

## Announcements for Sunday, February 28, 2021

### Responding to Winter Storms

Last week's winter storm led to winter weather alerts for 170 million people. The state of Texas has been hit particularly hard, resulting in power blackouts, loss of heat, and broken pipes. As the snow and ice melts, flooding will be a significant problem.

Meanwhile, the same storm system spawned tornados in the Carolinas, destroying homes.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing immediate funding to assist annual conferences and will provide long-term support once the damage is fully assessed. If you would like to help, *make checks payable to NOUMC and write **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster.*

### “Learnings from the Pandemic: Health Care & Racial Inequities” Webinar

*Sunday, March 7, 2 pm – 3:15 pm; RSVP by March 5*

The speakers are: Will Jones, Director of Multicultural Vitality for the East Ohio Conference of United Methodist Church, and Dr. Nazleen Bharmal, MD, PhD, MPP – Associate Chief, Community Health & Partnerships, Cleveland Clinic Community Care. Panelists will give presentations, discuss questions and issues together, and take audience questions. This webinar is the annual Mary Anne & Richard Cavicchi Christian Education Seminar at Rocky River United Methodist Church. No cost to attend. Registration in advance is required to receive the link to attend, preferred by March 5. Register online at <https://www.rumc.org/cavicchi-seminar-sign-up> Questions: contact: [cavicchichristianed@gmail.com](mailto:cavicchichristianed@gmail.com)

### Winterfest

*Saturday, March 6, 1 pm – 2 pm, church parking lot*

Youth Council is planning a free Winterfest to celebrate winter. It will be outside in the parking lot of the church building with all Covid and social distancing guidelines in place. Dress warm and enjoy some “cool” fun!!

There will be activities, crafts, and, of course, hot chocolate! We will need a few volunteers for activities so please consider helping. If you would like to reserve your spot or volunteer, please email Chris Byrns at [youth@noumc.org](mailto:youth@noumc.org).

### Easter Flowers

*Orders due Sunday, March 14*

The youth are selling Easter flowers to decorate our altar for Easter worship this year. Flowers will be delivered on March 26, they will be arranged and photographed, and then they will be available for pick-up any time after that. Wendy will have them lined up and labeled in the hall by the office for those who have a key to the building. If you don't have a key, she will be at the church on Saturday, March 27 (time yet to be determined) for you to pick up your flower orders.

Proceeds will go to benefit the Africa University Sunday School Mission Project. *Please send the attached form*

with your check to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper, or email her at [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org). Thank you for supporting the mission project!

## **Adult Fellowship St. Patrick's Day Observance and Celebration**

*Immediately following worship on Sunday, March 14, on Zoom*

Join Adult Fellowship for a St. Patrick's Day Observance and Celebration after the church service on March 14. Pastor Hoyte will give an Irish blessing, and we'll share decorations and traditions. Who was St. Patrick? Why do we have a day in his honor? What's the deal with green and shamrocks? And, of course, we'll be able to see and catch up with each other. The Zoom invite will be sent during the week prior to March 14. For more information or to RSVP, email Claudia Taller at [claudia.taller@yahoo.com](mailto:claudia.taller@yahoo.com).

## **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](#).

## **Youth Drive-Thru Bake Sale**

*Orders due Wednesday, March 24*

*Pick Up Orders on Saturday, March 27*

The youth are holding a Drive-Thru Bake Sale, with the hopes of raising \$100 to go toward summer youth activities. You can pick up your order on May 27, at the same time you pick up your Easter Flower order and palms for Palm Sunday. If you are unable to make it to the church, we will deliver your order to your door.

Youth are needed to bake and help hand-out the goodies. Please contact Chris at [youth@noumc.org](mailto:youth@noumc.org) to bake at church, or we will provide the ingredients so you can make goodies at home!!

Send the attached order form to Chris at [youth@noumc.org](mailto:youth@noumc.org) or to the church office, attention Chris Byrns. We will collect a free-will offering. *You may pay in advance by sending your check to the church office, attention Chris Byrns, or you may pay during pick up. Make checks payable to NOUMC, and write **Youth Bake Sale** in the memo.*

## **Upcoming Meetings and Small Groups**

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, February 28, 9:30 am, Zoom

Racial Justice Group: Tuesday, March 2, 12 pm – 1 pm, Zoom

Facing Covid Together: Tuesday, March 2, 7 pm, Zoom

Youth Council: Wednesday, March 3, 11 am – 12:30 pm, Zoom

Lenten Study: Thursday, March 4, 2 pm – 3:30 pm, Zoom