

# North Olmsted United Methodist Church

## *Prayer Concerns*

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Carol W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C. Barbara B.
Those affected by gun violence	Jan R.
Those who are homeless	Keith A.
Stephen Ministers	Sterling B.
Care Receivers	Lois D.
Our condolences to Jane B. following the passing of her sister, Beverly	Nancy D. Susan W.
Jennifer G.	Patty, lifted by Janis J.
Randall S.'s son	Miriam, lifted by Janis J.
Sydney S. and family	Victor, lifted by Reba Y.
Alice and Tony, lifted by Claudia and Paul T.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Ron W.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Karen, lifted by David L.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Dale, David L.'s brother	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Josh O. and Guylene H.	Matthew F., USAF
Mary, lifted by Susan W.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Monica, lifted by Susan W.	Christopher Y., USAF
Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.	
Scott, David L.'s brother	
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	

## *This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries*

November 29 Ray Burnett	December 2 Sally Stacho
November 29 Madison Stroup	December 3 Barbara Schultz
November 29 Sandi & Frank O'Dell	November 29 Chris & Mike Byrns



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent/United Methodist Student Day**

**Theme for Advent: Come Home for Christmas**

November 28, 2021 + 10:30 am

### ***Welcome and Passing of the Peace***

### ***Celebration of Ministries and Missions***

**Prelude**                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      arr. C. Callahan

**\*Old Testament Reading**      Jeremiah 33:14-16                      Bev Hixon

### ***\*Call to Worship and Lighting of the First Advent Candle***

L: We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

P: **Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?**

L: Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both

point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

**P: We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.**

**\*Unison Prayer** (Psalm 25: 1-10, Luke 21: 25-36)

**Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone, we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one—the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads* UMH 213

### ***Prayers of the People***

#### ***Prayer Concerns***

#### ***Pastoral Prayer***

#### ***Unison Prayer of Confession***

**It is so easy for us, Lord, to let the anger, frustration, and fear overshadow our lives. We can't seem to escape it. We try to find some way to cover it up, but it remains. And in our anxiety, we act out our fear in ways which are not helpful and, far too often, go against the ways you have taught us to live. We feel the pressure to give, and resentment in giving. We feel the push to be present at every upcoming event and want to run and hide. Help us, Lord. Heal our wounded spirits. Free us again to look to you for Hope. Let us see the many ways in which you are present to us: guiding, healing, loving, encouraging us. Forgive us for our fears and our stubbornness. Bring us again to your light, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### ***Words of Assurance***

"The days are coming," says the prophet Isaiah, "when all God's promises will be fulfilled." These promises of hope, peace, joy, and love are for you. Receive the hope that God offers to you today.

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**Anthem** *Advent Promise* Ruth Elaine Schram

### ***Invitation for the Offering***

**Offertory** *Savior of the Nations, Come* arr. G. F. Kauffmann

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

### ***Prayer for the Offering***

**Gospel Reading** Luke 21:25-36

**Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

**Sermon** "Time to Go Home" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**\*Hymn** *Stand By Me* (vv. 1-2, 3, 5) UMH 512

### ***\*Benediction***

**Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Lani Smith

*You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.*

*The altar flowers are given by Carol Weinert in memory of her husband, John, on their wedding anniversary.*

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### ***Worship Leaders***

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Usher: Beth Cruz  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen Greeters: Barb & Floyd Andrews  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Video Production: John Wolter,  
Liturgist: Bev Hixon Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter