

Announcements for Sunday, October 11, 2020

Online Sunday School Is in Session!

Elementary and Middle Sunday School students, please join us each week on our [Friends of NOUMC Facebook page](#) as we continue to study God's Word! Each week, a video Bible lesson will be posted on the Facebook page, and links to activity sheets will be posted in the comments. High School and Young Adults are welcome to click on a weekly devotion with thoughts and questions to ponder. Video lessons and devotions will be posted by Saturday evening each week.

Support the Youth Mission Project, Africa University!

Next Sunday, October 18 is Penny Sunday

This year, our youth hope you will support our Sunday School Mission Project by helping us to invest in Africa University! All fundraising done by our Sunday School youth will be used to help build a new dorm for female students of Africa University so they have a safe place to live while attending school. 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.

October's Penny Sunday donations will also go towards the Mission Project. *Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write **October Penny Sunday** in the memo. Mail your donations to the church office, **attention Ed Brewster**.* Visit www.africau.edu or www.eocumc.com and click on Teach-Reach-Bless for more information.

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.

Anti-Racism Discussion Group

We hope you had a chance to watch last week's videos. Here are links to two more that won't take too much of your time. The first one is by Phil Vischer, known for creating VeggieTales. The second one is from Ibram X. Kendi, the author of *How to be an Antiracist*, the book we are currently reading. We hope you will watch and listen with open minds and, as always, feedback is welcome. Contact Beverly Hixon at hix456@aol.com or Janis Jarvis at janisjar@yahoo.com.

Race in America: <https://youtu.be/AGUwcs9qJXY>

Fighting Racism: <https://youtu.be/CJ5GepoKyvE>

Upcoming Meetings

Anti-Racism Group: Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 am, church parking lot

Special Church Conference: Sunday, October 18, 11:45 am, on Zoom

All Saints Sunday is November 1

On All Saints Sunday, we remember the saints who have passed away in the past year. We will read the name of each person, light a candle, and toll a bell in memory of our loved ones.

You are invited to submit the names of those you would like to remember who have passed away since November 3, 2019. *Please fill out this form and email it to office@noumc.org or send it to the church office, attention Megan Howe by October 26.*

Name of Person Memorialized	Date of Death	Person Submitting the Form	Relationship to Person Submitting the Form (i.e. Mother, Grandmother, etc.)

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.

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Journey**

