

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, September 25, 2022

Fall Hike

Today, September 25, 1 pm, East River Park

The Fellowship team is planning another favorite: a fall hike! East River Park is on Lewis Road in Olmsted Falls, north of Bagley, south of Water Street, across from Chestnut Grove Cemetery. Meet at the picnic pavilion with a bag lunch and hike a short distance along the river or continue across the river to the covered bridge and falls (stairs involved). The pavilion is covered in case of drizzle! No need to sign up – we will see you there!

World Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, October 2

On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday, one of six special offerings in the life of The United Methodist Church. The offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries, racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry, and ethnic-in-service training and leadership development.

Make checks payable to *North Olmsted United Methodist Church* and write *World Communion Sunday* in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.

World Communion Sunday with Taizé Music

Sunday, October 2

You are invited to enjoy a new expression of music during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 2. In addition to our traditional forms of worship, Taizé music will be woven into the service as a way to enrich our time together.

Taizé (pronounced: tay-zay) is a prayerful form of music known for its simple, yet rich and meditative character. Taizé music often takes the structure of an ostinato (a simple melody that repeats over and over) and is meant to serve as a kind of musical centering prayer. Collective singing, piano, and guitar focusing on Taizé will add much to our worship experience on the 2nd.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Burgundy, France. It was originally composed of about 100 men who came from Protestant, Orthodox, and Catholic traditions. The men came from about 30 countries across the world. The monastic order has maintained a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. It was founded in 1940 by Roger Schutz, a Protestant.

The community continues to be recognized as one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work.

Free Community Meal: Carry-Out Only

Thursday, September 29, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, NOUMC parking lot

We will serve carry-out meals of ham and scalloped potatoes, salad, a roll, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

Community Bonfire and Service Project

Next Sunday, October 2, 4:30 pm, Church Lawn; RSVP by September 30

All are invited to join us for a hot dog and s'mores bonfire and a service project! The price of admission will be one package of paper products (which will be donated afterwards to the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry) and one long roasting stick. Please be sure to RSVP to Wendy Cooper by September 30!

Chair Yoga and Prayer

Sunday, October 9, 11:45 am (following worship), Fellowship Hall

Get ready to breathe, move, and reflect on October 9. Fellowship Hall will be converted into a space for prayer, meditation, and chair yoga with yoga instructor Claudia Taller. Quiet your mind, set some intentions, and start your week peacefully. Contact Claudia Taller if you would like more information.

United Women in Faith Church Mouse Craft Fair

Saturday, October 15, 9 am – 3 pm, Fellowship Hall

This year's Craft Fair will feature an almost full house of crafters. You can get an early start on Christmas shopping, purchase Halloween and Christmas decorations, or just find something really nice for yourself. The kitchen will be open, and we are still deciding whether to have take-out only or eat-in, depending on Covid protocols. Come and have lunch. There will be a bake sale table, and we would be happy to accept any baked goods you'd like to donate, as well as any crafts you'd like to add to our table. All of our profits will go to church needs or charities that are close to our hearts. Contact Judi Wagner if you can help.

Decorate your trunk for Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30, 2 pm – 4 pm, Church Parking Lot

Please see Wendy if you can decorate your trunk and hand out candy!

Support Oxcart Pantry

Today is the last day to donate food for school lunches

Our next collection will be for Thanksgiving dinner side dishes and desserts

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

Fall Hike: Sunday, September 25, 1 pm, East River Park

Racial Justice Group: Monday, September 26, 12 pm – 1 pm, on Zoom

Finance Committee: Wednesday, September 28, 6 pm, Classroom 7

21-Day Social Justice Challenge: Wednesday, September 28, 7 pm, on Zoom

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only): Thursday, September 29, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 29, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, October 2, 9 am, Classroom 4

17th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday/Taizé Service: Sunday, October 2, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Bonfire and Service Project: Sunday, October 2, 4:30 pm, church lawn