

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Support Kids' Book Bank

Today is Penny Sunday

The Cleveland area has an extremely high rate of child poverty, and two out of three low-income kids don't own a single book. Books lead to literacy and educational success. The May Penny Sunday Offering will go to support Kids' Book Bank and their mission to distribute free books to children through collaboration with community partners.

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

Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip and Book Collection

Mission Trip is Tuesday, June 7, 1 pm – 3 pm

Join us in hands-on service! Our next **mission trip** to Kids' Book Bank is in June. Volunteers must be 13 or older and ages 13-15 must be accompanied by an adult. We will carpool from NOUMC.

We are also collecting **new or gently used children's books**. Books should be in good condition and with a copyright no earlier than 2000. We cannot accept textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, or similar books.

Consider helping with our NOUMC book drive. We need people to **roll out our book cart** before worship on Sundays. See Janis for details.

To help with any of these opportunities, see Janis Jarvis or email janisjar@yahoo.com.

Join the Racial Justice 21-Day Social Justice Challenge

Begins the week of June 12, on Zoom

The Racial Justice Group is exploring an opportunity to widen our understanding of racial and social justice. We are planning a 21-Day Social Justice Challenge. The challenge is open to all so invite a friend. We will gather once a week for a Zoom discussion led by Pastor Hoyte. Contact Pastor Hoyte at hoytewilhelm@gmail.com or Sharon Werner at sharieolw@gmail.com to sign up for the 21-Day Social Justice Challenge and to request more information in your preparation for the challenge. A signup sheet will also be available on the long tables at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

United Methodist Men Ham Dinner Fundraiser (Carry-Out Only)

Pick up your orders following worship today, 12 pm – 2 pm

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting condiments, such as mayo, mustard, ketchup, pickles, relish, and barbecue sauce, until May 29

Please put donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Lunch with Friends

Thursday, May 19, 11:30 am, Perk Cup Café (561 W. Bagley Road, Berea)

We hope you'll join us for Lunch with Friends at Perk Cup Café. Call Carole at 440-234-3611 to RSVP.

Spring Hike

Next Sunday, May 22, 1 pm, Sandy Ridge Reservation (6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville)

All are welcome to hike with us at this scenic wetland, known for its bird-watching. The path is flat, and we will see lots of new offspring, including eagles. We are hoping to see Kevin, a sandhill crane who walks along the path. Bring binoculars if you have them. Sorry, no pets are allowed on this path. You are welcome to wear comfortable hiking clothes and shoes to worship in the morning so that you are ready to go. Bring a bag lunch as we will eat before we depart on the hike. Contact Beth Cruz at 216-548-1967 for more information.

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 12; Submit your information by May 31

If you are a recent graduate (high school, college, technical school, online degree, etc.), we would like to honor you during worship! We will need your name, school, degree, and what you will be doing next. Please send all of your details to Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org by the end of May.

June Agape Newsletter Deadline

Today, May 15

Thank you for submitting articles for the June Agape today. Please put articles in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office or email office@noumc.org.

Pastoral Care

May 18 - May 30

For pastoral care emergencies while Pastor Hoyte is out of town:

During office hours (Monday - Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm) please contact the church office.

Outside of office hours please contact Alice Walsh at 201-213-0285 or Joel Chermonte at 440-915-4509.

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

Ham Dinner (Carry-Out Only), sponsored by UMM: Sunday, May 15, 12 pm – 2 pm

Racial Justice Group: Monday, May 16, 12 pm – 1 pm (during lunch hour), on Zoom

Christian Education & Youth Ministry Team: Tuesday, May 17, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Lunch with Friends: Thursday, May 19, 11:30 am, Perk Cup Café (561 W. Bagley Road, Berea)

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 19, 7 pm, Choir Room

6th Sunday of Easter: Sunday, May 22, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

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