

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, December 11, 2022

Things That White People Can Do

(to be anti-racist and intentional in one's interactions with others)

Offered by the Racial Justice Group of North Olmsted UMC

Don't demonstrate your sudden awareness constantly to people of color. Be thoughtful.

"History has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own."

—Michelle Obama, former First Lady of the United States, at the Young African Women Leaders Forum, 2011

"God, you created us in your own image and loved us regardless of our race and tribe."

"We Are One Tribe, One Race" by Juliet Nabukalu, Coordinator of Women's Ministries, East Africa Annual Conference and Kireka United Methodist Church, Kampala, Uganda, Racial Justice Prayer & Action Challenge, General Commission on Religion and Race, UMC, <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ef390122cafce385dd4d822/t/627418463c7f6a539afa4dd9/1651775559462/Week+2+Repentance+Prayers.pdf>, 3.

The Racial Justice Group will offer more "things that white people can do" over the next few weeks. It is our hope that conversations regarding these thoughts will take place in our faith community and create opportunities for change that move people one-person-at-a time to become anti-racist and more sensitive and kind in treatment of our Black brothers and sisters.

Support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Next Sunday, December 18 is Penny Sunday

December's Penny Sunday offering will go to support UMCOR. UMCOR helps rebuild and restore people's faith. They help after hurricanes, flooding, tornados, earthquakes, and other disasters. They provide relief and help to restore communities and help start the process of healing. When disaster strikes, some people lose everything. It can take years for them to rebuild the life they once knew. UMCOR's goal is to assist the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. They believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **December Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. For those worshiping in-person, an offering basket will be made available.*

Just because you can't see racism around you doesn't mean it's not happening. Trust people of color's assessment of a situation.

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.

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting cleaning supplies, especially laundry detergent, until January 1

Adult Sunday School Advent Study

Sundays of Advent, Classroom 4

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!

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Saturday, December 24, 7 pm, Sanctuary and Online

Worship with us on Saturday, December 24 as we celebrate God's presence with us in Jesus Christ. The service will include beautiful music, a message of hope, and the traditional sharing of candlelight.

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25

As was mentioned in the December Agape and in worship on Sunday, November 27, details are forming and shaping with the assistance of staff and worship leaders for a worship experience on December 25 offered at the church and via live-stream with a recording for folks who want to view it at a different time. It will be very helpful in planning for worship to know if you will or will not be present on the morning of the 25th. You may email Pastor Hoyte to indicate your plans. Thank you to those who have already let Pastor Hoyte know of your plans.

Worship Leadership on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

December 24, 7 pm + December 25, 10:30 am

Help us lead worship and offer hospitality on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day by serving as liturgist, usher, or greeter! If you are interested in serving, please email the church office.

January Agape Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, December 15

Thank you for submitting articles to the church office by this Thursday.

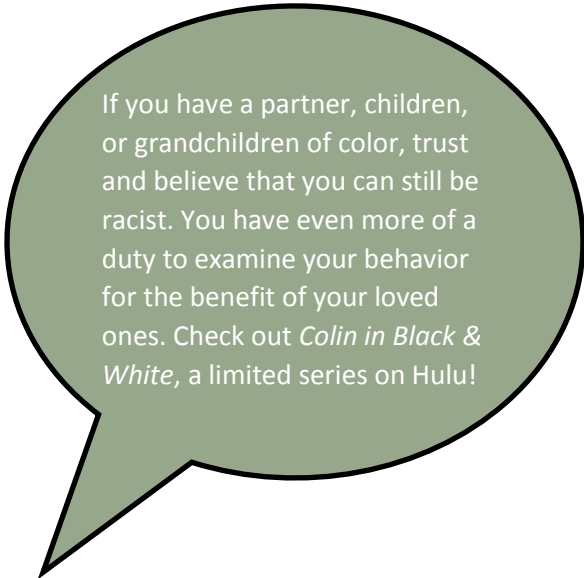
This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, December 12, 5 pm, Choir Room

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, December 15, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, December 18, 9 am, Classroom 4

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Penny Sunday: Sunday, December 18, 10:30 am



If you have a partner, children, or grandchildren of color, trust and believe that you can still be racist. You have even more of a duty to examine your behavior for the benefit of your loved ones. Check out *Colin in Black & White*, a limited series on Hulu!