

## **Announcements for Sunday, November 15, 2020**

### **Support Adopt-a-Family**

*Today is Penny Sunday*

Each year we have the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents for people in need through Oxcart Pantry. This year, due to the pandemic, the format is going to look different. Oxcart Pantry is forming a plan to make an online gift registry for each group of donators. See future announcements for more details.

You can support Oxcart Pantry's Adopt-a-Family program by donating to the November Penny Sunday offering. Allow us to do your shopping for you! All donated money will be used to purchase Christmas presents for people in need. *Make checks payable to **NOUMC** and write **November Penny Sunday Adopt-a-Family** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

### **December Agape Newsletter Deadline**

*Today, November 15*

Thank you for emailing articles and meeting dates to Megan at [office@noumc.org](mailto:office@noumc.org) no later than today.

### **Hats and Mittens Collection**

*Drop-off dates and times for donations to be announced in upcoming bulletins*

We are collecting hats and mittens for youth and adults again this year. Instead of decorating the Hat and Mitten Tree in Fellowship Hall, the Outreach Committee will coordinate when donations for this collection, as well as Adopt-a-Family gifts, can be dropped off at church. Last year the items went to Front Steps (previously called Transitional Housing), Laura's Home, and the North Olmsted Food Pantry.

### **Annual Christmas Flower Sale**

*Orders due December 7*

The youth are accepting orders for **Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti** that will be placed on the altar and photographed and integrated into our virtual Christmas Eve service. Arrangements will be made for you to pick up your flowers early so that you can enjoy them in your home on Christmas. Pick-up dates and times will be posted later when that information is available. The order form can be found on the website. Poinsettias are available in red, white, pink, marbled, or burgundy. All plants are in 6" pots and sell for \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit this year's Sunday School Africa University Mission Project. *Send the form with your check to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper or email Wendy at [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org).*

### **Lunch with Friends**

*Thursday, November 19*

For the past several months we have not been able to meet in person for lunch to talk, laugh, and share

stories of support. In keeping with the theme of “lunch and fun”, we have been staying connected through food-related games and puzzles as we lunch safely at home. If you would like to join in the fun this month, call Carole Bettinger at 440-234-3611.

## UMW Give-Away Meeting

*Wednesday, December 2, 10 am; Donations due by November 25*

Considering UMW has only had two money-raising activities this year, we are happy to say we met our budget for the year and have a little left over. We certainly couldn't have done it without your help. We are planning to meet on December 2 to give money to some of our favorite charities. We probably will give most of our money to local charities such as the Oxcart Pantry, the Free Community Meal ministry, and Laura's Home, branching out only if we have more money. That's where we'd like to ask for your help. *If you would like to donate to one of these charities, you can send a check **made payable to NOUMW** and mark your favorite charity in the memo. Send checks to Darlene Owings (address is in the church directory). If you would prefer to send your check to the church, please mark on the envelope attention: Darlene Owings.* Please get the checks to us by November 25. We know there has been talk in the past that some of you would prefer to make a donation instead of working at the rummage sale, so here's your chance.

## Online Sunday School

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.

## Upcoming Meetings:

Anti-Racism Group: Tuesday, November 17, 10:30 am, choir room

Stephen Ministries: Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 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*

