

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, November 20, 2022

### Stocking Stuffers for Oxcart Pantry

*Today, November 20 is Penny Sunday*

*Collecting stocking stuffers until December 4*

We are collecting stockings, toiletry items, and small gifts for adults and children to be given to Oxcart Pantry clients this Christmas. A list of needed items can be found in the November edition of the Agape Newsletter.

You can also give financially and let us do the shopping for you. November's Penny Sunday will go towards purchasing stocking stuffers. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **stocking stuffers or November Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.*

### Adult Sunday School Advent Study

*Begins Sunday, November 20, 9 am, Classroom 4*

Claudia Taller is leading us in the series: *Prepare the Way for the Lord*, by Adam Hamilton. For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming.

### Bake Cookies for Holiday Free Community Meal

*Cookies should be dropped off on Sunday, November 27*

We need about five people to each bake 2 dozen Christmas cookies for the meal and bring them to the church kitchen on Sunday, November 27. If you can help, please email Barb Linton.

### United Methodist Student Day

*Next Sunday, November 27*

United Methodist Student Day is one of six special offering Sundays in the life of The United Methodist Church. For more than one-hundred years, United Methodists have been supporting their students' educational needs through a special offering. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. Scholarships are awarded to deserving United Methodist students annually.

Right now, there are United Methodist young people who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice or, for some, any school at all. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities. Please help deserving students continue their education and their faith journeys. Supporting this ministry allows us to invest in future missionaries, engineers, teachers, pastors, film producers, and so many other careers. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **UM Student Day** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.*

### Oxcart Pantry Thanksgiving Collection

*Today is the last day to donate Thanksgiving dinner side dishes and desserts*

*Our next collection is cleaning supplies, especially laundry detergent*

## **Advent Wreath**

*Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve*

As we count down the Sundays leading up to Christmas, in worship we will light an additional candle each week on the Advent wreath. This is a great opportunity especially for families with children to participate in a tangible ritual, but of course individuals, friends, or any other groupings are more than welcome, too! For more information or to sign up to participate during any of our four Sunday morning worship services from November 27 through December 18 or on Christmas Eve, please email Pastor Hoyte or call the church office, ext. 16.

## **Annual Christmas Flower Sale**

*Orders due Sunday, December 4*

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team is now taking orders for Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti to be placed on the altar for our Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias are available in Red, White, Pink, Variegated, or Burgundy. All plants are in 6 1/2" pots, and sell for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will support Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center.

Order forms can be found in Fellowship Hall. Please place your order and payment into the purple box, or send them to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper. You may also call the church office, ext. 13 to place your order, or email Wendy Cooper.

## **A Christmas Cabaret: Dinner and Show**

*Saturday Matinee, December 10, 2 pm*

Join us for **A Christmas Cabaret** musical show at LCCC's Cirigliano Studio Theatre. Call 440-366-4040 or go online at [www.stockerartscenter.com](http://www.stockerartscenter.com) to order your own tickets.

Afterward we can share a meal at one of the local restaurant choices. Sign up so we know who is going and so we can carpool from the church. Contact Sarah if you have questions.

## **Cleveland Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip**

*Tuesday, December 20, 1 pm - 3 pm, Carpool from NOUMC at 12:15 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. We will help to sort book donations; no lifting required. We will carpool from the church building at 12:15 pm. Contact Sarah Jackson to reserve a spot.

We are also collecting **new or gently used children's books**. Books should be in good condition and with a copyright no earlier than 2000. We cannot accept textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, or similar books.

## **Updated Church Directory**

An updated address and phone number directory is hot off the press! Team and committee leaders will find a copy in their mailboxes. The directory is also available in Fellowship Hall this morning. If you would like a copy emailed to you, contact the church office. Take a look at your listing in the directory, and if you have updates, let the office know!

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

Handbell Rehearsal: Monday, November 21, 5 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, November 27, 9 am, Classroom 4

First Sunday of Advent/United Methodist Student Day: Sunday, November 27, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online