

## **Announcements for Sunday, October 4, 2020**

### **World Communion Sunday**

*Today is a special offering Sunday*

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.*

*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).

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### **Sunday School News**

*Lessons Posted on [Friends of NOUMC Facebook](#) Page beginning this week*

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. Please look for our first Elementary/Middle School video and materials, and the first youth devotional to be posted on our Friends of NOUMC Facebook page by Saturday evenings each week.

We will still need teachers once we do return to in-person classes, so if you are interested in doing so, contact Wendy at [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org).

### **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 video. Here are links to two more by the same man, Paul Scanlon. Together they are less than 10 minutes. We hope you will watch and listen with open minds and as always, feedback is welcome. Contact Beverly Hixon at [hix456@aol.com](mailto:hix456@aol.com) or Janis Jarvis at [janisjar@yahoo.com](mailto:janisjar@yahoo.com).

Racism is not Binary: <https://youtu.be/tOKEXCwFaeo>

I interrupted a Racist Joke: <https://youtu.be/JA4pniNZ7Zo>

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Anti-Racism Group: Tuesday, October 6, 10:30 am, church parking lot

"Facing Covid Together": Tuesday, October 6, 7 pm, on Zoom

UMW: Wednesday, October 7, 10:30 am, location TBD

Technology Team: Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 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*

