

Announcements for Sunday, September 13, 2020

October Agape Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 15

Tuesday is the final day to submit articles for the October Agape Newsletter. Please email October articles and meeting dates to office@noumc.org or mail them to the church office, attention Megan Howe.

Lunch with Friends

Thursday, September 17

For the past several months we have not been able to meet in person for lunch to talk, laugh, and share stories of support. In keeping with the theme of “lunch and fun”, we have been staying connected through food-related games and puzzles as we lunch safely at home. If you would like to join in the fun this month, call Carole Bettinger at 440-234-3611.

Support Oxcart Pantry

Next Sunday, September 20 is Penny Sunday

As a compassionate congregation, we are aware of the financial distress families are currently facing. North Olmsted Oxcart Pantry provides food and household items to ease the economic burden of affected individuals.

The September Penny Sunday collection will go towards this worthy cause. It will be an open monetary gift with no designation so that Oxcart Pantry can apply it to wherever they see the most need. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write September Penny Sunday in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

Adult Sunday School Class: *The Color of Compromise*

Sundays beginning September 20, 9:30 am – 10:15 am, on Zoom

Join us as we study via Zoom the DVD series, *The Color of Compromise*. In this series, Jemar Tisby discusses racism in the American Church. Email Craig Mueller cpa.mueller@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in joining us, and Craig will be sure to email you the course guide information and the Zoom link for each week.

Please Consider Teaching Sunday School This Year!

September is here, and decisions are currently being made about Sunday School classes. Please look for updates in upcoming bulletins and e-newsletters about our return to classes, whether online or in person. Please know we will be placing a top priority on everyone's health and safety. When we do return to Sunday

School, either online or in person, we will need several volunteers to teach classes at all levels. Please consider teaching our children, youth, or adults this year. We offer elementary, middle school, high school/young adult, and adult classes. All classes welcome new teachers into their rotation! Please contact Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org if you are interested in signing up or if you have any questions.

Introducing Our 2020-2021 Sunday School Mission Project: Africa University

Africa University is the first and only fully accredited institution of higher learning, established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Tracy Malone has asked the East Ohio Conference to take on the challenge of raising \$1.5 million to build a new dorm for female students of Africa University. Because of increasing enrollment at AU, there is a great lack of and need for on-campus housing. Many students must commute long distances from remote areas or choose to live in off-campus housing that could put female students in risky living situations. Bishop Malone's vision is for the EOC to build an on-campus dorm that will provide a safe, secure environment and a community of support so that female AU students will be able to focus on their education without risking their lives.

This year, all fundraising done by our Sunday School youth will be used to help meet Bishop Malone's goal of raising \$1.5 million dollars. We are hoping that our youth will be able to hold their usual fundraisers at church as soon as it is safe to return and do so. In the meantime, our youth will accept any donation you are led to give. *Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write Africa University in the memo. Mail your donations to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper.* Visit www.africau.edu or www.eocumc.org and click on Teach-Reach-Bless for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

Stephen Ministries: Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm, on Zoom

UMW: Wednesday, September 16, 10 am, North Olmsted City Park

Technology Team (rescheduled): Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 pm, on Zoom

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.

***Our Faithful
Journey***

