

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, August 14, 2022

Centering Space Visit

Sunday, August 21, 7 pm, (14812 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, OH)

Pastor Hoyte, along with Alice Walsh (on behalf of the Worship Team) and Claudia Taller (on behalf of the Nurture Team), are exploring additional ways to deepen the faith journeys of our members. We are considering offering Taizé services and labyrinth walks at North Olmsted United Methodist Church.

To that end, we are organizing a visit to Centering Space on Sunday, August 21, at 7 pm, to be part of an outdoor Taizé worship service. Folks gather round a campfire on property overlooking Lake Erie to sing and pray accompanied by musicians who previously performed at the River's Edge monthly Taizé services. Additionally, the organization has created a rugged labyrinth.

Centering Space is a mission of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine and laity to create a sacred space and offer programming to bring people closer to God. More information can be found on their website: <https://centeringspace.org/about/>.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Claudia Taller or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Support UMCOR US Disaster Response

Penny Sunday is next Sunday, August 21

Due to the historic floods in Eastern Kentucky at the end of July, our Penny Sunday offering schedule has been changed for the next couple of months. August's Penny Sunday offering will now go to support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief's work on the ground in Kentucky. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **August Penny Sunday** or **UMCOR US Disaster Relief** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in person, a basket will be designated for Penny Sunday.*

(Please note: our plans to support the meal ministry at Laura's Home will be postponed until September's Penny Sunday.)

Support Oxcart Pantry

Collecting summer side dishes until August 28

In August, we are collecting summer side dishes. These include **canned corn, green beans, chickpeas, baked beans, salsa, pasta, salad dressing, black beans, and beets**. Please put donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued generosity!

North Olmsted Homecoming Festival

Thursday, August 25 – Sunday, August 28

We plan to have a church booth during the Homecoming Festival again this year. We are looking for people to volunteer and help us staff the booth for the weekend. It's a lot of fun, you meet a host of new people, and you get to enjoy all the benefits of the Homecoming Festival.

You can sign up by contacting Sarah Jackson or Ron Clough or by signing up at church.

Cleveland Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip

Save the date: Tuesday, September 20, 1 pm - 3 pm

Join us as we support Kids' Book Bank in their work to ensure all kids growing up in Greater Cleveland have books of their own to read and cherish. Our next trip is in September; invite a friend! We have room for up to 20 people. No lifting required. We will carpool from the church building. Contact Janis for more information or to reserve a spot. This trip is sponsored by the NOUMC Racial Justice Group.

September Agape Newsletter Deadline

Monday, August 15

Thank you for submitting articles for the September Agape by tomorrow, August 15. Please put articles in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office or email the church office.

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

Racial Justice Group: Monday, August 15, 12 pm – 1 pm, on Zoom, email Janis Jarvis for information

11th Sunday after Pentecost/Penny Sunday: Sunday, August 21, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Visit to Centering Space: Sunday, August 21, 7 pm, 14812 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, OH

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***

