

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024



Today is Penny Sunday!

The mission of Flat Rock Homes is to provide outstanding services which transform lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and persons with critical needs through a dedication to caring and excellence that demonstrates Christian values.

At their state-of-the-art Care Center, individuals live in six interconnected homes, that can each house six residents. In these homes, individuals work toward daily individualized goals to enhance self-care and daily living skills, which are monitored by a Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP). They eat their meals together as a family and relax and enjoy strong social relationships with those around them. This home-like setting allows staff and individuals to develop strong relationships, encouraging even those with the most significant social anxiety to build lasting bonds. Your donation helps them fulfill this mission. Thank you!



Blue Christmas Invite from Rev. Alice Walsh December 17th @ 7pm

There are seasons in our lives when the days before us look differently than we had hoped...or had expected... when uncertainty abounds. These seasons of grief creep around the corner and grip us in the deepest parts of our humanity, sometimes surprising us, sometimes feeling like our worst fears are coming to reality. I believe that is why the Christian church has given us the gift of Advent. In these seasons of life, we need a time to remember and reflect on Jesus as our HOPE, our PEACE, our JOY, our LOVE, and our LIGHT.

If you, or others you know, are remembering a loss or going through a season of pain, I invite you to join us in-person or online at www.noumc.org for a service of comfort and hope.

*Share the joy of the season
with us!*

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Tuesday, December 24 · 7 pm**

 *North Olmsted
United Methodist Church*

The Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor
4600 Dover Center Road, North Olmsted
440.779.6634 + www.noumc.org

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Oxcart Pantry Donations Needed: Cleaning Supplies

Laundry detergent is especially needed! Please leave donations in the green bin in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

Suitcases for Nehemiah

Several months ago our church family filled a suitcase with socks to help needy families served by Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland. We have discovered that suitcases are one of the most prized items to those who are homeless.

As the Christmas season approaches, The Mission Ministry Team plans to deliver gently used suitcases or large duffle bags (especially those with wheels) to Nehemiah Mission. If you have a suitcase or duffle bag to donate, please bring it to the church and place it in the Conversation Café by Sunday, December 15th.

We also plan to fill a suitcase with new winter hats, scarves, gloves/mittens and socks to donate to Nehemiah Mission. A suitcase will be placed in Fellowship Hall to collect your contributions. Thank you for help with this vital ministry.

Spirit of Giving



Adult Bible Study: Better - A Study of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin

Join us as we start off the new year with a new Bible Study! We will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book of Hebrews. We will explore how God provided "something better" for us than our rituals and practices: His Son, Jesus Christ...who came to fulfill all of God's promises. In Christ alone we can place our hope and trust, and in Him alone we can find salvation. Tuesday Evening classes begin on January 7th at 7:30 PM, and Thursday Morning classes will begin on January 9th at 11:00 AM.

This is a 10-week study, and the cost of the study booklet is \$20. A signup sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. Please see Wendy for questions!



Fa la la la la

Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol that you would like to have sung during the Season of Advent and Christmas Eve? Submit your request (first-come-first served) to Pastor Hoyte at hoytewilhelm@gmail.com Fun!

This Week's Happenings

Book Bank: Tuesday, December 17, 1-3 pm, meet in parking lot at 12:15 pm

Blue Christmas: Tuesday, December 17, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Staff Parish: Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm, Classroom 7

Bells: Thursday, December 19, 6 pm, Choir Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, December 19, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

Sunday School: Sunday, December 22, 9 am, Choir Room

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship: Sunday, December 22, 10:30 am, Sanctuary