

Announcements for Sunday, February 14, 2021



Ash Wednesday—officially beginning the Season of Lent—will happen at NOUMC. Even though we will not be worshipping in-person on this special day, you have an opportunity to experience it in a new way in 2021:

1. **4pm to 6pm** – **Pastor Hoyte will be present in the parking lot** for you to receive: words of welcome at your car window, centering scripture and prayers, safe imposition of ashes with a clean swap stick (a new one used for each person), and blessed individual pre-packaged servings of communion bread and juice including liturgy for use in your home.
2. **7pm to 8:30pm** – **Pastor Hoyte will be available via telephone** to share scripture and prayers with those who wish to participate remotely. Feel free to leave a voice mail message if he is on the line with someone else and he will call you back.

Please also note this good article published by The UMC in learning about or refreshing your memory with the meaning of Ash Wednesday: [*When did Ash Wednesday begin and why do we celebrate it?*](#)

Support West Side Community House

Penny Sunday is February 21

February's Penny Sunday offering will go to support West Side Community House. WSCH is a mission site of The United Methodist Church. This is a very busy place helping families, youth, and seniors. They provide help for people on the west side of Cleveland with classes, advice, after-school activities, helping youth during the summer, senior meals, and many other activities. Any help you can give is appreciated.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **February Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

March Agape Newsletter Deadline

Monday, February 15

Please email March Agape articles and meeting dates to office@noumc.org no later than February 15.

Church Directory

If you would like a 2021 address and phone number directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office at office@noumc.org or call 440.779.6634, ext. 10.

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 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](#).

Thank you for donating to Souper Bowl of Caring

The youth would like to thank the congregation for your very generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser! A total of \$580.00 was received, and 100% of that will be sent directly to the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry. Thank you for supporting our youth in their efforts!

Upcoming Meetings and Small Groups

Racial Justice Group: Tuesday, February 16, 12 pm – 1 pm, Zoom

Stephen Ministries: Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Church Council: Tuesday, February 16, 7 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*

