

Announcements for Sunday, April 18, 2021

Support Africa University, the Sunday School Mission Project

Penny Sunday is April 18

All year, the youth have been raising money to support the East Ohio Conference's Teach Reach Bless Campaign to build a new dorm for female students at Africa University. April's Penny Sunday offering will go to benefit the mission project. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **April Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

Earth Day Fun

Saturday, April 24, 11 am - 12 pm



The Youth Ministry Team is planning some Earth Day fun! All school aged children are invited. Bring some gardening gloves and a rake or small shovel so that we can clean up around the doors of the sanctuary, plant flowers, and add some decorations (that we will make) to the flower beds. We will adhere to Covid guidelines as usual and help to make our church beautiful. Please wear old clothes as we plan on getting dirty and painting. For more information, contact Chris at youth@noumc.org.

Looking for Signs of Spring: Adult Fellowship Picnic and Walk

Sunday, April 25, 12:30 pm, Lagoon Picnic Area of Rocky River Reservation*

You are welcome to join us for a walk at Rocky River Reservation next Sunday! The Cleveland Metroparks has provided Char Vas with wildflower information, and Claudia Taller is equipped with a two-page spread of wildflower descriptions and pictures from Lorain Metroparks. We should be able to spot lots of tiny flowers as we walk the paths. Bring your brown bag lunch, drink, and walking shoes. Feel free to head home after lunch if walking in the woods does not fit into your schedule. There is a large shelter and restrooms. Currently the Metroparks are not taking reservations for shelters.



DIRECTIONS: *Lagoon Picnic Area - Columbia Rd.in North Olmsted to Cedar Point Rd. At the traffic light at the bottom of the hill (Valley Parkway), turn right. In .04 of a mile turn right into the Lagoon Picnic area (sign is on the left side of the road). Follow the road to the parking lot; the shelter is not visible from the Parkway.

FYI - You can download an app for your phone with maps of the Cleveland Metroparks. If you would like to help us identify flowers, there are many apps in the Play Store – PlantSnap, Picture This, etc. Read reviews and decide which one sounds best!

If you RSVP we will know to look for you, but showing up is just fine! To RSVP, contact Charlene at charvas@cox.net or Claudia at claudia.taller@yahoo.com.

April Free Community Meal—Carry-Out Only

Thursday, April 29, 4:30 pm – 6 pm

The Community Meal will again be carry-out only this month. We will serve ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb Linton at blintonofnr@aol.com.

Honoring Our Graduates

We will be honoring our graduates during worship sometime in June. If you are a graduate or know of a member who is graduating from high school, college, technical school, or with an online degree, please give your information to Wendy Cooper by the end of May. She will need your name, school, degree, and what you will be doing next. Email Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org.

Online Sunday School

Elementary and Middle School students, 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 can click on a weekly devotion with questions to ponder. Lessons are posted by Saturday evening on our [Friends of NOUMC Facebook page](#).

Upcoming Meetings and Small Groups

Adult Sunday School, Sunday, April 18, 9:30 am, Zoom

Stephen Ministries, Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Racial Justice Group, Wednesday, April 21, 12 pm, Zoom

Spring District Conference, Saturday, April 24, 10 am – 11 am, 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*

