

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

**Second Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations Day/Penny Sunday
January 19, 2025**

Winter Intergenerational VBS: TOMORROW! All Are Welcome!



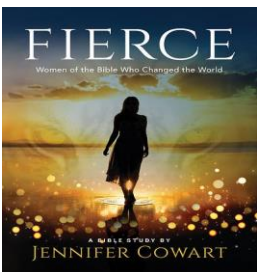
Your Christian Education Team would like to invite you to bring your younger children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or any young children in your care to our Winter VBS session tomorrow, Monday, January 20th from 10:30-12:30! Spend some fun one-on-one time with the young people in your life as you hear a Bible story, engage in a craft and a game, and get up and dance! This is a hands-on experience, and adults should plan to stay the entire time. We will be providing lunch for you and your children at the end of the session. We will be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit: "Self-Control", and hearing the Bible stories of the Fall of Jericho and Nehemiah, and we will be tying it all in with the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr! If you would like to participate, or if you have a relative, friend or neighbor who would like to participate with the children in their lives, please invite them....all are welcome! Invitation cards and a sign-up sheet can be found on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Wendy, call her at 440-454-4153, or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org.

Happy Birthday Reception After Service on February 9th, 2025 at 11:30am

Please join us as we celebrate those of you with birthdays in January-March, sponsored by the Nurture Team. Let's share some cake and funny stories about birthdays! (Did you attack your cake at your first birthday?)



Adult Sunday School Series



On January 12, the Adult Sunday School class, led by Claudia Taller, began a new 6-week series called "Fierce: Women of the Bible who Changed the World," through Amplify video. The video series is led by speaker and writer Jennifer Cowart. From Amplify: It's become trendy to use the word "fierce" when describing women at the top of their game, but women have been fiercely changing the world for thousands of years." All are welcome!

Oxcart Pantry Donations Needed: Cereal

Please leave donations in the green box in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you for your support!



Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 9th, our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need, by participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring."

This effort helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. During worship on February 9th, large soup pots will be on the table in Fellowship Hall for you to place your donation. Or you may send checks in to the church office, to the attention of Wendy Cooper. Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write "Souper Bowl of Caring" in the memo. This year's donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry. Please consider donating to help us make a difference in our community!



Today is Penny Sunday: UMCOR NC Hurricane Relief

This month's Penny Sunday will go to disaster relief in NC. Historic rainfall, flooding, power outages and 140 mph winds plagued the Southeast, with the mountains of western North Carolina being particularly hard hit. According to The Associated Press, at least [179 people over six states were killed](#) as a result of the storm, which made landfall in the Big Bend area of the Florida Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm on Sept. 26.

Today is also Human Relations Day for the UMC!

Human Relations Day is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation.

This Week's Happenings

Race Card Discussion/Luncheon: Sunday, January 19, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Winter VBS: Monday, January 20, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Classroom 7, Fellowship Hall

Book Bank: Tuesday, January 21, 1-3 pm, Meet in parking lot at 12:15 pm

Staff Parish Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Bible Study: Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 pm, Conversation Café

Church Council: Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Bible Study: Thursday, January 23, 11 am, Conversation Café

Bell Choir: Thursday, January 23, 6:00 pm, Choir Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, January 23, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

3rd Sunday After Epiphany: Sunday, January 26, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Chair Yoga: Sunday, January 26, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall