

## Announcements for Sunday, May 16, 2021

### Support the Youth Ministry Team

*Today is Penny Sunday*

May's Penny Sunday offering will go to benefit the Youth Ministry Team of our congregation. It will be used to create meaningful relationships with our neighbors and friends whether it be helping our food pantry, physically cleaning up our church building, or building supportive friendships among our youth.

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

### In-Person Worship Returns

*Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 10:30 am*

We are excited to announce that our return to in-person worship will begin on Pentecost Sunday, May 23! We will continue to offer livestreamed and recorded worship along with the in-person experience. A slide presentation will be offered again on Sunday, May 16 after the Postlude during the livestreamed service so that those who choose to worship in-person on May 23 and beyond will have a better sense of how to prepare.

***You are invited to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost and remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.***

### UMW FUNDrive

*Friday, May 21, 6 pm - 8 pm // Saturday, May 22, 10 am - 2 pm*

*Sunday, May 23, 10 am – 10:30 am & 11:30 am - 2 pm*

We are holding a FUNDrive again this year instead of a rummage sale. We will accept your donations of clothing and household goods in good, clean, and sellable condition. We will have a trailer in the church parking lot to accept your donations. ***As a reminder, soft goods should be bagged in large, black garbage bags and other items should be packed in manageable-sized boxes that are closed.***

Accepted items include clothing, shoes, bedding and towels, accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, belts, and jewelry), CDs, DVDs, electrical items, toys and games, kitchen items, knick-knacks, and sporting goods. ***No furniture and large household items, baby gear, cleaning products, flammable items, or building materials, please.***

Please bring your items during the times listed above. We could use the help of a few men the last 15 minutes of each session to help us load the donations into the trailer. It is impossible for us little old ladies to pile up the boxes and bags. We always appreciate all the help that the rest of the congregation gives us.

For more information, contact Judi Wagner at [rjwags\\_fam@yahoo.com](mailto:rjwags_fam@yahoo.com) or 440.567.1056.

## 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](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org) or call the office, ext. 13, and leave your name and phone number so that Wendy can contact you.

## 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](#).

## Racial Justice Group

*Wednesday May 26*

*12 pm – 1 pm on Zoom*

We will finish watching and discussing the series from St Luke's UMC "We Cannot Walk Alone". A featured speaker is Garlinda Burton, interim chief executive for the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR). Find the YouTube video at: <https://www.stlukesccse.org/general-8>

Contact Janis at [janisjar@yahoo.com](mailto:janisjar@yahoo.com) or Pastor Hoyte at [hoytewilhelm@gmail.com](mailto:hoytewilhelm@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## Upcoming Meetings and Small Groups

Adult Sunday School, Sunday, May 16, 9:30 am, Zoom

Stephen Ministries, Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Worship Ministry Team, Thursday, May 20, 7 pm, Zoom

Altar and Arts Team, Friday, May 21, 11 am – 1 pm, Sanctuary

## 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*

