

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, August 21, 2022

### Support UMCOR US Disaster Response

*Today, August 21, is Penny Sunday*

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.)

### Centering Space Visit

*Today, 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 this evening 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.

### Support Oxcart Pantry

*Collecting summer side dishes until next Sunday, 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**

*This Thursday, August 25 – Sunday, August 28*

Join us at our booth during the Homecoming Festival this week! 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 the church.

## **Free Community Meal: Carry-Out Only**

*Thursday, August 25, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, NOUMC parking lot*

Please note the new time of our monthly meal. We will serve carry-out meals of pasta alfredo with chicken, green beans, fruit, and dessert. For more information, email Barb Linton.

## **Volunteer in the Nursery!**

*The nursery is opening on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11*

We want to be able offer the nursery and toddler rooms for our families with small children, as well as any families who might visit our church and be in need of a safe place for their child during worship. In order to do so, we are in need of two people to help out in the rooms each week. Please consider joining our nursery staff! Contact Wendy Cooper to ask questions or to be added to the list of volunteers.

## **Join the NOUMC Social Justice Challenge!**

*September 14 – October 5*

Sign up to receive a daily email with links to online social justice resources. View the links that interest you and expand your social justice awareness. Details can be found in the upcoming September Agape, or see the sign-up sheet on the office door. For more information, contact one of the following: Pastor Hoyte, Sharon Werner, Janis Jarvis, or the church office at [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org).

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

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

Racial Justice Group: Monday, August 22, 12 pm – 1 pm, on Zoom, email Janis Jarvis for information

Worship Ministry Team: Wednesday, August 24, 7 pm, on Zoom

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only): Thursday, August 25, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Church parking lot

Homecoming Festival: Thursday, August 25 – Sunday, August 28

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, August 28, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online