

# **Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!**

## **Announcements for Sunday, December 5, 2021**

### **Christmas Flower Sale**

*Orders due tomorrow: Monday, December 6*

The youth are accepting orders for Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti that will be placed on the altar for our Christmas Eve service. Order forms are located in Fellowship Hall and on the website. Poinsettias are available in red, white, pink, marbled, or burgundy. All plants are in 6" pots and sell for \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit this year's Oxcart Pantry Sunday School Mission Project.

*Please drop your order form and payment into the purple box in Fellowship Hall or send the form with your check to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper. You can also email Wendy at [sundayschool@noumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org).*

### **Adopt-a-Family**

*Wrapped Gifts due by next Sunday, December 12*

Thank you to all who took tags from the board this year! Be sure to place the wrapped gifts with the tags attached under the tree in the Sanctuary by December 12.

### **Blue Christmas Worship Service**

*Monday, December 13, 7 pm, Sanctuary & Online*

The holiday season can be especially difficult for some of us, a painful reminder of what has been lost or of what has never been. God wants to renew our lives this Christmas season, bringing hope to us in the areas of our deepest need. All are invited to join us for a Blue Christmas worship service, a quiet service filled with peace, hope, prayer, music, and candlelight. For those worshipping from home, a link will be provided closer to the date. Invite others and join us as we re-affirm together our faith in God's presence, even in the darkest and loneliest seasons of our lives.

### **Advent Activities**

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

1. We will "light" the Advent candle each week, with a weekly devotion.
2. Luke Challenge: Our challenge to read one chapter of Luke each night in December continues! 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 will post a weekly wrap up and devotion, and we are invited to join in on the discussion!

## **Adult Sunday School Advent Study**

*Sundays, 9 am, Choir Room*

Join us as we continue to study "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton is taking us on a journey as he travels on video from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. For more information, contact Craig Mueller at [cpa.mueller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpa.mueller@sbcglobal.net).

## **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!

## **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.

## **This Week's Gatherings, Meetings, and Small Groups**

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, December 6, 11 am, Choir Room

Racial Justice Group: Monday, December 6, 12 pm – 1 pm, on Zoom

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, December 9, 7 pm, Sanctuary

United Methodist Men: Saturday, December 11, 8:30 am, Canary's Family Restaurant

Church Council/Council on Ministries Meeting: Saturday, December 11, 9:30 am – 11 am, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School Advent Study: Sunday, December 12, 9 am, Choir Room

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 12, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

### **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***

