Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

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

Taizé music will be woven into today's 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.

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. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity, and reconciliation.

Community Bonfire and Service Project

This evening: Sunday, October 2, 4:30 pm, Church Lawn

All are invited to join us this evening 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. See Wendy Cooper if you have questions!

Chair Yoga and Prayer

Sunday, October 9, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall

Get ready to breathe, move, and reflect on Sunday, October 9, after the church service. 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

Visit our craft fair and get an early start on Christmas shopping, buy different kinds of decorations for Halloween or Christmas, 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.

Adult Fellowship Wine Tour

Saturday, October 22, 3:30 pm, begins at Klingshirn Winery

Join us for a mini-wineries tour on Saturday, October 22, beginning at 3:30 pm. We will start at Klingshirn Winery where third-generation winemaker Lee Klingshirn will tell us all about growing up on a wine farm and continuing as the owner of the winery today. Then we'll drive over to John Crist to taste their wines and learn about how their wines are made. We will take picnic food with us to share. Call or email Claudia Taller to reserve your spot. This event is limited to 12 people.

Decorate your trunk for Trunk or Treat!

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

We are still in need of volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunks and hand out candy to the families that attend. Please contact Wendy Cooper if you can help!

Support Oxcart Pantry

Collecting Thanksgiving dinner side dishes and desserts until October 30

These include boxed/bagged stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned sweet potatoes, and dessert items like boxed cake or cookie mixes and brownie mixes. Please put donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

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

Racial Justice Group: Monday, October 3, 12 pm – 1 pm, on Zoom

Handbell Rehearsal: Monday, October 3, 5 pm, Choir Room

United Women in Faith: Wednesday, October 5, 10 am, Classroom 7

SPRC Consultation with the District Superintendent: Wednesday, October 5, 6 pm, Westlake UMC

21-Day Social Justice Challenge: Wednesday, October 5, 7 pm, on Zoom

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 6, 7 pm, Choir Room

United Methodist Men: Saturday, October 8, 8:30 am, Canary's Restaurant

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, October 9, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

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