

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, February 20, 2022

Bishop Malone on Dismantling Racism

Excerpt from the message:

Systemic racism is a complex issue and destructive force that permeates the Church, our communities, and our society. The United Methodist Church stands against racism and has resolutions and Social Principles that call us to stop the criminalization of communities of color in the United States and speak to the deplorable acts of hate and violence against groups or persons. To be an anti-racist and to live into our covenant to be an anti-racist annual conference is an ongoing journey. It requires a continuing commitment to do the work of dismantling racism—and, as the Body of Christ, it is all of our work to do.

We engage in this discipleship work by continuing to learn and understand about matters of race, culture, and the oppression of marginalized people; listening with compassion and having conversations with people of color to learn their personal stories; and honest self-reflection to gain greater understanding of our own biases and how we intentionally and/or unintentionally commit acts of racism.

We can recognize injustice and we know when something is not right. As followers of Jesus Christ, when we witness violence, harm, and unjust behavior, and when we see the data and the facts on matters of inequality, it should disturb us, and we should be urged to act—to advocate and work for change. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that, “... the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” But it does not bend on its own.

To read the full message, visit: https://www.eocumc.com/bishop/pastoralmessage_042221.html

Support the Free Community Meal Ministry

Today is Penny Sunday

The Penny Sunday collection for February will go to our Community Meal ministry led by Barb Linton. This ministry enables us to share our blessings with local families and friends. Please join in keeping our promise to feed the community—body, mind, and spirit!

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **February Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ron Clough, Financial Secretary. For those worshiping in-person, an offering plate will be designated for Penny Sunday.*

February Free Community Meal—Carry-Out Only

Thursday, February 24, 4:30 pm – 6 pm

The Community Meal will be carry-out only this month. We will serve baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting canned meat and fish until February 27

Please place donations in the collection box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Study Opportunities

Adult Sunday School Lenten Study—*The God We Can Know: Exploring the “I Am” Sayings of Jesus*

Begins Sunday, February 27, 9 am, Classroom 4

We will explore the “I am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent, this series will help us find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?” Contact Craig at cpa.mueller@sbcglobal.net if you are planning to join us, and he will be in touch as details develop.

Weekday Lenten Study—*The Lord’s Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer*

Begins Wednesday, March 9, 2 pm – 3:30 pm, Zoom, RSVP to Pastor Hoyte no later than March 2

This study is based on a new book by United Methodist pastor and popular author Adam Hamilton and will guide us to better understand the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. By exploring the lines and their meanings, we will take a look at what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves while learning how to use the Lord’s Prayer as a pattern for our own prayer life. RSVP to hoytewilhelm@gmail.com by March 2.

Treat Yourself Tuesday

Tuesday, March 1, Friends of NOUMC Facebook Page

Socially distance with us through the Friends of NOUMC Facebook page. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, so that makes March 1 Fat Tuesday. We are calling it “Treat Yourself Tuesday” and would like you to share how you are treating yourself with a special dinner or treat, by buying a book you have been wanting to read, or by taking a nature walk. Post your pictures on Facebook and enjoy how your friends are treating themselves.

Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, 7 pm, In-person and Online

Join us for centering music, the imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion.

This Week’s Gatherings and Small Groups

Racial Justice Group: Monday, February 21, 12 pm – 1pm (during lunch hour), on Zoom

UMW: Wednesday, February 23, 10 am, Classroom 7

Altar and Arts Team: Wednesday, February 23, 11 am – 1 pm, Sanctuary

Free Community Meal—Carry-Out Only: Thursday, February 24, 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Transfiguration Sunday: February 27, 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***

