

Announcements for Sunday, March 7, 2021

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.*

Support UMCOR

UMCOR Sunday is March 14

UMCOR Sunday is one of six special offering Sundays in the life of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief. 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. UMCOR Sunday is where we come together to help. If you want to learn more about UMCOR visit: www.umcmmission.org/UMCOR.

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

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.* 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.

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 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 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 if interested in taking part in this planning team.

Upcoming Meetings and Small Groups

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, March 7, 9:30 am, Zoom

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, March 9, 11 am, Zoom

Racial Justice Group: Tuesday, March 9, 12 pm – 1 pm, Zoom

Reopening Team: Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 pm, Zoom

SPRC: Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Lenten Study: Thursday, March 11, 2 pm – 3:30 pm, Zoom



**Next Sunday,
March 14**