North Olmsted United Methodist Church  
Announcements for Sunday, September 27, 2020

East Ohio Annual Conference Worship and NOUMC Gathering Afterwards

*Sunday, September 27, 10 am; Please note the change in time for worship*

This year's East Ohio Annual Conference has been rescheduled to this weekend and will be held via a Zoom webinar. On **Sunday, September 27**, North Olmsted United Methodist Church has the opportunity to worship with the rest of the East Ohio Conference in a **livestreamed worship service at 10 am** *(please note the change in time).* To join us, visit [www.eocumc.com/eoac20/livestream](http://www.eocumc.com/eoac20/livestream). The Annual Conference Worship Booklet includes the liturgies for all of this weekend’s worship services. The congregation of NOUMC will gather via Zoom immediately following the service for a time of fellowship, reflection, and prayer led by Pastor Hoyte.

**Virtual Open Table Worship**  
*Sunday, September 27, 4 pm*

Brecksville United Methodist Church will host Open Table worship for us at the conclusion of this year's virtual Annual Conference. This is a creative way to continue our long-standing tradition of gathering for Open Table worship at Lakeside. The virtual Open Table service will take place on Sunday, September 27, at 4 pm. On September 27, you will be able to access the service at this link: [www.brecksvilleumc.com/streaming](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/streaming).

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**World Communion Sunday is October 4**

*We will collect a special offering*

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six special offering Sundays. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring, and training. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write World Communion Sunday in the memo.* 
*Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.*

**We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

You are invited to set up bread and grape juice (or other juice or drink available in your homes) so that it may be blessed and received through the sacrament of cup and table. The Holy Spirit knows no boundaries in being reminded of what God offered for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

**You are invited to a World Communion Sunday Worship Watch Party at 10:30 am in the church parking lot**

Adult Council welcomes you for fellowship and worship together. Let’s commune and watch the service together via our telephones. We may even hook up a microphone to a phone so we can hear the words together. Don’t forget your bread and “wine”. For more information, email [claudia.taller@yahoo.com](mailto:claudia.taller@yahoo.com).
Anti-Racism Discussion Group

As promised, here is a link to a video that the group found interesting. It is less than 10 minutes, so it won’t take much of your time, but we hope you will watch and listen with open minds: https://youtu.be/nkpAgy-x5rA. Feedback is welcome. Contact Beverly Hixon at hix456@aol.com or Janis Jarvis at janisjar@yahoo.com.

Church Conference regarding NOUMC Governance

Sunday, October 18, 11:45 am, on Zoom

The Administrative Board in January approved a proposal for some significant improvements to NOUMC’s governance structure. This new structure will enable the church to plan more effectively, think and act more strategically, and operate more efficiently. This is an important element of Our Faithful Journey, the church’s long-term vision.

It is important that the whole church understand and approve the new structure. A special Church Conference had previously been scheduled in April but was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Special Church Conference will now be held via Zoom teleconference on Sunday, October 18, at 11:45 am. During this conference, the plan will be presented and the church membership will be given the opportunity to discuss it and ask questions prior to voting on its adoption. You may find out more about the special Church Conference in the October Agape Newsletter.

You may also participate in the special Church Conference by phone if you do not have the ability to join the teleconference. If you would like to do so, please contact Pastor Hoyte and printed copies of the conference materials and telephone instructions will be provided to you. If you are unable to participate by either teleconference or phone, please let Pastor Hoyte know and other arrangements will be made.

Sunday School News

Lessons Posted on Friends of NOUMC Facebook Page beginning October 1

As our Sanctuary re-opening plan gets pushed back farther into the year due to the pandemic, unfortunately, so also does our return to in-person Sunday School classes. With great respect and care for the health and safety of our teachers, kids, and their families, classes will probably not resume until January at the earliest. In the meantime, in hopes that the kids will stay connected to the church, Wendy Cooper will be posting on our Friends of NOUMC Facebook page a weekly video and activity sheets that our elementary and middle school classes can click on at any time during the week. Wendy will also post a weekly devotional for our High School/Young Adults. We are very aware of the upheaval in our kids’ lives as they struggle with online learning and all the challenges that COVID has brought into their world. We don’t want to add to that stress, but instead want to provide much needed access to the sanctuary of God’s Word in the midst of their chaos. The videos are short, and the activity sheets are fun; the devotions will be meaningful and relevant to our youth. Videos and devotions will begin on October 1.

Upcoming Meetings

Anti-Racism Group: Tuesday, September 29, 10:30 am, church parking lot
Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental illness
Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers
David, brother-in-law of Susan S.
Bob, son of Carole B.
Josh O.
Donald R.
Mary Lou L.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy W.
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
Keith A.
Gwen H.
Frank M.
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter
Russ, friend of David L.
Barb B.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
De Niro and Family
Dawn, friend of Susan W.

Brian R.
Susan W.
Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Connie C.
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Viola C.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Donna, friend of Judy K.
Andy, Faye W.’s son
Israel, Sarah J.’s student
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Carl, friend of Rita R.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Darlene, friend of Susan W.
Sterling B.
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane B.
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF
Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

This Week’s Birthdays

September 28  William Gonska
September 28  Beverly Hixon
September 28  Ken Delfing
September 30  Judie Flynn