

Announcements for Sunday, January 10, 2021

Support UMCOR

Next Sunday, January 17 is Penny Sunday

January Penny Sunday donations will go to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to more than 80 countries, including the United States. Please give generously to support UMCOR's mission to aid those in critical need. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **January Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

Human Relations Day

Next Sunday, January 17

On Human Relations Day, the Sunday before the birthday celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

Make checks payable to NOUMC and write Human Relations Day in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.

The Color of Compromise Study

Weekly Lunchtime Zoom Series begins Tuesday, January 12, 12 pm - 1 pm

Join the Anti-Racism Group for a re-broadcast of *The Color of Compromise* study, as first seen in the Adult Sunday School class, followed by a discussion. We would like you to watch with us! Contact Janis Jarvis at janisjar@yahoo.com or Beverly Hixon at hix456@aol.com so you can receive the Zoom invitation that will be arranged by Pastor Hoyte.

Online Sunday School Returns

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 is posted on the Facebook page, and links to activity sheets are posted in the comments. High School and Young Adults are welcome to click on a weekly devotion with thoughts and questions to ponder. Weekly lessons are posted by Saturday evening on our [Friends of NOUMC Facebook page](#).

February Agape Newsletter Deadline

Friday, January 15

Thank you for submitting articles for the February Agape no later than Friday, January 15. Email articles and meeting dates to Megan at office@noumc.org or mail them to the church office.

Adult Sunday School Study: *The Passion Narratives*

Sundays, beginning January 10, 9:30 am, on Zoom

Perhaps no other book or collection of books in the history of the world has been so misunderstood, misused, and abused as the Holy Bible, the Hebrew Scriptures, and the Christian Scriptures, also known as the Old and New Testament. Many persons who are sincere and dedicated claim to want to live their lives in accordance with those documents - a very worthy aspiration.

There is, however, a tremendous amount of biblical "misinformation and disinformation" all around us. This study will present principles of how to go about understanding the Scriptures properly, and how to apply those principles to the texts to ascertain the meaning originally inspired by God's Spirit. We will walk through each of the four gospel accounts in chronological order - Mark, Luke, Matthew, and John. The purpose of this study is to read each of the gospel accounts separately, recognize the similarities and differences in each, understand the basis for the differences, and gain a broader representation of the passion of Christ.

If you are interested in participating, email Craig Mueller at cpa.mueller@sbcglobal.net and he will email you the Zoom link for this study group.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Donate by Sunday, February 7

Our youth plan to help fight hunger and poverty in our community, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need. Souper Bowl of Caring helps us to be mindful of those who go without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. Because of the pandemic, people are in need more than ever...but the youth will not be able to collect your donations outside the sanctuary doors as usual. Instead, *please make checks payable to NOUMC, write **Souper Bowl of Caring in the memo**, and send donations to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper.* All donations will be given to the Oxcart Food Pantry.

Upcoming Meetings

Anti-Racism Discussion Group: Tuesday, January 12, 12 pm – 1 pm, Zoom

Stephen Leaders Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 7 pm, Zoom

Worship Committee: Thursday, January 14, 6:30 pm, 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*

