

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Support Advocacy Work Around the World

Peace with Justice Sunday is June 12

Today is the day

*God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.*

And so shall we.

—FROM A COMPANION LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREEED

On Peace with Justice Sunday, we partner with other United Methodist congregations in a special offering to support advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's creation with ministries that challenge structures of inequality. We empower people and communities through systemic change in ways that bring true and lasting peace with justice.

Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **Peace with Justice Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.*



Support Camperships

Penny Sunday is June 19

Our June Penny Sunday offering will go to provide financial assistance for youth attending one of our East Ohio United Methodist summer camps.



The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes watching TV a day
- 4 minutes playing outside a day
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics
- A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose. Please give generously!

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

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

Masks continue to be optional.

However, please be sensitive to and respectful of those who choose to wear masks.

If you are ill or experiencing symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.

Visit <http://www.noumc.org/worship-remote-worship-resources/> for bulletins and worship links.

Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Usher(s)
June 5	Claudia & Paul Taller	John Vas	Barb & Ron Clough
June 12	Charlene & John Vas	Greg Lavelle	Barb & Ron Clough
June 19	Ellie & Jim Yager	Joel Chermonte	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon
June 26	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Bev Hixon	Beth Cruz



Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of the Good News throughout the world.

You are invited to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost and remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

Congratulations to our Confirmand: Congratulations to Sydney Busser, who will confirm her commitment to Christ during worship on June 5! May God bless you as you pledge your faith in Him, and may He continually walk by your side as your Savior, Friend, and Guide. Please join us as we celebrate the confirmation of Sydney with cupcakes and punch after worship.

Punch and Fellowship: *Sunday, June 12, 9:30 am - 10:15 am (before worship), Fellowship Hall*

All are welcome to join us for fellowship and a glass of punch before worship.

Opportunities to Give

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting breakfast items until June 26

This month we are collecting breakfast items. Included in the sought-after items are granola, oatmeal, boxed muffins or bread mixes, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, syrup, canned or individual cups of fruit, dried cranberries or apricots, and peanuts, almonds, or pecans.

Opportunities for Fellowship and to Serve

Join the Nurture Committee

The church has reignited the Nurture Committee to do everything possible to take care of our congregation. If you enjoy visiting shut-ins, writing cards, making phone calls, and planning and hosting activities that will do our bodies and souls some good, please consider joining our group. We all need some loving kindness. Call or email Claudia Taller for information and to express your interest.



Here's the scoop: We think you'd like some ice cream! Members of the Nurture Committee will be visiting your home or neighborhood in the coming weeks to share some sweet treats! We don't want you to be surprised to see us, so look for updates in the church bulletin.

Hot Dog Social

Saturday, June 11, 5 pm, at the home of Sarah Jackson

Would you like to eat hot dogs and play backyard games with your church family? Come to the Adult Ministry Team's Second Annual Hot Dog Social on Saturday, June 11, at 5 pm. Please bring a potluck dish to accompany the fresh-off-the-grill hot dogs. Sarah and Ron Jackson host this event at their home. RSVP to Sarah. We'd love to see you there.

Racial Justice Group Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip

Next mission trip on Tuesday, June 7, 1 pm - 3 pm

Join us as we support **Cleveland Kids' Book Bank**. 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 Kids' Book Bank distributes free books to children in need through collaboration with community partners. Here are some ways you can help:

- Join us for our next mission trip to the Kids' Book Bank. Volunteers must be 13 or older and ages 13-15 must be accompanied by an adult. We will carpool from NOUMC. See Janis Jarvis if you are interested.
- Donate 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.
- Visit www.kidsbookbank.org for more ways to help. They also have a wish list on Amazon.
- Help with our book drive. We need people to roll out our book cart before worship on Sundays.

To help with any of these opportunities email Janis Jarvis.

Christian Education and Youth

Thank You to Our Sunday School Teacher!

Thank you so very much to **Craig Mueller**, who worked hard to bring wonderful studies and fellowship time and faithfully taught our Adult Sunday School class this year. Craig, your time and service are very much appreciated! We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest this summer!

North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry Sunday School Mission Project

thank you

To our United Women in Faith, who donated \$100.00. To an anonymous donor, who donated \$100.00.

To all who purchased flowers to decorate our altar for our Christmas Eve service: \$172.40 was raised.

To all who purchased sub sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday: \$305.00 was raised.

To all who purchased flowers to decorate our altar on Easter: \$147.00 was raised.

As we wrap up our Sunday School Mission Project for the year and get ready to send off the money we raised, we would like to say thank you to all of you for your support and your donations over the past several months. Because of you, we will be sending a check in the amount of **\$824.90** to help our North Olmsted neighbors in need. If you haven't had a chance to support our mission project yet, we will be accepting donations until June 15. Thank you for supporting our youth!

United Women in Faith

Plant Sale Wrap-Up

Our first fundraiser of the year was a smashing success. We appreciate all who purchased, sold, sorted, or helped in any way to make the plant sale the best we have ever had. The plants, as usual, are beautiful, and the UWF earned a profit of \$1331.95, which will go to support some of the unit's budget as well as to return some of the money back to the church later in the year.

While we're thanking everyone, we wanted you to know we had a special parking lot presentation for our number one salesman, Alex Green. We made him an honorary member of our unit and presented him with a pin and a monetary gift given to missions. We couldn't have had such a successful sale without you, Alex. A side bar: Have you ever turned a wrong number into a sale? Ask Alex how it's done.

Join Us for Meetings and Lunch

Keep in touch with the UWF. We get together every Wednesday even if it's only for lunch. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to see you. Check with a member for the location and time or email Barb Andrews. If you have a project at the church that we can help with, let us know. Check to see if we have a summer road trip you can join us for. We have fun, and the more the merrier.

Conference and Church Office Updates

East Ohio Annual Conference

Thursday, June 9 - Saturday, June 11

Annual Conference will meet in-person at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron.

All worship services, celebrations, and business sessions of Annual Conference will be livestreamed on the Conference website. [View the Annual Conference 2022 website.](#)

Provide Desserts for Open Table!

Bring desserts to the church building on Thursday, June 9, 10 am – 2 pm (during office hours)

NOUMC has been asked to provide the dessert for 75 people at the Open Table worship service during Annual Conference. If 10 people can sign up to bring two dozen cookies each, we'll be in good shape. Or, bake a batch of brownies! *Unrefrigerated baked goods are preferred.* The baked goods need to be brought to the church between 10 am and 2 pm on Thursday, June 9.

Please contact Barb Brewster, our Lay Member to Annual Conference, if you are willing to provide a dessert.

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

On Tuesday, Megan will work from home and will continue to check her email and voicemail during office hours (10 am - 2 pm).

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Join the 21-Day Social Justice Challenge

Postponed until this Fall, but you can sign up now!

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 to ideally begin in the Fall. 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 or Sharon Werner to sign up. A sign-up sheet is also available on the door of the church office.

Church Family News

1	Jennifer G.	1	Amye & Ron S.
4	Barb A.	9	Kara Q. & Christopher H.
4	Asher B.	14	Barb & Ray S.
5	Matias G.	16	Kim & Daniel B.
5	Minna B.	17	Judi & Ron W.
7	Emily J.	18	Virginia & Rev. Mark S.
13	Walt S.	25	Barb & Floyd A.
14	Rebecca W.	26	Sally & Will S.
18	Shawn M.	27	Terri & Rev. Hoyte W.
19	Matthew G.	27	Michelle & John W.
22	Wesley W.		
22	Alex K.		
27	Stanley M.		
29	Kara M.		
30	Amy C.		



July Agape Deadline

June 15

Email articles and meeting dates to noumc@noumc.org, mail them to the church, attention Megan Howe, or put them in the Admin. Assistant's mailbox outside the church office by June 15.

Prayer Concerns

First Responders

Victims of natural disasters

Those suffering from mental illness

Those affected by gun violence

Those who are homeless

Our condolences to the loved ones of Maryann C. following her passing

Our condolences to the loved ones of Betty S. following her passing

Our condolences to the loved ones of Joan L. following her passing

Our condolences to Carole

B. following the passing of her nephew, Joshua

Judy K.

Sally S.

Maggie, lifted by Chris B.

Hannah, lifted by Louise A.

Sterling B.

Carol W.

Ron W.

Lois D.

Josh O.

Viola C.

Susan W.

Donald R.

Keith A.

Barbara B.

Carol, lifted by Sally and Will S.

Sherry, lifted by Sally and Will S.

Patty, lifted by Janis J.

Miriam, lifted by Janis J.

Mary, lifted by Susan W.

Monica, lifted by Susan W.

Donna, sister of Carol N.

Steve, son of Mary Ellen M.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Christopher Y., USAF

Matthew F., USAF

Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

Lunch with Friends: *Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 11:30 am*

For our June location, read the church announcements or call Carole Bettinger.

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10 am - 2 pm</i>			1 7 pm Council on Ministries (Classroom 7)	2	3	4 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
5 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	6 8:30 pm AA (FH)	7 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 1 pm - 3 pm Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip	8 10 am UWF (Classroom 7)	9 Annual Conference (Akron) 10 m - 2 pm Drop off desserts for Open Table	10 Annual Conference (Akron) 5 pm Open Table supper and worship (First UMC of Akron)	11 8:30 am UMM (Canary's) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved Annual Conference (Akron) 5 pm Hot Dog Social
12 <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 9:30 am Punch and Fellowship (FH) 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	13 8:30 pm AA (FH)	14 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	15 <i>July Agape Deadline</i>	16 11:30 am Lunch with Friends	17	18 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
19 <i>Penny Sunday Juneteenth</i> 10:30 am Worship	20 8:30 pm AA (FH)	21 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	22	23	24	25 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
26 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	27 8:30 pm AA (FH)	28 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	29	30 4:30 pm - 6 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)		

For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.

*Please contact the church office
to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.*

Agape Newsletter

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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.

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)

Thursday, June 30

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Carry-Out Menu:

chicken, pasta salad, a roll, and dessert

The meal will be provided by St. Clarence this month.

The Free Community Meal is a mission of North Olmsted United Methodist Church with assistance from our friends at St. Richard and St. Clarence Catholic Churches and others in the community. All meals are funded by donations, and the dinners are prepared and served by volunteers. Menus may change because of donated food or food pricing. Additional volunteers are always welcome! If you would like more information, please contact us at 440-779-6634. *We are an accessible facility.*