



Greek for “Love without Limits”

East Ohio Churches Working Together, Modeling John Wesley’s Charge to “Do All the Good You Can” in Helping Others — by Joel Chermonte (September 24, 2024 EOC News)

As United Methodists we are connectional in many ways: institutionally by jurisdiction, conference and district; theologically through scripture; and through the writings of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement in England in the late 1700s. When we work together and experience the power of the Holy Spirit, connectionalism comes alive.

Almost a year ago a team from **North Olmsted United Methodist Church** (Northern Waters District) served the weekly Bread on Bridge Meal at Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland. It was instantly clear that beyond feeding community members there were other critical needs to be met.

Nehemiah’s commercial stove was malfunctioning, the commercial refrigerator was failing and in need of replacement, and after years of serving many, many meals the kitchen needed deep and thorough cleaning. Shortly after the NOUMC church family served a second meal at Nehemiah Mission, our pastor, Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm and the then executive director of Nehemiah Mission decided an action plan was needed to address those issues.

A goal of \$3,000 was set to purchase a used commercial refrigerator. We were also blessed that a good Samaritan from **Bay United Methodist Church** (Northern Waters District) worked tirelessly to repair and refurbish the stove. Amen! Next, the team reached out to our sister United Methodist churches district-wide asking for a contribution of \$250 each to meet our fundraising goal.

In April 2024 NOUMC hosted a fundraiser complete with donations of food from the congregation and local businesses, and music was provided by our exceptionally talented organist and pianist. Just like that we surpassed our original \$3,000 goal, raising more than \$5,000! A second private fundraiser was held in May by two members of the congregation which increased the amount of donated funds to over \$7,000. Then, more churches donated the proceeds from other events such as a theatrical production and a spaghetti dinner to support the Nehemiah Mission. In the end, we raised \$11,000! “God is good. All the time. All the time, God is good.” (continued on page 2)

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
October 6	Jim and Ellie Yager	John Vas	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon
October 13	Sarah Jackson	Alice Walsh	Liz Lavelle
October 20	Barb Andrews	Michelle Wolter	Judi Wagner
October 27	Jean Scothon	Barb Clough	Barb and Ron Clough

October Oxcart Pantry



Oxcart Pantry Thanksgiving Collection



It is time to prep for our neighbors needing some assistance. Please help us by donating food items fit for a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

Items we need most:

Boxed/bag stuffing mix
Cranberry sauce
Dessert Items (boxed cake mixes, cookie mixes, brownie mixes, etc.)
Canned sweet potatoes
Mashed Potatoes (boxes/packets)



Where: Oxcart Pantry
26272 Butternut Ridge Rd.

When: Drop off Tuesdays & Thursdays in October (all in by Oct. 30th, please). 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Financial donations welcome. Oxcart Pantry 440.716.4165

From Barb Andrews: “Once more you came through with 66 items of pasta and sauces. November and December collections will help provide meals for your North Olmsted neighbors.”

The suggested items are in the lefthand poster. Thanks for giving!

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A new refrigerator was purchased and installed. The kitchen and dining areas were cleaned, and a truck owned by Nehemiah Mission also received much needed repairs.

Connectionalism works! Thank you, Bay UMC, Chagrin Falls UMC, Fields UMC, Rockport UMC, Rocky River UMC, Strongsville UMC, and Westlake UMC for your dedication and support. And thank you John Wesley for teaching us the importance of “doing good” in our world

For pictures and full article, see <https://eocumcnews.com/2024/09/24/east-ohio-churches-working-together-modeling-john-wesleys-charge-to-do-all-the-good-you-can-in-helping-others/>

A note from Alice Walsh, Chair of SPRC

A note from Alice Walsh, chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Hello church family! We are blessed to set aside the month of October as a special time to honor and give thanks for our pastor who gives, cares, and serves us and our community in remarkable ways. It is called *Pastor Appreciation Month*.

We are blessed to have Pastor Hoyte appointed to our church again this year. Together we learn from his wisdom as he preaches and leads us in worship. Individually we are supported by the strength and tenderness of his pastoral care. And as a church family we share in beautiful ministry together alongside him, both in our church here at NOUMC as well as in our larger community. And those are just some of the things he does that we can see. Did you know that a great deal of a pastor's ministry is unseen? We are able to trust Pastor Hoyte completely because we know he honors us with the gift of confidentiality. So much of his work is done behind the scenes, privately, in confidence with us and our families, as he guides us towards a deeper life of growth in our faith.

So how exactly can we celebrate Pastor Hoyte this year? How can we show him that we appreciate not only what he does, but also who he is to us and so many others?

Here are a few of my ideas to get your creative juices flowing:

1. **Prayer** - Pause for a few moments every day to pray for Pastor Hoyte and his family. On Sunday, October 13th, join us as we honor (and pray for) him during our worship service.
2. **Encouragement** - 1 Thessalonians 5:13 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Let's practice this together. If you have an encouraging word for Pastor Hoyte, use this month to write him a note and tell him how his ministry has impacted your life.
3. **Honor Pastor's "Day Away"** – Did you know that UMC pastors are required by the conference to have a day off each week (in addition to a day for their own Sabbath reflection?) Pastor Hoyte's day off is Monday. We honor him when we wait until Tuesdays to reach out to him for non-emergency matters. (Note: Pastor Hoyte carries his cell phone and is available for emergencies at any time.)

Thank you for being a caring congregation for our pastor. We are certainly blessed by his ministry among us.

Blessings,
Alice Walsh



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.	Carolyn B.
Todd & Carolyn 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.	Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C.
Lavelle Family in Florida	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Marianne, lifted by Janis J.	Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	John, lifted by Mary B.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Daniel B., lifted by Ed B.	Keith A.
Doris, friends of Sally C.	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Barbara B.
Bill and Marilyn R.	David N., JoAnne's husband	Randall S.
Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle	Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.	Joan H.
Jennifer G.	Susan L.	Will S.
Deb, lifted by Claudia T.	Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Judy L.
Mario, Community Meals Pianist	Linda H., lifted by Liz L.	Tammy M.'s friend Kate's father
The Wilhelm Family	Family of Irina M.	Greg & Liz Lavelle

Church Family News



4	Claire Taller	17	John-John Weinert	26	Rita Wallace
11	Michael Gaydos	18	Elizabeth Goodman	28	Ellie Yager
14	Don Pattison	18	Michael & Jennifer Gaydos	31	Anthony Brunson
14	Dave Hinckley	19	Hoyte Wilhelm	31	Jim Sainsbury
16	Mary Ellen McMillin	19	Harry Walton	31	Rachael & Tom Berry

UWF News

It's here--our second big money-maker of the year. The Church Mouse Craft Fair is on October 12 from 9:00 to 3:00. The profit from this and other projects we do go back to the church or local charities, so we appreciate your help. If you are crafty or have craft items you would be willingly to let us put on our craft table for sale, it would-be a great help. A second way to help is to plan on providing something for the bake table. The third way is to come over to the church, have lunch with us and check out our wonderful crafters' wares. We depend on your support to make this a successful undertaking.

October Penny Sunday: OhioGuidestone

Do you remember the old Berea Children's Home? It has slowly transformed into Ohio Guidestone which offers services in 27 counties in Ohio. These services include early childhood, youth, teen and adult mental health treatment and prevention, psychiatric services, job training, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and telehealth. The goal is to tailor a plan for each client including assessment, counseling, recovery and prevention. Go to ohioguidestone.org to learn more.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN SUPPORTING THIS WORTHWHILE OUTREACH!

Senior Center Informational Session

The Nurture Team is pleased to announce that on Tuesday, October 22nd, Erica Miller, Outreach Coordinator, City of North Olmsted Senior Center, will be our guest for an informational session on what the Senior Center offers older adults in North Olmsted and surrounding communities. Attendees will learn about services available locally and at the state and federal level. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10AM and a continental breakfast will be served. A sign-up sheet will be at the table inside the main entrance to the church. We hope to see you there!

Trunk Or Treat: Decorated Trunks Needed on October 19th



Your Christian Education team will be hosting a community invited Trunk Or Treat in our parking lot on Sunday October 19th from 2-4! We are in need of volunteers who would like to decorate their trunk and pass out candy to the families that attend. If you would like to volunteer your trunk, please see Wendy or contact her at sundayschool@noumc.org.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday: 10 am to 2 pm

Thursday: 10 am to 2 pm

Pastor's hours may vary. To schedule an appointment, please call the office at 440-779-6634, ext. 16, or Hoyte's cell phone at 330-428-1545.

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Financial Snapshot

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

For the year ended December 31, 2024

	January thru August 2024		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<i>Revenue and Expenses</i>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 153,069	\$ 133,667	\$ 19,402
Operating Expenses	151,459	152,215	(756)
	<u>\$ 1,610</u>	<u>\$ (18,548)</u>	<u>\$ 20,158</u>
<i>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</i>			
Donations	<u>\$ 17,184</u>		
Disbursements	<u>\$ 16,675</u>		
<i>Cash Balance</i>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 50,034		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	32,983		
	<u>\$ 83,017</u>		

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2pm Nehemiah 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study	2 10am UWF 6:30pm Grief Support 8pm AA	3 11am Bible Study 7pm Choir	4	5 12pm Nancy Driftmyer Celebration of Life
6 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3pm Girl Scouts	7 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	8 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study	9 7pm Worship Meeting 8pm AA	10 11am BS 7pm Choir	11	12 8:30am UMM Breakfast 9-3pm Craft Show
13 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Pastor Appreciation	14 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	15 1pm Book Bank 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study	16 8pm AA 7pm Christian Ed	17 11am BS 7pm Choir	18	19 2-4pm Trunk or Treat
20 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Laity 3pm Girl Scouts	21 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	22 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study	23 8pm AA	24 11am BS 7pm Choir	25	26
27 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 Chair Yoga	28 6pm Girl Scouts 8:30pm AA	29 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study	30 8pm AA	31 4:30pm Free Community Meal 7pm Choir		

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.

North Olmsted United Methodist Church
4600 Dover Center Road
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070



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 Meal (In-Person Only)

Thursday, October 31, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Chicken Noodle Alfredo, Peaches, 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.