

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**

Join Us Next Saturday: Christmas at First: A Live Nativity Christmas Drama

All are welcome to 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. Signup sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall.

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!

Community Meal Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to cook for our monthly community meal. If you or your group would like to provide a wholesome meal for our neighbors in need, please consider volunteering to cook one meal. The meal is served the last Thursday of each month (except December) to approximately 50 guests. The church provides a budget of \$150 in support of the meal. Several volunteers aid in set up, serving, and cleanup the day of the meal. A document will be provided to help you plan and shop for the meal including some sample menus. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Chris Byrns at (440) 732-5431, Barb Linton or Joel Chermonte.



**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.



Oxcart Pantry Donations Needed: Cleaning Supplies

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

SUITCASES FOR NEHEMIAH MISSION

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



Fa 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

UWF Stocking Filling: Sunday, December 8, 2pm, Fellowship Hall

Bells: Thursday, December 12, 6 pm, Choir Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, December 14, 8:30 am, Canary's restaurant

Celebration of Life for Ron Wagner: Saturday, December 14, 11 am, Sanctuary

Christmas at First: Saturday, December 14, 6 pm, First Baptist of Elyria

Sunday School: Sunday, December 15, 9 am, Choir Room

Third Sunday of Advent Worship/Penny Sunday: Sunday, December 15, 10:30 am, Sanctuary