

## Announcements for Sunday, March 14, 2021

### Support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

*UMCOR Sunday is March 14*

UMCOR Sunday is one of six special offering Sundays in the life of The United Methodist Church. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to help.

On UMCOR Sunday, our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts (for example, our current winter storm collection below). *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **UMCOR Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

### Responding to Winter Storms

February's winter storms 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, broken pipes, and flooding. The same storm system spawned tornados in the Carolinas, destroying homes.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provided immediate funding 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.*

### Racial Justice Symbol

The North Olmsted United Methodist Women formed a group last July to study racial inequities. We found that there are so many ways to be unconsciously prejudiced that we haven't stopped learning and trying to see what we can do about it. We have adopted the following symbol from the United Methodist Women. For more information, visit: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/mission-focus-issues/racial-justice/symbol>



*This image represents United Methodist Women's commitment to work for racial justice. It symbolizes a world of racially and ethnically diverse peoples working together side by side to create a world in which every person has a voice, rights, and opportunity for abundant life. Within the image are two hands joined together to work for justice for all God's children.*

### 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).

## April Agape Deadline

*Monday, March 15*

Thank you for sending articles for the April Agape to [office@noumc.org](mailto:office@noumc.org) by tomorrow, March 15.

## Easter Flowers

*Orders due today: Sunday, March 14*

The youth are selling Easter flowers to decorate our altar for Easter worship this year. The last day to order is Sunday, March 14. 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!

## Easter Flower Ministry

Would you like to purchase an Easter flower and surprise someone in our congregation who is not able to get out and about, or who is not able to connect with us while we worship and fellowship online? If you would like to do so, please contact Wendy ASAP (she needs to order flowers by this Wednesday) at [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org), or contact Megan in the church office. If you purchase a flower for someone, you will be able to pick it up on March 26 or 27 and deliver it to them, or we will deliver it for you...your choice.

## Support Flat Rock Homes

*Penny Sunday is March 21*

March's Penny Sunday offering will go to support Flat Rock Homes located in Flat Rock, OH. Flat Rock holds a strong covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. The mission of Flat Rock Homes is to provide outstanding services which transform lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and persons with critical needs through a dedication to caring and excellence. Visit [www.flatrockhomes.org](http://www.flatrockhomes.org) to learn more about the programs they offer.

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

## 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. 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, or 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.*

## Adult Fellowship Hike

*Coming soon in April; Join the planning team!*

In April, Adult Fellowship is organizing a hike. We'll get outside to look for signs of spring and get some exercise. If you're a hiker or have knowledge of cool places to hike, we'd love for you to join in on the planning. Contact Claudia Taller at [claudia.taller@yahoo.com](mailto:claudia.taller@yahoo.com) if interested in taking part in this planning team.

## Upcoming Meetings and Small Groups

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, March 14, 9:30 am, Zoom

Adult Fellowship St. Patrick's Celebration: Sunday, March 14, following worship, Zoom

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

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

Lenten Study: Thursday, March 18, 2 pm – 3:30 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***

