

Announcements for Sunday, July 19, 2020

Support Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center

Today is Penny Sunday

Over 30 years ago North Olmsted United Methodist Church began a meal ministry with East Glenville UMC. We were asked to supply \$125 per month for a community meal. We decided to go one step further and sent volunteers over to help prepare that monthly meal. After Glenville UMC closed, we decided to continue the ministry at Laura's Home, which is part of The City Mission.

July's Penny Sunday will go to provide meals at Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center. Your donations will help to feed 90 to 100 women and children each month. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write July Penny Sunday in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

It's Almost Time for the UMW FUNDrive!

Friday, July 24, 6 pm – 8 pm

Saturday, July 25, 11 am – 3 pm

Sunday, July 26, 1 pm – 3 pm

The United Methodist Women are holding a FUNDrive this month! In place of a rummage sale we will be accepting your donations of clothing and household goods in good, clean, and sellable condition. We will have a trailer for donations in the church parking lot starting on Friday, July 24. Please drop off your items during the times listed above because this is when someone will be stationed by the trailer to help you. If these times don't work for you, you can call Barb Andrews (440-777-1157) or Judi Wager (440-777-1982) to arrange a time. The trailer will be available on Monday, July 27 and Tuesday, July 28 by appointment only. *Please note: the items you donate will be taken off-site to be sold by another group. We will not have anything for sale at North Olmsted United Methodist Church.*

As a reminder, soft goods should be bagged in large garbage bags and other items should be packed in manageable-sized boxes that can be closed. Accepted items include clothing, shoes, bedding and towels, accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, belts, and jewelry), CDs, DVDs, electrical items, toys and games, kitchen items, knick-knacks, and sporting goods. No furniture and large house-hold items, baby gear, cleaning products, flammable items, or building materials, please.

Improving NOUMC Sanctuary Technology – Please Help

The "NOUMC Technology Team" has set an ambitious goal to completely modernize our sanctuary technology by Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020 and has undertaken a project working closely with the Worship Committee and others to address specific capabilities. Implementing these new capabilities will require funding above what is currently in our operating budget. To purchase the new equipment, install it, and train volunteers to operate it, it is expected to cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Two families have pledged to match any contributions up to \$8,000 for this project. That means anyone else who wants to contribute will

have their donations doubled. Our hope is that enough members will make contributions in response to this generous offer which will allow for the completion of technical installations by Labor Day. Please consider making a financial donation to help with this important expansion of our ministry. To do so, *you may address your check to NOUMC to the attention of Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary with a memo line of: "Sanctuary Equipment."* Thank you for your support for the advancement of worship experiences at NOUMC.

Just Mercy:

An invitation to all North Coast District Churches

The Deacons of the East Ohio Conference in partnership with the Multicultural Vitality office hope that many of you have had the opportunity over the past month to watch *Just Mercy*. If you're like many of us, you now want to continue the conversation. Deacons and other clergy are offering zoom discussion groups in each district during the month of July and we look forward to faithful discussions that will lead to transformation.

- Canal – Tuesday, July 28, at 7 pm
- North Coast – Wednesday, July 22, at 7 pm
- Tuscarawas – Thursday, July 16, at 12 pm and at 7 pm
- Western Reserve – Sunday, July 19, at 7 pm
- Firelands – TBD in August
- Ohio Valley – TBD in August
- Southern Hills – TBD in August

[Learn more and register here.](#)

All are welcome to join any of the zoom gatherings; it doesn't have to be the one in your district if a date does not work for you. Email the Rev. Linda McCowen at lmccowen@gmail.com, Chair of the Order of Deacons, for more information.

Have a Favorite Hymn?

You are invited to request favorite hymns that can potentially be included in live streamed worship services in July and August. You may make your requests known to our church organist, Marlene Dirksen, at mkdpteach@sbcglobal.net. Please consider providing a few written sentences or a brief audio/video recording describing why the hymn is your favorite. John Wolter at jwolter0@gmail.com can work with you to provide your recording for a worship service.

Consider Sharing Your Testimony

Pastor Hoyte would like to incorporate words of sharing, witness, and testimony from people in the congregation about how your faith has sustained you during this unusual time with COVID-19. How have you made adjustments in daily living including the ways in which you have kept in contact with your family, friends, church family, and co-workers? What has kept you strong as a Christian? Please contact Pastor Hoyte (330-428-1545 or hoytewilhelm@gmail.com) if you would like to offer a two to four minute message with an audio/video recording to be played during a live streamed worship service.