

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. 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.

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.

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	Brian R.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.
Those affected by gun violence	Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Those who are homeless	Connie C.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
David, brother-in-law of Susan S.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Bob, son of Carole B.	Viola C.
Josh O.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Donald R.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Mary Lou L.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy W.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law	Carl, friend of Rita R.
Keith A.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Gwen H.	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Frank M.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Darlene, friend of Susan W.
Russ, friend of David L.	Sterling B.
Barb B.	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane B.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.	Matthew F., USAF
De Niro and Family	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Dawn, friend of Susan W.	Christopher Y., USAF
	Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

This Week's Birthdays

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