

Announcements for Sunday, August 2, 2020

Ice Cream Social & Trivia Evening

Tuesday, August 4, 6 pm - 8 pm, Church Parking Lot

Ready for an evening out? Join us in the NOUMC parking lot for trivia and ice cream. We will leave a blank parking spot between each car. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair if you prefer to sit alongside your car. Please wear a mask and try to maintain a six-foot distance from others. There will be a mix of trivia categories, and we will have a variety of individually wrapped popsicles and ice cream novelties to choose from. Please feel free to bring a pencil, paper, and anything else you will need to enjoy the evening. There will also be a Penny Sunday collection jar, so those who are interested can donate to the August Penny Sunday Fund. To RSVP or for more information, email Tammy at thesmoores@yahoo.com.

For the past few months, Adult Council has been looking for ways that we can experience fellowship and stay connected with one another. Now that it has been nearly six months, we are looking for new ways that we can safely socialize within the confines of COVID-19. We hope that each of you will determine what is best for your individual situation.

We also ask for your understanding, cooperation, and respect with the following in considering your attendance at events:

- If you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19, it will be best that you do not attend the event.
- If you have recently been out of state, it will be best that you do not attend the event or any other church event for at least 14 days.
- If you are physically unable to wear a mask, it will be best that you do not attend the event.
- If you have a compromised immune system, it will be best that you do not attend the event.

Support Oxcart Pantry's Efforts to Help School-Aged Children

Collecting monetary donations until this Friday, August 7

This fall when school starts, in whatever form it will take, Oxcart Pantry is giving away school backpacks and Target and Walmart gift cards in denominations of \$10 or \$20, so students can purchase whatever school supplies they may need. To support this effort and to help purchase backpacks for students, you can make a monetary donation of any amount; *please make checks payable to NOUMC and write backpacks in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

Virtual Garden Party on Facebook

All are welcome to participate in our virtual Garden Party via the Friends of NOUMC Facebook Group! Since we were not able to hold our Potting Party at Dean's Greenhouse, we thought it would still be fun to share pictures/fun facts from our gardens. Whether you are a master gardener or have no luck at all, please post pictures of your favorite flowers, plants, or weeds, along with a comment on where they came from and why

they have meaning to you. Look for the post in the NOUMC Friends Facebook Group and add your photo. If you are not on Facebook and have a picture to share, please email it to thesmoores@yahoo.com.

Putt-Putt with Pastor Hoyte

Friday, August 7, 6:30 pm, Dairy Queen (1005 W. Bagley Road, Berea)

Please join us for some fun and fellowship for all ages. We will follow all COVID guidelines while enjoying an evening of putt-putt and ice cream. RSVP by emailing Katie Chapman at youth@noumc.org.

Kids Summer Fun

Sunday, August 16

Two sessions: 1 pm – 2 pm & 3 pm – 4 pm, Church Parking Lot

RSVP to youth@noumc.org by August 13

Looking for something safe and fun to do with the kids this summer? Join us for a free event held safely in our church parking lot. We will have crafts, games, and a table to tie-dye your very own face mask. Pastor Hoyte will offer our annual “Blessing of the Backpacks” this day as well, so bring your backpack or a stuffed animal for him to bless for an awesome 2020-2021 school year. Tables will be spaced an appropriate distance required for social distancing. Masks are required for all children and adults above 2 years of age. Hand sanitizer will be provided at all tables and when you enter and exit. From 2 pm – 3 pm we will shut down for cleaning and sanitizing purposes. All stations will be cleaned in between each visitor, as well. Our number one goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy while also providing a fun event. Numbers will be limited for each time slot, so RSVP to Katie at youth@noumc.org, the church office, ext. 14, or on Facebook by August 13.

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.