

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, December 18, 2022

Support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Today, December 18 is Penny Sunday

December's Penny Sunday offering will go to support UMCOR. UMCOR helps rebuild, and in the process, restore people's faith. They help after hurricanes, flooding, tornados, earthquakes, and other disasters. They provide relief and help to restore communities and 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 worshipping in-person, an offering basket will be available.*

Things That White People Can Do

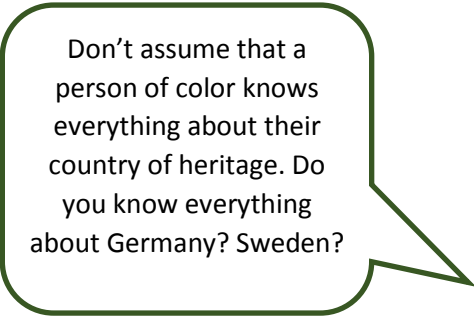
(to be anti-racist and intentional in one's interactions with others)

Offered by the Racial Justice Group of North Olmsted UMC

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." —Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963.

For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get (Matthew 7:2).

It is the Racial Justice Group's 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.



Don't assume that a person of color knows everything about their country of heritage. Do you know everything about Germany? Sweden?

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.

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting cleaning supplies, especially laundry detergent, until January 1

Christmas Day Worship Service

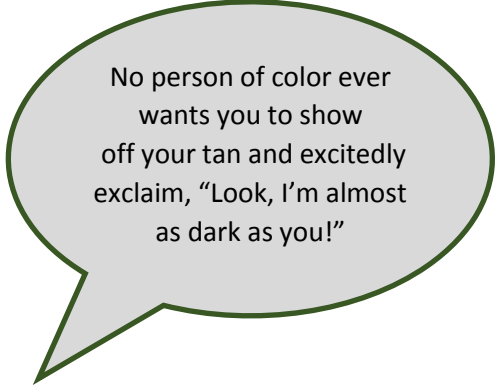
Sunday, December 25, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and Online

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. Join us as we sing carols, read scripture, and celebrate the ongoing gift of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

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.



No person of color ever wants you to show off your tan and excitedly exclaim, "Look, I'm almost as dark as you!"

Updated Safe Sanctuary Guidelines Training

Wednesday, January 11, 6 pm, Classroom 7

Our Safe Sanctuary Guidelines have recently been updated! The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team will be holding a Safe Sanctuary Training meeting on January 11. Gary Jones, Spiritual Formation Director for the East Ohio Conference, will be joining us to give us a refresher on the guidelines and to go over changes to the policy. Anyone who volunteers with our children and youth are required to know our Safe Sanctuary guidelines and should plan on attending this meeting, but anyone may join us. The meeting should last about an hour. Please contact Wendy Cooper if you have questions or can join us.

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups


Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip: Tuesday, December 20, 1 pm – 3 pm

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, December 22, 7 pm, Choir Room

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: Saturday, December 24, 7 pm, Sanctuary and Online

Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, December 25, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and Online

Office Hours Note: *The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27.*



Have a critical eye when watching TV and movies. How are they portraying people of color and why? What purpose does it serve? Share with us!