

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, November 27, 2022

### United Methodist Student Day

*Today, 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.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **UM Student Day** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.*

### Free Holiday Community Meal—Carry-Out Only

*Thursday, December 1, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm*

We will serve carry-out meals of pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and dessert. Contact Barb Linton for more details.

### Stocking Stuffers for Oxcart Pantry

*Collecting stocking stuffers until next Sunday, 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 December edition of the Agape Newsletter.

### Adopt-a-Family this Christmas

*Please place wrapped gifts around the tree in the Sanctuary by December 11*

Visit the easel in Fellowship Hall to choose a gift from the Christmas wishes of families in our area. Please take a tag from the board and then purchase, wrap, and bring in the gift with the tag attached so it can be delivered.

### 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. Families, individuals, friends, or any other groupings are welcome to take part in this tangible ritual. For more information or to sign up to participate during any of the Sunday morning worship services through December 18 or on Christmas Eve, please contact Pastor Hoyte at [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org) or ext. 16.

### Annual Christmas Flower Sale

*Orders due next Sunday, December 4*

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team is taking orders for Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti to be placed on the altar for our Christmas Eve service. Order forms can be found in Fellowship Hall. Please place your order and payment in the purple box in Fellowship Hall, 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.

## **Blue Christmas Worship Service**

*Friday, December 9, 7 pm, Sanctuary & Online*

The holiday season can be especially difficult for some of us, a painful reminder of what has been lost or of what has never been. God wants to renew our lives this Christmas season, bringing hope to us in the areas of our deepest need. All are invited to join us for a Blue Christmas worship service, a quiet service filled with peace, hope, prayer, music, and candlelight. For those worshipping from home, a link will be provided closer to the date. Invite others and join us as we re-affirm together our faith in God's presence, even in the darkest and loneliest seasons of our lives.

## **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. Afterwards we can share a meal at one of the local restaurant choices. Sign up so we can carpool from the church. Contact Sarah Jackson 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.

## **Adult Sunday School Advent Study**

*December 4, 11, and 18 (no meeting on November 27)*

Claudia Taller is leading us in the series: *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, by Adam Hamilton. We are exploring how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. Join us!

## **Oxcart Pantry Thanksgiving Collection**

*Collecting cleaning supplies, especially laundry detergent, through the end of the year*

## **Updated Church Directory**

Updated directories can be found in Fellowship Hall this morning. Team and committee leaders were given a copy in their mailboxes. 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 28, 5 pm, Choir Room

Holiday Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only): Thursday, December 1, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, NOUMC parking lot

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, December 1, 7 pm, Choir Room

SPRC: Thursday, December 1, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, December 4, 9 am, Prayer Room

Second Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 4, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online