

Agape

Greek for “Love without Limits”



Matthew 25 Sculpture Collection Tour

Did you know there is a collection of statues spread throughout the Cleveland area that calls us to think about the less fortunate people in our city? The statues are called the "Matthew 25 Collection." There are 6 statues of Jesus, and each one represents one of the areas called out in the Gospel of Matthew to care for the least of our brothers and sisters in need. We are only the 2nd city in the world to have the full collection of these bronze figures. Your Christian Education Team would like to invite you to join us on September 14th as we tour the city in search of these sculptures! We will carpool to each statue, spending a bit of time to contemplate and take photos before moving on to the next statue. At the end of the tour, we will meet

back at the church for an ice cream treat! The tour will begin at 11 AM. Signup sheets will be available on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Please indicate if you can be a driver and how many people you can transport.

(Here is a link for more information: <https://www.communitywestfoundation.org/matthew25collection>)

Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org for more information. Friends are welcome to join us!

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
September 1	Jim and Ellie Yager	Chris Byrns	Barb and Ron Clough
September 8	Sarah Jackson	Ed Brewster	Judi Wagner
September 15	Barb Andrews	Bev Hixon	Sarah Jackson Sydney Scothon
September 22	Jean Scothon	Joel Chermonte	Liz Lavelle
September 29	John and Char Vas	Greg Lavelle	Judi Wagner

Matchless Bible Study: September 10– October 29

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!

September Penny Sunday: United Methodist Appalachian Ministry

The Lorain Men's Shelter is a temporary year-round overnight shelter at St. Elizabeth Center that serves 50 men who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It focuses on men who have special needs and provides help with medicines, mail distribution, showers, state IDs, meals, transportation, and case management services. NOUMC provides a meal once a month for \$125 and is our Penny Sunday charity this month.

September Oxcart Pantry

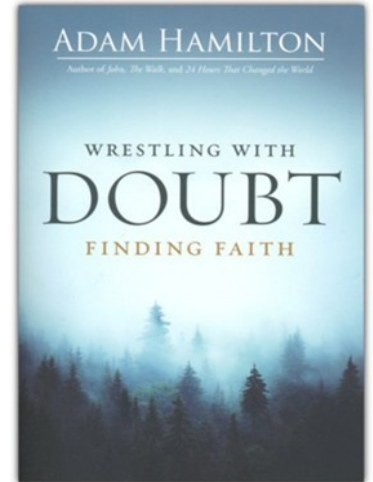


Cereal

Please help us collect cereal this month!
Please place in the green bin in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School Begins September 15th

Craig Mueller will be teaching our Adult Sunday School again, and he will be starting the school year with Adam Hamilton's "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith." Many of us wonder...is there a God? Many of us wrestle with the Bible. We wonder if non-Christians are going to Hell, if Heaven is real, why prayers go unanswered and why innocent people suffer. Pastor Adam Hamilton discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows us how a steady trust in God can emerge from our doubts.



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

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.
CJ C., lifted by Chris B.	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Marianne, lifted by Janis J.	Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	John, lifted by Mary B.
Bob, lifted by Carole B.	Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	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.
Carole B.'s niece and family	Chris K., lifted by Jean S.	Joan H.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Susan L.	Diana S., niece of Jean S.
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.	Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.

Church Family News



Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Katie Chapman	16	Dave & Barb Linton	25	Jim Elliott
2	Jessica Plogger	17	Chris Byrns	25	Judy Lachvayder
7	Joan Holden	18	David Jarvis	26	Andy & Alice Walsh
9	Randall Sheets	19	Gloria Casagrande	28	William Gonska
10	Jeff & Becky Riddlebaugh	19	John & Char Vas	28	Ken Delfing
11	John Vas	22	Toni Jackson	28	Bev Hixon
11	Buford Wyrick	23	Rebecca & Kevin Weihrouch	30	Judie Flynn
12	Hadley Benko				

UWF News

The UWF is back in business--at least once a month. Our first fall(ish) meeting will be at 10:00 on Wednesday, September 4. After that we'll go back to our usual lunch get-togethers. Come join us for either event. If you need some help that we can be part of, we can always meet before lunch, so let us know.

Missions News

We had a trunkful of school supplies for the backpacks at the Oxcart Pantry. There were 185 items, and the Westlife reported that 100 backpacks were given out. The extra items not given out that way were given to some students who hadn't received the backpacks. For this month we will be collecting cereal.

Thanks for all you do to help your neighbor!

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.

Thank You from Global Ministries for Afghanistan Support

“Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries to fulfill the mission of the Church through evangelism and church growth. And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries.....

Thank you for actively partnering with (us) as we move forward in establishing over 400 new congregations and faith communities in nations around the world.....”

Full letter is on the bulletin board by office if you are interested.

NOUMC Financial Snapshot

Financial Snapshot

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

	January thru July 2024		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<i>Revenue and Expenses</i>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 137,571	\$ 116,958	\$ 20,613
Operating Expenses	132,744	133,854	(1,110)
	<u>\$ 4,827</u>	<u>\$ (16,896)</u>	<u>\$ 21,723</u>
<i>Ministries funded through targeted donations</i>			
Donations	<u>\$ 15,129</u>		
Disbursements	<u>\$ 11,094</u>		
<i>Cash Balance</i>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 49,183		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	31,228		
	<u>\$ 80,411</u>		

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 10am UWF 7pm Church Council	5 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	6	7 9-2pm Cardmaking
8 10:30am Worship 11:30 Salad/Ice Cream Social	9 8:30pm AA	10 7:30pm BS	11 8pm AA	12 11am BS 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	13	14 8:30am UMM Breakfast 11am Matthew Sculpture Tour
15 10:30am Worship	16 8:30pm AA	17 1pm Book Bank 7:30pm BS	18 9-11:30 Listening Church 8pm AA	19 11am BS 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	20	21
22 10:30am Wor- ship/Penny Sun- day/Staff Appreciation	23 8:30pm AA	24 7:30pm BS	25 8pm AA	26 11am BS 4:30pm Free Community Meal 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	27	28
29 10:30am Worship 11:30 Chair Yoga	30 8:30pm 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.

North Olmsted United Methodist Church
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SEPTEMBER



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, September 26, 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.