

Agape

Greek for “Love without Limits”



The North Central Jurisdiction Committee on the Episcopacy has assigned Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to be resident bishop of the new Ohio Episcopal Area effective September 1. He will be bishop of both the East Ohio Conference and the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Jung has served as resident bishop of the Wisconsin Conference for the past

12 years after previously serving eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference. Under his commitment to increase racial justice and radical inclusion, the Wisconsin Conference has reached 49% of its appointments being served by cross-racial leadership.

He has served as president of the General Board of Global Ministries since 2016 and chair of the United Methodist Korean National Plan since 2012.

Bishop Jung earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds an M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; an M.A. from the Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea; and a B.Th. from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea.

He and his wife Im-Hyon, an Elder in the Wisconsin Conference, are the parents of two adult children and the grandparents of one.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone has been assigned resident bishop of the Indiana Conference as of September 1.

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

| DATE | GREETER(S) | LITURGIST | USHER(S) |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| August 4 | Jean Scothon | Barb Clough | Barb and Ron Clough |
| August 11 | Barb and Floyd Andrews | Michelle Wolter | Judi Wagner |
| August 18 | Sarah Jackson | Floyd Andrews | Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon |
| August 25 | John and Char Vas | John Wolter | Liz Lavelle |

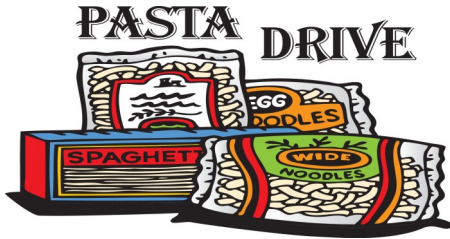
Matchless Bible Study: September 10-November 4

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. This is a repeat of the study we did last fall in our Thursday AM class, for those who prefer our evening class. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM, for 8 weeks, beginning on September 10th. The participation booklet cost is \$16. Sign up sheets are located on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. 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!

August Penny Sunday: United Methodist Appalachian Ministry

This month's Penny Sunday offering is for the United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network. This is a non-profit organization whose goals are to alleviate the injustices impacting the lives of families in the area. It covers needs such as hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. The Network has many programs to help people in this area.

August Oxcart Pantry



Pasta and Sauces

Please help us pasta and sauce! Please place in the green bin in Fellowship Hall.

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School: Last Session August 7th

You have one more chance 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 last VBS Summer Session will be held on **Wednesday, August 7th, from 10 AM - 12PM**. 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.

Isaiah Adult Bible Study: September 12-October 24

Isaiah was a prophet, God's mouthpiece to the nation of Judah. He challenges us, just as he challenged them, to rest in God's promises. In this study, we will learn to trust God for who He is and how He reveals Himself in Scripture. We will grow in understanding of the Book of Isaiah and its prophecies. We will grasp how Jesus fulfills the promises in the Book of Isaiah. And we will discover peace in God's commands, character, and comfort.

We will meet on Thursday mornings at 11 AM beginning on September 12th for 7 weeks. The participation booklet cost is \$22 and comes with video access. Sign up sheets are located on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Please see Wendy, sundayschool@noumc.org, if you need more information or would like to sign up. Bring a friend!

Card Making September 7th

Join us for card making on September 7th! Sandra Andrews and Sharon Werner have designed a selection of cards for late summer and fall that can be customized for a variety of occasions. Card kits cost \$2.00 each and include all supplies except adhesive. Bring a double sided tape runner (can be purchased at the event) and a snack to share. Please call or email Sharon Werner for photos of the cards being offered and an order form.



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. |
| 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. | Nancy D. |
| 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 | .Randall S. |
| 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. |
| Deb, lifted by Claudia T. | 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. |
| Margaret T., lifted by Joan T. | Diana S., niece of Jean S. | Carolyn B. |
| Ron S., lifted by Ed B. | Susan L. | John, lifted by Mary B. |
| Kim J., Sarah J.'s sister-in-law | Judi W. | Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C. |

Church Family News



AUGUST

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---|--------------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------------|
| 3 | Shawn & Christine Mincik | 8 | Bill Cooper | 23 | Brigid Dennis |
| 3 | Barbara Brewster | 11 | Emily Krueger | 24 | Fran Nine |
| 4 | Matthew Hollo | 14 | Shawn Dennis | 26 | Bob Nupp |
| 4 | Barb Bilas | 15 | Bill Ransom | 27 | Bill & Marilyn Ransom |
| 4 | Mary Best | 15 | Jane Hildebrand | 29 | CJ Cornell |
| 4 | Michael Kunz | 16 | Whitaker Ressel | 31 | David Linton |
| 6 | Liam Mahoney | 22 | Craig Mueller | | |

UWF News

This is short as we're on vacation. We do get together weekly at a local restaurant. If you'd like to join us, just let us know. Technically, all the women of the church are UWF members, but you don't have to attend any meetings, so come join us for lunch anyway. —Barb Andrews

Missions News

The request for school supplies and money or school supplies was met by your usual outpouring. We should be happy that we are helping some of the local school children go back to school well supplied with necessary school items.

Georgia said the Pantry could use spaghetti sauce and pasta for our item of the month for August. Let's make some residents happier with one meal. They do appreciate you.

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the financial needs of NOUMC.

NOUMC has a generous congregation. Through its regular giving and targeted donations, the congregation donated approximately \$122,000 to support the mission of NOUMC during the first six months of the year. In addition to its regular giving of approximately \$109,000, the congregation also donated approximately \$13,100 for specifically targeted global and local ministries. \$1,400 was earned in rental income for the same period. A one-time special donation of \$10,000 was received in early July (that amount is not included in these statements but will be in the third quarter).

During the first half of the year, total expenses are slightly ahead of budget. It is worth noting that the budget anticipates that the church will pay 25% of its shared ministries apportionments for 2024.

As always, our congregation has been very generous supporting the targeted missions of the church. Here are a few of the most significant such donations so far this year:

- \$5,275 Pastor's Discretionary Fund (for community members in need)
- 1,867 Nehemiah Mission
- 1,323 NOUMC Building Fund
- 801 Penny Sunday
- 622 Oxcart Food Pantry
- 386 UM Special Offering Sundays

A full set of Financial Statements for the first half of 2024 is available in the office.

Please remember that our new giving year begins July 1, when we all begin contributing the new amounts we pledged recently.

Financial Snapshot
North Olmsted United Methodist Church
For the year ended December 31, 2024

| | January thru June 2024 | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Variance</i> |
| <u>Revenue and Expenses</u> | | | |
| Regular giving and special income | \$ 110,294 | \$ 100,250 | \$ 10,044 |
| Operating Expenses | 113,994 | 115,494 | (1,500) |
| | <u>\$ (3,700)</u> | <u>\$ (15,244)</u> | <u>\$ 11,544</u> |
| <u>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</u> | | | |
| Donations | <u>\$ 13,870</u> | | |
| Disbursements | <u>\$ 9,825</u> | | |
| <u>Cash Balance</u> | | | |
| Unrestricted (for operations) | \$ 50,891 | | |
| Restricted (for targeted ministries) | 31,238 | | |
| | <u>\$ 82,129</u> | | |

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----------------|--|--|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10:30am Worship | 5 8:30pm AA | 6 | 7 10-12 VBS 10am UWF 6:30pm Grief Support Group 8pm AA | 8 | 9 | 10 8:30am UMM Breakfast |
| 11 10:30am Worship | 12 8:30pm AA | 13 | 14 9-11:30 Listening Church 8pm AA | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 10:30am Worship/Penny Sunday | 19 8:30pm AA | 20 1pm Book Bank 6:30pm Lay Leaders Team | 21 8pm AA | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 10:30am Worship 11:30 Chair Yoga | 26 8:30pm AA | 27 Clergy and SPRC Consultations | 28 8pm AA | 29 4:30pm Free Community Meal | 30 | 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, August 29, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Drinks 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.