



Greek for "Love without Limits"

Christmas At First

Join us on another adventure as we travel to First Baptist of Elyria and experience the wonder of the Christmas season with an evening of music, drama! Christmas At First is a free indoor performance of the Christmas story featuring a live nativity. Please plan on joining us at this family friendly event which will include cookies and crafts for the kids. Let's meet as a group at First Baptist of Elyria on Saturday, December 14th at 6 PM! Please see Wendy for more information, or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org. Sign up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall.



Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
November 3	John and Char Vas	Barb Clough	Judi Wagner
November 10	Jim and Ellie Yager	John Wolter	Barb Clough
November 17	Sarah Jackson	Chris Byrns	Liz Lavell
November 24	Barb Andrews	Bev Hixon	Barb and Ron Clough

November Oxcart Pantry



Stocking Donation List



Boxed/Bagged Stuffing Mix
 Cranberry Sauce
 Gravy (Jar/Can/Packets)
 Boxed Cake Mixes
 Boxed Cookie Mixes
 Boxed Brownie Mixes
 Other Boxed Dessert Items
 Canned Sweet Potatoes
 Mashed Potatoes (Boxed/Packets)

Wrapped Candy
 Shampoo and Conditioner
 Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
 Deodorant and Razors
 Nail Clippers and Files
 Small Coloring Books and Crayons
 Skin Cream/Lotion and Soap and Razors
 Puzzle Books and Pens/Pencils
 Lip Balm and Cosmetics/Razors
 Jewelry

Annual Christmas Flower Sale

Worship Team is taking orders for Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti to be placed on the altar for our Christmas Eve service. Order forms will be available in Fellowship Hall every Sunday, and there is one included in this Agape issue. Please place your order and payment into the purple box, or send them to Wendy's attention at the church. You may also call the church office to place your order, or email Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org. Poinsettias are available in Red, White, Pink, Variegated, or Burgundy. All plants are in 6 1/2" pots, and sell for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will support our Altar and Arts Team. Deadline to order is Sunday December 1st. Flowers may be taken home after our Christmas Eve service!



POINSETTIA ORDERS 2024

All proceeds to benefit Altar and Arts Committee

Make checks payable to NOUMC and write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo.

Please email orders to: sundayschool@noumc.org or mail to the church office, to the attention of Wendy Cooper, by December 2nd.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Size	Color	Price	Quantity	Total	Paid	Owe
6 1/2 inch	Red Poinsettia	\$10.00				
6 1/2 inch	White Poinsettia	\$10.00				
6 1/2 inch	Pink Poinsettia	\$10.00				
6 1/2 inch	Burgundy Poinsettia	\$10.00				
6 1/2 inch	Variegated Poinsettia	\$10.00				

In Honor ___ Memory ___ of/from: (Please check the right box and print your dedication.)

November Penny Sunday: Oxcart Christmas Stockings: See list to left.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.	Carolyn B.
Todd & Carolyn W., lifted by Barb A.	Vicki & family, daughter of Rae & Walt S.	Lois D.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Joy & Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.	Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C.
Paul T.'s mother, Alice	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Marianne, lifted by Janis J.	Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	John, lifted by Mary B.
Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.	Family of Sally C.'s son-in-law	Keith A.
Jan C.	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Barbara B.
Bill and Marilyn R.	David N., JoAnn's husband	Randall S.
Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle	Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.	Joan H.
Jennifer G.	Susan L.	Will S.
Dave S., Jan C.'s brother-in-law	Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Judy L.
Mario, Community Meals Pianist	Nate R.	Tammy M.'s friend Kate's father
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Family of Irina M.	Greg & Liz L.
Doris, friend of Sally C.	Michael M., nephew of Jan C.	Billy, Sarah J.'s brother
Bev C., Deb C.'s mother	Mel, cousin of Janis J.	

Church Family News



8	Andrew Walsh	18	Paul & Claudia Taller	29	Ray Burnett
14	Andy Moore	20	Andrew Homola	29	Madison Stroup
15	Greg Lavelle	24	Ron Wagner	29	Mike & Chris Byrns
18	Michelle Wolter	25	Judie & Mike Flynn		

UWF News—From Barb Andrews

Thanks for all your support for the Church Mouse Craft Fair. We did see some of you that Saturday. We had many donations of crafts and baked goods, too. We are presently figuring out profit.

Our annual give-away meeting will be November 20. If your group or you individually have a financial need or a charity, you'd like us to consider, either send an email to Barb Andrews or put the request in her mailbox across from the office. Include what you want the donation for and how much you would like. We don't guarantee we will take care of all requests or financial amounts, but we will consider them.

Remember to check out the craft cart and card rack. There are some new crafts, as well as some of the originals. You might find some decorations or gifts to purchase. Leave your money in the box attached to the cart.

Mission News—From Barb Andrews

Thanks from The Oxcart Pantry. Sixty-four boxes of cereal made it there last month. We can continue collecting the Thanksgiving-type items, but we really need Stocking Stuffers for our collection this month. They can all go all into the green container under the name tags, and we'll sort them.

Going on about the Stocking Stuffers, we will be collecting items until December 8. If you're new to this project or need a reminder, we fill Christmas stockings to be given out at the Oxcart Pantry. We aim for a minimum of 60 stockings, which amount to 15 each for women, men, boys, and girls, but we'd love to make more. The items needed include stockings, toiletries, and small gifts. A more complete list can be found elsewhere in the Agape, but you can use your own imagination. If you'd prefer, you can make a donation to the Penny Sunday collection. That is our collection charity this month.

NOUMC has a generous congregation. Through its regular giving and targeted donations, the congregation donated approximately \$170,400 to support the mission of NOUMC during the first nine months of the year. In addition to its regular giving, the congregation also donated approximately \$17,600 for specifically targeted global and local ministries. \$2,300 was earned in rental income for the first three quarters. A one-time special donation of \$10,000 was received in July. The combination of these items resulted in the church receiving approximately \$20,000 more than anticipated during this period. Thank you!

During the first nine months of the year, total expenses are close to the amount projected (under budget by approximately 1.1% of budgeted expenses). It is worth noting that the budget anticipates that the church will pay a significantly reduced portion (25%) of its shared ministries apportionments for 2024.

The church expects to expend approximately \$14,000 from its Capital Building Fund in 2024, to replace aging windows in the sanctuary and remove or trim several trees damaged in the August storms. \$5,000 of that was pre-paid in September. Please consider a donation to help replenish the Building Fund.

As always, our congregation has been very generous supporting the targeted missions of the church.

Below are a few of the most significant such donations so far this year:

☐ \$7,787 Pastor's Discretionary Fund (for community members in need)

☐ \$2,471 Penny Sunday (to support various local and global ministries)

☐ \$1,953 NOUMC Building Fund

☐ \$1,867 Nehemiah Mission

☐ \$621 Oxcart Food Pantry

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

For the year ended December 31, 2024			
	January thru September 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
<i>Revenue and Expenses</i>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 170,382	\$ 150,375	\$ 20,007
Operating Expenses	169,645	171,641	(1,996)
	\$ 737	\$ (21,266)	\$ 22,003
<i>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</i>			
Donations	\$ 17,567		
Disbursements	\$ 16,910		
<i>Cash Balance</i>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 46,077		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	27,851		
	\$ 73,928		

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Charge Conference 10am Brecksville
3 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3pm Girl Scouts	4 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	5 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study	6 10am UWF 8pm AA 7pm Church Council	7 11am Bible Study 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	8	9 8:30am UMM Breakfast 11am COL Judy Kaylor
10 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Missions	11 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	12 7pm Scouts	13 8pm AA	14 11am Bible Study 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3pm Girl Scouts	18 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	19 1pm Book Bank 7pm Scouts	20 8pm AA	21 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	22	23 9am Cardmaking
24 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 Chair Yoga	25 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

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 invite and welcome people of all ages.
- 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 Holiday Meal (In-Person Only)

Thursday, December 5, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Drinks and Dessert

The Free Community Meal is a mission of North Olmsted United Methodist Church. 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 Chris Byrns at 440-732-5431.