

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, September 19, 2021

Today Is East Ohio's Teach • Reach • Bless Saturation Sunday!

Sunday, September 19, 10:30 am, North Olmsted UMC

North Olmsted UMC has been faithful with their support for the East Ohio Teach • Reach • Bless campaign to build a women's dorm at Africa University. Thank you, all! As the church continues to support Africa University, we are honored to host a guest preacher, Josefa E. Bethea Wall, today during worship for East Ohio's Teach • Reach • Bless Saturation Sunday.

Today's **September Penny Sunday** offering will go to benefit the East Ohio Teach • Reach • Bless campaign to build a women's dorm at Africa University. Please give generously. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write September Penny Sunday in the memo.* Send checks to the church office, attention Ron Clough, Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in-person, a basket will be designated for Penny Sunday.

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Items due by next Sunday, September 26

Oxcart Pantry is in need of several items right now: **peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, and individually wrapped snacks (such as chips, cookies, and crackers that come in small, snack-sized bags)**. Please put all donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Classes Begin

Sundays, 9 am

All of our Sunday School classes are now in session, and there are classes available for all ages.

The **Elementary Class (Grades 1-4)** is taught by Sarah Jackson in Room 6. Sarah is using Group's "*Hands On Bible*" curriculum, and it promises to be a fun and exciting class!

The **Middle School Class (Grades 5-7)** is using the "*Be Bold*" curriculum by Group in Room 7. The kids will dive into scripture while finding a place to belong, question, and live out their faith.

The **High School/Young Adult Class (Grades 8-12+)** meets on the Second Floor. This class is using Group's "*Live*" curriculum. Each lesson will focus on nurturing faith through the study of scripture as it relates to their lives.

Craig Mueller is teaching our **Adult Class** in the Choir Room. They are starting the year off with the DVD study "*Faithful and Inclusive*." This study "allows participants to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church."

Although all classes have already started, everyone is invited to join a class at any time, and all are welcome to bring a friend or two!

Teachers Are Still Very Much Needed!

Please consider volunteering to teach in our Sunday School program! We would like to have enough teachers so that the middle school and high school can be taught on rotation, and you can choose the weeks that work best for you. Sarah Jackson would welcome some additional teachers in the elementary classroom, too. For more information, please contact Wendy Cooper at sundayschool@noumc.org or ext. 13.

September Free Community Meal—Carry-Out Only

Thursday, September 30, 4:30 pm – 6 pm

The Community Meal will be carry-out only this month. We will serve fish sticks, tater tots, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb Linton at blintonofnr@aol.com.

Financial Secretary Update

Thank you to Ed Brewster for serving so faithfully and well as the Financial Secretary of NOUMC. Ed, while remaining active with the church, has graciously asked for another person to serve in the position, and Ron Clough has agreed to serve as the new Financial Secretary. Thank you, Ron! Ed, Ron, Mike Moore (Treasurer), and the weekly counters are working well together during this transitional time related to the financial record-keeping with the church.

Upcoming Meetings, Gatherings, and Small Groups

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 23, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday School: Sunday, September 26, 9 am

Elementary Class (Grades 1-4): Room 6 High School/Young Adult (Grades 8-12+): Second Floor

Middle School Class (Grades 5-7): Room 7 “Faithful and Inclusive” Adult Class: Choir Room

Ecumenical Youth Group: Sunday, September 26, 5 pm, The UMC of Berea

Celebration of Life Service for John C. Weinert: Saturday, October 2, 2 pm, Sanctuary, open to all

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*

