

Announcements for Sunday, October 18, 2020

Support the Youth Mission Project: Africa University

Today is Penny Sunday

October's Penny Sunday donations will go to benefit this year's Youth Mission Project, Africa University. Your gifts will be used to help build a new dorm for female students at Africa University so they have a safe place to live while attending school. *Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write **October Penny Sunday** in the memo. Mail your donations to the church office, **attention Ed Brewster**.*

Church Conference regarding NOUMC Governance

Today, 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.

Halloween Pet Parade

Saturday, October 24, 1 pm, Church Parking Lot

You and your well-behaved pet are invited to our Halloween Pet Parade on Saturday, October 24 at 1 pm at the North Olmsted United Methodist Church Parking lot. You can walk your pooch (costumed or just plain cute) through our crowd of socially-distanced spectators. Masks are required for all humans. Pets must be on a leash or in a crate. Pastor Hoyte will be available to bless your pet. If your pet is deceased or does not do well in public functions, please bring a photo or other memento to be blessed.

Spectators are needed!! Please arrive by 1 pm so we can keep our parade route socially distanced. You may sit in your car or bring a lawn chair. Free Halloween Bandanas and Treats for all animal participants. A photo backdrop will be available to take pictures with your pet!

Registration is appreciated but not required. Please note: This event will be held outside and restrooms will not be available. If you have questions or would like to register, please email Tammy at thesmoores@yahoo.com.

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.

Sunday School Teachers will be needed once we return to in-person classes; contact Wendy Cooper at sundayschool@noumc.org if you are interested.

Anti-Racism Discussion Group

This week's video is by Phil Vischer, Race in America, Part 2. This is a follow up on last week's Part 1. He discusses the family, poverty, welfare, and education. As always, feedback is welcome. Email Beverly Hixon at hix456@aol.com or Janis Jarvis at janisjar@yahoo.com. Race in America, Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-yun74BJEc>

Sanctuary Technology Update

Thanks to your generosity, the Technology Committee continues to do important work on updating our sanctuary technology (audio, video, live streaming). As shared previously, an initial design was discussed with the Worship Committee, after which the design was refined and communicated through requests for proposals with four potential vendors. The committee has now eliminated one of the four vendors and has received detailed plans from the others. They expect to select a final vendor within the next two weeks.

The costs proposed are somewhat higher than planned. The committee had anticipated this and expected that adjustments to the plan might be needed. The committee will be working with the selected vendor, in consultation with the Worship Committee, to determine such adjustments to the design or to phase in certain elements. This work is necessary to bring the cost in line with our budget without adversely affecting our overall goals. Once that work is completed, we will be able to provide to you an anticipated project completion date.

You may make a contribution to the project by sending your donation to the church, to the attention of our financial secretary Ed Brewster. If you have questions or want to know more, please contact any member of the Technology Committee or Pastor Hoyte.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Anti-Racism Group: Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 am, church parking lot

Stephen Ministries: Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 pm, on Zoom

"Facing Covid Together": Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm, on Zoom

Technology Team: Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm, 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.)