burnett	20	Wibur Stacho	28	Jane Burnett
12	Frank O'Dell	20	Alexa Cunningham	29	Stevie Johnson
12	Jeff Riddlebaugh	22	Mary Lou Fitzgerald		

UWF News

UWF is on summer break, too. We continue to schedule lunch breaks on Wednesdays and will help out at church if we're needed. If you'd like to join us for lunch any Wednesday, contact a UWF member or specifically, Barb Andrews to find out where it's happening at any week. Enjoy the summer and stay cool. –Barb Andrews

Missions News

The collection of picnic accessories wasn't too popular with only 18 items going over to the Pantry. Hopefully school supplies will go better. You have two months to remember them. We will collect them until July 28. The Oxcart Pantry will be shopping the first week of August, so if you see any school supplies on sale, put them in the green bin under the name tags. Let's get as many supplies as possible to North Olmsted students whose parents can't fully supply them for their children. —Barb Andrews

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC. Through May, the church's giving is about \$5,200 above the amount anticipated (year-to-date) in our annual budget. Thank you! Our expenses during the same period are right in line with expectations. Please remember that our new giving year begins July 1, when we all begin contributing the new amounts we pledged recently.

As always, our congregation has been very active with targeted missions. Among the most notable of those in May were:

- \$1,271 was raised for the kitchen renovations at the Nehemiah mission.
- \$125 was donated to the Lorain Men's Shelter.
- Penny Sunday collections in May totaled \$215 for camperships.
- Our regular community meal was prepared on May 30.

Financial Snapshot

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

For the year ended December 31, 2024

	January thru May 2024		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<u><i>Revenue and Expenses</i></u>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 88,781	\$ 83,542	\$ 5,239
Operating Expenses	96,897	97,133	(236)
	\$ (8,116)	\$ (13,591)	\$ 5,475
<u><i>Ministries funded through targeted donations</i></u>			
Donations	\$ 10,257		
Disbursements	\$ 6,884		
<u><i>Cash Balance</i></u>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 27,975		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	53,274		
	\$ 81,249		

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10am UWF 8pm AA	4	5	6
7 10:30am Worship	8 8:30pm AA	9	10 8pm AA	11	12	13 8:30am UMM Breakfast
14 10:30am Worship	15 8:30pm AA	16 1pm Book Bank	17 7pm Council on Ministries 8pm AA	18	19	20
21 10:30am Wor- ship/Penny Sun- day	22 8:30pm AA	23	24 8pm AA	25 10am VBS 4:30pm Free Community Meal	26	27
28 10:30am Worship 11:30 Chair Yoga	29 8:30pm AA	30 10am VBS	31 8pm AA			

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, July 25, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ham, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Drink 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.