

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, December 19, 2021

Support the General Commission on Race and Religion

Today is Penny Sunday

This month's Penny Sunday collection is going to the General Commission on Race and Religion. The Racial Justice Group has been utilizing their podcasts and information online for over a year.

GCORR was formed in 1968 by the church to keep "The United Methodist Church accountable in its commitment to reject the sin of racism in every aspect of the life of the church." Racism is their primary focus, which also includes poverty, gender discrimination, and more.

GCORR is at a critical turning point. The reality is that GCORR has been underfunded for years. Cutbacks have come when many local congregations are recommitting to confronting racism and most need institutional support.

With God's help and your generosity, we are calling in a future where GCORR becomes self-sustaining, with a wider reach and an exponentially greater impact than ever before. Visit <https://www.gcorr.org> or <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/commissions-umw-adapt-to-new-budget-realities> for more information.

Make checks payable to NOUMC and write December Penny Sunday in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ron Clough, Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in person, a special offering basket will be made available.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Friday, December 24, 7 pm, Sanctuary and Online

Worship with us on Friday, December 24 as we celebrate God's presence with us in Jesus Christ. The service will include beautiful music, a message of hope, and the traditional sharing of candlelight.



Advent Activities

Be sure to watch our Friends of NOUMC Facebook page for Advent activities throughout the month of December.

1. We are "lighting" the Advent candle each week, with a weekly devotion.
2. Luke Challenge: Our challenge to read one chapter of Luke each night in December will finish up this week. There are 24 chapters, so by Christmas Eve, we will have read through the entire account of Jesus' life, and we will wake up Christmas morning knowing Who and why we celebrate! Wendy is posting a weekly wrap up and devotion, and we are invited to join in on the discussion.

Donate 2022 Calendars

Through January 16

Do you have extra 2022 calendars? We will donate them to a local organization in need. The calendar collection box is in Fellowship Hall to the left of the Sanctuary doors. Thank you for your donations.

Looking Ahead: The hats and mittens collection will run January 2 – January 30.

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting cleaning supplies, especially laundry detergent, until Sunday, January 2

Please put all donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, December 20, 11 am, Choir Room

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: Friday, December 24, 7 pm, Sanctuary & Online

1st Sunday after Christmas Day: Sunday, December 26, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Church Office Hours: The office will be closed Monday, December 27.

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***

