

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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FALL event

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.

Community Bonfire and Service Project

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

All youth and their families, our congregation, and our community are invited to join us for hot dogs, s'mores, and a service project! The price of admission will be one package of paper products (which will be donated to the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry), and one long roasting stick. There will be music and games and lots of fun as we share the love of Jesus with our neighbors and friends. RSVP to Wendy Cooper by September 30.

Trunk Or Treat!

Sunday, October 30, 2 pm - 4 pm

Spread the word and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for this family friendly event! We will be hosting a community-invited Trunk Or Treat in our parking lot on Sunday, October 30. All are invited, and don't forget to bring a bag for candy and wear your costumes!

Decorate Your Trunk!

Would you like to decorate your trunk and pass out candy to the families that attend? If you would like to volunteer your trunk, please contact Wendy Cooper by October 15.



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)
October 2	Jean Scothon	Barb Clough	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
October 9	Barb Andrews	Michelle Wolter	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon
October 16	Sarah Jackson	Floyd Andrews	Beth Cruz
October 23	Jim & Ellie Yager	Ed Brewster	Barb & Ron Clough
October 30	John & Char Vas	Randall Sheets	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold

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

The community, though Western European in origin, has sought to include people and traditions worldwide. They have sought to demonstrate this in the music and prayers where songs are sung in many languages, and have included chants and icons from the



Eastern Orthodox tradition. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. Earlier Taizé community music was conceived and composed by Jacques Berthier. Later Joseph Gelineau became a major contributor to the music.

World Communion Sunday Special Offering

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 offering Sundays in the life of The United Methodist Church.

50% of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

35% supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.

15% funds the Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

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

A Note from the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a special time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastor who gives, cares, and serves us and our community in remarkable ways.

How exactly can we celebrate Pastor Hoyte this year? He does so much for us. In fact, he does more than we ever know or realize on a daily and even moment-by-moment basis. How can we show him that we appreciate not only what he does, but also who he is to us and so many others?

Here are some ideas and suggestions to get your creative juices flowing:

1. Prayer - Pause for a few moments every day to pray for Pastor Hoyte and his family. On Sunday, October 9, join us as we honor (and pray for) him during our worship service.
2. Encouragement - 1 Thessalonians 5:13 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Let's practice this together. If you have an encouraging word for Pastor Hoyte, use this month to write him a note and tell him how his ministry has impacted your life.
3. Honor Pastor's "Day Away" – Did you know that UMC pastors are required by the conference to have a day off each week (in addition to a day for their own Sabbath reflection?) Pastor Hoyte's day off is Monday. We honor him when we wait until Tuesdays to reach out to him for non-emergency matters. (Note: Pastor Hoyte carries his cell phone and is available for emergencies at any time.)

Thank you for being a caring congregation for our pastor. We are certainly blessed by his ministry among us.

Alice Walsh, SPRC Chair



Nurture Committee

Join the Nurture Committee!

If you enjoy visiting people in their homes, writing cards, making phone calls, providing car rides, 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 and for people to listen and just be present for us. Contact Claudia Taller if you would like to join us!



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.

Opportunities to Give

Support Oxcart Pantry

Penny Sunday is October 16

We will be collecting money to go to the Oxcart Pantry this month. They can use it to purchase items they need, mainly from the Cleveland Food Bank. Even though the pandemic seems to be winding down, inflation has hit many families very hard, and there is still a great need in our neighborhood.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **October Penny Sunday** or **Oxcart Pantry** 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.*

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting Thanksgiving dinner side dishes and desserts until October 30

Thank you for your August donations; we collected a trunk-full of side dishes—almost 60 items. In October, we are collecting Thanksgiving dinner side dishes, which include **boxed/bag 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.

The early packing of bags necessitates a deadline of October 30; however, there are usually several items that need to be added to some of the later bags, so we will continue to collect these items until November 20 to help fill in the gaps. After that, we will start our December collection a little early.

Christian Education and Youth

Volunteer in the Nursery!

Would you like to attract new young families to our church so that our church and Sunday School programs may continue to thrive? Studies show that the best way to do so is to have a safe, staffed nursery and toddler room! Our rooms are open and available. Now we just need YOU! We cannot offer these rooms without volunteers to staff them. The rooms are filled with toys and games to keep our children busy. Sunday School Bible learning activities will be available for our children to work on. Volunteer according to your availability. There is a TV in the room so you may still participate in worship. If no children attend on your day, you are welcome to join worship in the sanctuary. Please consider signing up and joining our nursery staff! Contact Wendy Cooper to ask questions or sign up on the nursery door.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Adult Fellowship Wine Tour

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

Did you know this part of Ohio used to be covered in grape vines? Two of our oldest wineries are just down the road in Avon Lake. Klingshirn Winery began doing business in 1934 and John Crist opened his winery in 1946. 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.

United Women in Faith: Fall Activities

Church Mouse Craft Fair: *Saturday, October 15, 9 am - 3 pm*

There is more information about the upcoming craft fair on page one of the Agape, but we want to thank you in advance for your attendance, baked good donations, and for helping with the cleanup at 3 pm. We will be giving you a date for our annual give-away for the funds we have earned this year soon, but you or your committee should be thinking about what monetary needs there are for the church or a local charity.

Amish Country Outing: *Wednesday, October 19*

We are planning on reinstating our trip to Amish country. Let us know if you'd like to join us. Contact Barb Andrews for more information.

In need of greeting cards? *Shop the card carousel*

Sharon has not forgotten us, and the carousel in Fellowship Hall is loaded with new cards. Where can you get hand-made cards for only \$2.00? We know the place. You can put your payment in the locked box on the craft cart.



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Church Family News

4	Claire T.		
5	Josh O.		
9	Nancy D.		
11	Michael G.		
14	Dave H.		
16	Mary Ellen M.		
17	John-John W.		
18	Elizabeth G.		
19	Hoyte W.		
26	Rita W.		
28	Don R.		
28	Ellie Y.		
29	Alyssa D.		
31	Anthony B.	18	Jennifer & Michael G.
31	Jim S.	31	Rachael & Tom B.



Prayer Concerns

First Responders

Victims of natural disasters

Those suffering from mental illness

Those affected by gun violence

Those who are homeless

Nate, lifted by Sharon W.

Karen & Eric, lifted by
Carole B.

Josh O.

Guylene H.

Susan W.

George, Liz L.'s brother

Susan L.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Bill, Sarah J.'s brother

Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.

Sally C.

Judy K.

Nancy D.

Carol W.

Sally S.

Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.

Hannah, lifted by Louise A.

Sterling B.

Ron W.

Lois D.

Viola C.

Donald R.

Keith A.

Barbara B.

Donna, sister of Carol N.

Steve, son of

Mary Ellen M.

Selene, lifted by

Carole A.

Christopher Y., USAF

Matthew F., USAF

Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

November Agape Deadline

October 15

Email articles and meeting dates to noumc@noumc.org, mail them to the church, or put them in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office by October 15.

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<p>For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.</p> <p><i>Please contact the church office (noumc@noumc.org or 440.779.6634) to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.</i></p>						<p>1 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist</p>
<p>2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30 pm Bonfire & Service Project (Church Yard)</p>	<p>3 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>4 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>5 10 am UWF (Classroom 7) 6 pm SPRC Consultation (Westlake UMC) 7 pm Social Justice Challenge (Zoom) 8 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>6 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved</p>
<p>9 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Chair Yoga and Prayer (FH) 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)</p>	<p>10 12 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>11 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>12 10 am UWF (Classroom 7) 7 pm Council on Ministries (Classroom 7) 8 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>13 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>14 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved</p>	<p>15 <i>November Agape Deadline</i> 9 am - 3 pm Church Mouse Craft Fair (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>16 <i>Penny Sunday/ Laity Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)</p>	<p>17 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>18 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>19 UWF Amish Country Trip 8 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>20 11:30 am Lunch with Friends 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 3:30 pm Wine Tour</p>
<p>23 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12 pm Nurture (Classroom 7) 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)</p>	<p>24 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>25 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>26 6:30 pm "All Invite" Meeting (Classroom 7) 8 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>27 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only) 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved</p>
<p>30 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm - 4 pm Trunk or Treat 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (CR 7)</p>	<p>31 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p><i>Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10 am - 2 pm</i></p> <p><i>On Tuesday, Megan works from home and will check her email and voicemail during office hours, 10 am - 2 pm</i></p>				

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, October 27
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

Carry-Out Menu:

sloppy joes, potato salad,
a pickle, and dessert

The meal will be served by St. Richard Catholic Church.

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.*