

# Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"



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Lent Begins Wednesday, February 14th  
*Ash Wednesday Service - 7 pm*

Join us for Ash Wednesday Service with communion and the imposition of ashes. Lenten devotionals will be available in early February. Call the church office if you would like us to mail you one.



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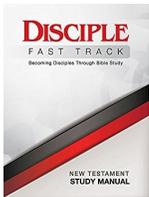
## Youth Work Mission Soup and Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 18th at Noon

Please plan to stay for lunch on Sunday, February 18th for our annual Youth Work Mission Soup and Chili Cook-Off!! We will have a variety of chili and soup to sample and you be able to vote for your favorite. Proceeds will benefit youth work mission.



# News and Notes from NOUMC



## Disciple Fast Track New Testament Bible Study January 23 - April 10, 2018

Rev. Mark will be offering a twelve week New Testament Bible Study this winter. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings beginning January 23, 2018 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you have always wanted to know more about the Bible or if you just want to review your understanding, this class is for you. Cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the book and materials. Please sign up on the office door or call the church office.

### Facility Manager needed...

POSITION AVAILABLE



Our Administrative Assistant, Sharon Werner, is seeking to reduce her hours. After conversations with Sharon, our SPRC Chair Greg Lavelle, and myself, it was decided that Sharon will

continue to work three days/week. We will split facility management out of her job and create a new, one day/week position. This position will be responsible for maintaining the building schedule, rental contracts and payments, tracking maintenance supplies and paper products, overseeing set-ups and maintenance needs in addition to answering phones, acting as receptionist and doing general office work. If you or someone you know is interested in a one day/five hour per week position, a complete job description is available in the church office.



According to a recent New York Times article, America's senior citizens have strong record of voting participation, yet many barriers still exist for this age group. The Westlake-North Olmsted Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland has initiated a project aimed at improving seniors' chances for voting. Chapter members plan to be available to community groups to assist with voter registration, changes of address, applications for absentee ballots, and ballot issue information. If you would like to be able to obtain such assistance at our church in advance of the May 2018 Primary Election, please contact Marilyn Ransom or the church office by the end of February.

### COOKIE SUNDAY!

Cookie Sunday was a success!! We had a yummy assortment of homemade goodies. Several people were reminiscing with cookie Sunday memories. Thank you to Barb B., Char, Don, Josh, Jean, Kim, Sandi, Sarah, and Sharon. Next up— Cheesecake Sunday?



### Facebook

Are you on Facebook? So are we! Please "Like" our church Facebook page.....  
NORTH OLMSTED UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH.

Check it for updates, announcements, reminders and other events.

### Our Faithful Journey



### 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.

## Prayer for Christian Unity...

Rev. Mark Steiger

January 18-25 has been designated as a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As I contemplate the subject of unity, I'm reminded of the famous "I Have a Dream" speech of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King stated, "I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood." That was 54 years ago, and our country still suffers from severe racial division at a time when white-supremacy seems to be gaining strength. Yes, we need to pray for unity.



In February 2019, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will come together to struggle over differing views relating to human sexuality. Our church is divided between those who feel homosexuality is a sin and those who feel that all sexuality within a lasting and committed relationship is a good gift of God. Indeed, we need to pray for unity. (See "The Way Forward" article in this newsletter.)

Many of us are distressed, as every day we hear of more cases of sexual harassment in the work place. While this is a complicated issue, it is primarily an issue of power and the inequality of power between bosses (mostly but not exclusively male) and their employees (mostly but not exclusively female). Indeed these issues also warrant our prayers for mutual respect and gender equality.

Indeed the Christian Church is divided on issues of race, gender and sexuality. The Christian Church is also divided on issues of theology, biblical interpretation, and social justice. Yes, we need to pray for Christian Unity. Still, I find myself not wanting to limit my prayers for unity to Christianity. I can't imagine what it is like to be a peace-loving Muslim living in the United States today. While I am profoundly Christian, I have a tremendous respect of Judaism, Islam, and several Eastern Religions (although I confess my knowledge of Eastern Religions is somewhat limited). And so, as I pray for Christian Unity, I will also be praying for peace and understanding and justice among all God's people. Will you join me in praying daily – January 19-25 – The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

See you in church,

**Rev. Mark**

**Thanks from your Pastor. . .** A little over a year ago, I heard several reports about the negative health effects of sitting most of the day. Based on those, I decided to try a "standing desk." I scrounged around the church, and found a cardboard box and an old board that would support my laptop and keyboard; and I was in business. My "makeshift desk" lasted many months until our very generous congregation decided that their pastor needed "proper furniture." For Pastor's Appreciation Sunday, I was graciously presented with a real standing desk, and a couple of gift cards. My new desk not only looks a lot better, it's adjustable to the ideal height for both the screen and the keyboard, and it has more room for work material next to the laptop. It is truly a joy to work at. Of course, the gift cards will also be put to good use.



As I express my sincere thanks for the gifts, I doubly give thanks for the opportunities to serve. I truly feel blessed to be in ministry with the people of North Olmsted UMC. This is a great church doing some truly exciting ministry. I thank you all for the love you share and for your part in that ministry; and thank you for all the support you extend to me as together we serve a risen Lord.

Grace and Peace Always,  
Rev. Mark

## Christian Education

by Wendy Cooper

### Happy New Year!

The youth would like to thank all who have supported their **Sunday School Hurricane Relief Mission Project** and their service projects in the past few months:

Thank you to all who purchased **Monkey Bread**: The youth made a profit of \$276.00!

Thank you to all who purchased **Gourmet Popcorn**: The youth made a profit of \$88.00.

Thank you to the **UMW** who generously donated \$200.00!

Thank you to all who purchased **Christmas flowers**: The youth will make a profit of \$181.25.

Thank you to all who donated items for our **Birthday In A Bag Service Project**: We donated 29 bags to the Oxcart Food Pantry!

Now that the holidays are over, the kids are getting back into the swing of fundraising and service projects. Here are a few ways that you can help our youth in their quest to learn how to they can be disciples of Christ as stated in Romans 12:1: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

### Next Sunday School Service Project: SOCKS!

The youth are working on another service project! They are collecting socks for the homeless. Socks are one of the most needed but least donated articles of clothing in homeless shelters. Clean, dry socks are important to those who spend much of their time walking around outside from place to place. They are especially needed at this time of the year, when feet can become cold and wet very quickly. The youth are requesting donations of **NEW, CLEAN SOCKS (NO USED SOCKS PLEASE)** in men's, women's and children's sizes. If you would rather make a monetary donation and let us shop for the socks, we would welcome that too! We will donate whatever we receive to the City Mission. **Please make sure your donations are here by the 28th of January.**



### Souper Bowl of Caring:

On February 4th, our Youth 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. Our Youth will be stationed at the sanctuary exits after worship to accept your donations to help them in this effort. This year's donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry. Please consider donating on February 4th to help our Youth make a difference in our community!



### Youth Sub Sandwich Sale:

Also on February 4th, our Youth will be making sub sandwiches that will be available for purchase after worship. Money collected will be added to their Sunday School Hurricane Relief Mission Project. There will be a choice of fine luncheon meats, cheeses, condiments and toppings. The Subs will cost \$6.00 each or \$20.00 for 4. Order forms will be available on the round table in Fellowship Hall, and orders will be due on January 28th. Sub sandwiches make a quick and easy treat to eat while watching the Super Bowl game, and your donations will help those left desperately in need in the wake of these devastating hurricanes.

## Adult Sunday School

by Craig Mueller

The adult Sunday School class will begin the series **Taking Church to the Community** on Sunday Jan. 21 at 9:00 am in the choir room. Through engaging videos, presentations, and supplemental materials, this series explores strategies our congregation can use to reach beyond our walls with worship, community events, ministries, and service. Sessions include: *Seven Practices of the Outside-In Church*, *Go Where the People Are*, *Becoming an Interactive Congregation* and *Blessing Your Community*. All are welcome to attend the class when they are able.

## The Youth Page



All youth and adults are invited to an afternoon of bowling at Buckeye Lanes on **Sunday, January 21st**. Our reservation begins at 2:00 p.m. The cost including shoes and 2 games is \$9 per person. Please sign up on the office door so we can reserve enough lanes. Invite your family and friends!! See Tammy for more details.

## Youth Work Mission Soup and Chili Cook-Off

### Sunday, February 18 at Noon

Please plan to stay for lunch on Sunday, February 18th for our annual Youth Work Mission Soup and Chili Cook-Off!! We will have a variety of chili and soup to sample and you be able to vote for your favorite. A free will offering will support Work Mission. The missionaries will be providing the soup and chili varieties, but everyone is invited to participate. If you would like to enter your favorite recipe please see Tammy Moore or Chris for more details.



### Thank you from our Youth!!!

Our Youth had a very busy December. They started with a night of baking cookies. They decorated our Christmas tree, made hot chocolate, sugar cookies, peanut butter blossoms, candy cane cookies, spritz cookies and chocolate covered pretzels. Each of them left with a plate of cookies, (very full bellies) and they shared the rest of the cookies at our Holiday Community Meal. Thank you to all of our cookie helpers—Chris, Hanna, Jean, Judi, Katie, Sydney and Mr. Mike.

On December 16, our Youth Work Mission hosted **Breakfast with Santa Claus**. The youth prepared a buffet of Pancakes, French toast, Sausage, and powder sugar donuts. The children could make crafts, play games, color, make reindeer food, and visit with Santa. It was so much fun we are hoping to make this an annual event.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended or helped with the event, especially--Alex, Alyssa, Becky, Carole, Chris, Hanna, Jean, John, Josh, Kenzie, Mike, Reba, Sharon, Sydney, Wendy, Rev. Mark, Henry, Jan, Dave, the Donan 5, and the Stroups. We are especially thankful for Sarah's awesome balloon art and Guylene's incredible face painting. And we couldn't have done it without the help of our Santa experts—Katie, Makenna, Morgan, Larry and Billie!! You are all the best!!!!!!!



# Outreach Committee

Barb Andrews & Sue Shellhouse-Strichko

We really ended off the year with a bang. We took 81 cleaning supply items, mostly laundry detergent, to the Oxcart Pantry early in December, and they were put on the shelf immediately to go out with Christmas food packages. With the help of some UMW members, Outreach members, and our youth, we were able to take the 100 stockings loaded with toiletry articles and small gifts at the same time. Georgia said, with the exception of a couple of boys' stockings, all of these were given out the first day of the food give away. We increased our Adopt-A-Family numbers to 12 people and were able to give just about all they asked for plus some extras. Thank you for your generosity in providing the stockings and gifts! Just think how many of your neighbors you helped to have a happy Christmas season.

## Oxcart Pantry Items:



We're already starting things off for this year. We are collecting fruit, jelly and juices in January followed by soup which is due February 11th. Since beans are still in good supply at the pantry, we will skip those and repeat fruit, jelly and juices for our March item as those items fly off the shelf. They will be due March 11th.

| Item   | Due      |
|--|----------|
| Fruit, jelly & natural juices (regular, low or no sugar) | Jan. 14  |
| Soup   | Feb. 11  |
| Peanut Butter  | March 11 |

The Outreach committee thinks it's time that we up the challenge and try to get 80 items each month. We often go over that number anyway, but let's see if we can up the ante. Happy shopping!!

A few years ago we were appalled that one of the requested gifts by one of our Adopt-a-Families at Christmas was toilet paper. Thus was born our **Toilet Paper Ministry**. You haven't heard much about it lately but money is low in that fund. If you would like to help with this need, you can leave a check or cash in the office or put it in the collection plate with "T.P. fund" in the memo line. Your North Olmsted neighbors appreciate all that you do.



## Military Coupons

We are still collecting coupons for military families to use at the PX. These coupons help them stretch their budget and they greatly appreciate them! Please **clip** the coupons before bringing them in and place them in the envelope under the Outreach bulletin board (by the nursery). Thanks for your help with this mission project.



## Chief Cooks Needed for Community Meal:

The new year starts a new round of Community Meals! Saint Clarence is providing our January meal so we don't really have to get back in the swing of things until February. Now is the time to share your cooking skills...we have openings for cooks and we always need help set-up, serving and clean-up. If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up on the sheets provided on the Outreach Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.



## Penny Sunday Collections

Penny Sunday is a monthly collection for mission projects.

### Midwest Mission



Distribution Center

**Our January Penny Sunday will go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.**

MMDC is a disaster relief facility located on an 8 acre campus, 4 miles south of Springfield, Illinois and is a caring ministry related to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. MMDC is also a cooperating depot in the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Relief Supply Network as of January 2010 providing flood buckets, emergency relief kits and a host of other items to those in need here in the U.S. and internationally.

MMDC's campus provides opportunities for individuals and groups of all walks of life, denominational backgrounds, abilities, and ages to help provide disaster relief kits and resources as well as educational and medical supplies to those in need both locally and internationally. MMDC provides that "hands on" mission experience and some of our members have volunteers at MMDC.



**Our February Penny Sunday offering will go to the Pedaling Parsons.**

The Pedaling Parsons began with a small group of United Methodist cyclist in 1987 that shared a passion for cycling and mission. They had the idea that instead of just riding for fun and fitness, they could ride to make a difference by raising money for missions. The vision of that founding group resulted in a movement that has pedaled over 18,000 miles and has raised over \$900,000 for various mission projects over the past 31 year.

This year, Pedaling Parsons is partnering with OhioGuidestone to fight the rising challenge of substance abuse. Ohio ranks among the top ten states in the number of deaths related to opioid abuse. Drug overdoses now cause more deaths than traffic accidents in our state. OhioGuidestone provides addiction and mental health counseling for the victims and families of substance abuse. OhioGuidestone continues to develop new interventions to combat the opioid epidemic.

100% of the funds raised by Pedaling Parsons supports their mission. (Organization and ride expenses are paid by the membership.) Our February 2018 Penny Sunday Offering will support Pedaling Parsons as they work with OhioGuidestone to address the opioid epidemic.

## Stephen Ministry



As another year has drawn to a close, I am filled with profound gratitude for God's gift of my Christian faith and my training as a Stephen Minister. For ten weeks my fellow Stephen Ministers and I have had the privilege to take turns sharing with the adult Sunday school class what it is that we do as Christian caregivers. Hopefully, this experience enriched the lives of those in the class so they can more confidently talk about their faith, pray with others, share words from the Bible and comfort a friend. No, we did not lecture. Rather we involved the class in aspects of our Christian caregiver training so that they could glimpse how we share the burdens of another and involve God in the process. God provides the growth, the healing and the cure. We are the caregiver, God is the cure. If we are going to be God's instrument, we need to center our life on Jesus Christ. Christian Caregiving becomes a way of life. It is a humbling experience. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

*Judy Lachvayder-Frazier*

## NEW!!! Lenten Prayer Shawl Class

Sunday mornings during the season of Lent, Rev. Alice will be leading a time of Lenten devotions and Prayer Shawl creation in our new Prayer Chapel. We are calling it our "Lenten Knit-In".

We will meet Sunday mornings during the 9:00 am Sunday School hour beginning on February 18<sup>th</sup> to share this Lenten journey together. Devotions and sharing will be a part of our time together as we learn about the ministry of Prayer Shawls and our hopes/dreams for this ministry in our church.

If you are a person who loves to knit, crochet, work with fleece (or would like to learn), YOU ARE WELCOME! Please contact Rev. Alice to sign up, and to get more information about supplies, etc. If you would like to donate yarn/materials to this new ministry that would be welcome as well.

Let's 'blanket' our community with warmth and peace this Lent!



## Lunch with Friends

Our *Lunch with Friends* group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month. This month we will be dining at Scrambler Maries (26435 Great Northern Shopping Center, by Marc's) at 11:30 am on Thursday, January 18th. We will pick the location for our February 15th event at this month's luncheon. As always, everyone is invited to join us. Let Carole know if you plan to attend so we can save a space for you!



### Would you like to request Altar Flowers?

The 2018 sign-up sheet is in the entry way... just fill in the date you would like the flowers and the reason or dedication for the flowers. The office will take care of ordering the flowers for you, standard arrangements are \$25.00. You may contact the office to request specific colors and flowers. If you would like to bring in your own arrangement, just let the office know.



**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

**ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH  
ISSUE OF THE AGAPE NEWS-  
LETTER ARE DUE ON  
THURSDAY, FEB. 22.**

## United Methodist Women By Barb Andrews, UMW President

**UMW News...**The ladies would like to thank everyone for their support in 2017. We gave away all our money except a little saved for emergencies and seed money. As you can see, your efforts helped missions inside and outside NOUMC. Here is where it went:

|  |                                     |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sunday School Mission Project - \$200  | Laura's Home Meal - \$250           | The Cleveland Food Bank - \$200        |
| Choir Room File Cabinet - \$225        | Laura's Home - \$100                | West Side Community House - \$200      |
| Rev. Mark's Discretionary Fund - \$300 | The City Mission - \$200            | Church Women United - \$50             |
| Pedaling Parsons - \$200               | Oxcart Pantry - \$200               | Buses International - \$100.00         |
| The Community Meal - \$300             | N. O. Community Fund - \$100.       |  |
| New vinyl table cloths - \$150         | The Salvation Army - \$200          | Plus we gave additional budgeted funds |
| Spring Yard Clean-up - \$400           | Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation - | to the District UMW, OhioGuidestone,   |
| New Tables & Chairs - \$325            | \$100                               | Red Bird Mission and Flat Rock Care    |
| The Building Fund - \$500              | OhioGuidestone Cookie Jar Fund -    | Center.                                |
| Youth Work Mission - \$170             | \$100                               |  |

We are already planning for our fund raisers for 2018. As usual, we'll be asking for your help. The craft show will be on Saturday, October 13, and the two rummage sales will take place on Saturday, April 21 and November 3. The plant sale is planned for Saturday, May 12.

## A Way Forward...

A Special General Conference has been called for February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO for the purpose of acting on the various paragraphs in *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and exploring options to help maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. As we seek to promote understanding and church unity, the East Ohio Conference is holding conference-wide conversations among clergy and laity to discuss the issues of human sexuality that currently divides us.

Each of the scheduled conversations will begin with participants gathered together for worship, a time of centering, and instruction. Then participants will move to their assigned small groups for facilitated dialogue around the following four questions that were crafted by the Council of Bishops for discussion by United Methodists across the denomination:

- In our diverse and global existence, what is the shared mission of the Church?
- Is there a proactive way to live together in our differences that doesn't presume that we will solve our differences? If so, what would it be?
- What might be a form of unity that would empower us living together?
- What *is* our witness and what can *be* our witness to the world in relation to our differences?

All clergy and laity in the East Ohio Conference are encouraged to participate in one of the following Conversations on a Way Forward:

**Sat., Feb. 3, 2018, 10 am-1 pm - Thoburn UMC**

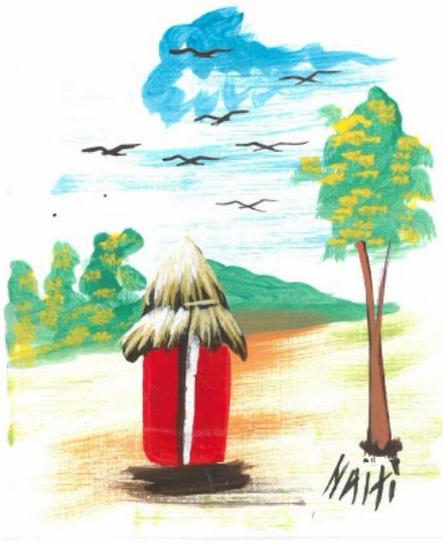
**Sun., Feb. 4, 2018, 2-5 pm - Willard First UMC**

**Mon., Feb. 5, 2018, 6-9 pm - Lakewood UMC**

**Sat., Mar. 3, 2018, 9 am-12 pm - Church of the Lakes UMC**

*It is important that you register in advance* for the conversation you wish to attend, as each location has a seating capacity for small group sessions. Call the office for registration info.

## Thank You Notes....



NOUMC,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Haiti! This was my 5<sup>th</sup> medical trip to Haiti. Every year our team is overwhelmed with the extreme poverty of the Haitian people. We treat many common medical problems, like severe malnutrition, that should not be a problem for children.

I was able to take multiple suitcases filled with diapers, clothes, formula, toothbrushes, and other supplies. Our team gave out everything we brought, and everything was well-needed. Formula and clothes helped to feed several abandoned children. Donated money was used towards medicines and the leftover money will help to provide meals for orphaned children on Christmas. Thanks & love, Lenore

After spending some of the NOUMC money on medical supplies, I donated the rest to Sister Ann (an Irish nun who I've gotten to know over the past 5 years) who devotes her life to take care of the severely impoverished people in Milot, Haiti. Please find her letter below.

Many thanks,  
Lenore

Dr. Lenore,

thank you so much for the very generous donation which you left with Piere. I used it today to buy food for our many orphaned children so as to give them a special meal on Christmas day. I shall have about fifty children for dinner and another fifty or more blind, crippled and homeless needing dinner too which we shall deliver to them so all can enjoy a special meal treat to celebrate Christmas. I don't honestly know how we'd manage without our generous donors.

You have certainly kept the "fire of hope burning in our hearts" as we reach out to our many wounded people, the hungry poor, the homeless, the crippled and the blind. These people have no money income whatsoever and there's no such thing as social benefits, they are left to fend for themselves by begging on the streets. It is surely heartbreaking to witness such poverty.

Thank you so much for helping me look after the poor.

Last September we were hit by three Hurricanes in a row, one every week which left behind a trail of devastation. Crops were washed away leaving behind widespread hunger and disease and homes were brought to the ground leaving thousands homeless. Haiti is certainly on the verge of Famine. The poor have little comforts since they lost everything in the storms, housing, clothing and bedding and while all seems lost and many are homeless the people of Haiti go forward in hope and never complain.

But in spite of all the devastation and the gloom we go forward in Hope thanking God for you and for the help and support of all our donors who support our efforts in helping our Haitian People rebuild their lives. Every donation helps to improve the quality of life and living conditions for these poor people and certainly helps to restore peace, joy and hope to our brothers and sisters struggling in the darkness of poverty.

We continue to help poor families with school fees and food. And all are doing well at school and are successful in passing National exams etc. Our building project provides work for many locals and helps restore dignity. In spite of much sadness and poverty and little sign of Christmas here good things continue to happen and without doubt God is surely in this place and in it's people so we go forward in hope trusting in the goodness of God and our generous donors.

Thank you so much for your great kindness,  
you are remembered in prayer.  
God bless and thank you for your generous support.

Sister Ann



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Monday–Wed. 10 am - 2 pm

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Mondays - 1 to 3 pm

Thursdays - Noon to 3 pm

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|---|---|-----------|--|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 14</b><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship<br>Noon- Outreach Mtg.  | <b>15</b><br>Martin Luther King Day<br>(office closed)<br><br>8:30 AA | <b>16</b><br>11am AA   | <b>17</b><br>10 am-UMW<br><br>8:30 AA                           | <b>18</b><br><br>7 pm Choir Practice  | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 21</b><br><i>Penny Sunday</i><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship<br>5:30 pm - Work Mission<br>6-8 pm - Scouts     | <b>22</b><br><br>6:30 Connections Work Team<br>7:30 Bells<br>8:30 AA  | <b>23</b><br>11am AA<br>1-3 Alz. Assoc.<br><br>6- 7 Daisy Scouts<br>7 Disciple | <b>24</b><br>10 am-UMW<br><br>8:30 AA                           | <b>25</b><br><br>6pm Worship Mtg.<br>4:30-6pm Community Meal<br>7 pm Choir Practice | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 28</b><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship   | <b>29</b><br><br>7:30 Bells<br>8:30 AA                                | <b>30</b><br>11am AA<br><br>7 Disciple   | <b>30</b><br>10 am-UMW<br><br>8:30 AA                           | <b>Feb. 1</b><br><br>7 pm Choir Practice  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>8:30 am UMM<br>Breakfast -Canary's<br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 4</b><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship<br>Noon - Ad Board<br>6-8 pm Scouts                                      | <b>5</b><br><br>7:30 Bells<br>8:30 AA                                 | <b>6</b><br>11am AA<br>6- 7 Daisy Scouts<br>7 Disciple                         | <b>7</b><br>10 am-UMW<br><br>8:30 AA                            | <b>8</b><br>10- 2 St. Richard's Fellowship<br>7 pm Choir Practice                   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 11</b><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship   | <b>12</b><br><br>8:30 AA  | <b>13</b><br>11am AA<br>7 Disciple   | <b>14</b><br>10 am-UMW<br>7 pm Ash Wednesday Service<br>8:30 AA | <b>15</b><br><br>7 pm Choir Practice  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 18</b><br><i>Penny Sunday</i><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship<br>Noon - Chili Cook-Off<br>5:30 pm-Work Mission | <b>19</b><br>Presidents Day (office closed)<br><br>8:30 AA            | <b>20</b><br>11:00 AA<br>7 Disciple<br>6- 7 Daisy Scouts                       | <b>21</b><br>10 am UMW<br><br>6:30 Yoga<br>8:30 AA              | <b>22</b><br>4:30-6pm Community Meal<br>7 pm Choir Practice<br><br>Agape Deadline   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 25</b><br>9 am - Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Fellowship<br>10:30 am-Worship<br>11:30 am-Fellowship   | <b>26</b><br><br>7:30 Bells<br>8:30 AA                                | <b>27</b><br>11:00 AA<br>1-3 Alz. Assoc.<br><br>7 Disciple                     | <b>28</b><br>10 am UMW  | <b>March 1</b><br><br>7 pm Choir Practice   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>8:30 am UMM<br>Breakfast -Canary's<br>9:30-10:30 am<br>Fitness Class |

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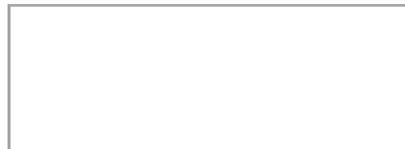
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## **FREE COMMUNITY MEALS - JOIN US!**



### **January Free Community Meal**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018 4:30 to 6:00 pm**

Our friends from St. Clarence will be here and will serve pulled chicken sandwich, macaroni & cheese, peaches and their famous cup cakes with sprinkles!

### **February Free Community Meal**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018 4:30 to 6:00 pm**

We will be serving meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, assorted beverages and desserts.



## **Held at North Olmsted United Methodist Church**

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. Menu's 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.



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