

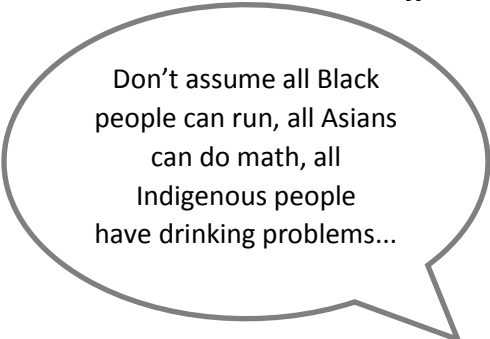
Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, January 1, 2023

Things That White People Can Do

(to be anti-racist and intentional when interacting with others)

Offered by the Racial Justice Group of North Olmsted UMC



Don't assume all Black people can run, all Asians can do math, all Indigenous people have drinking problems...

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.

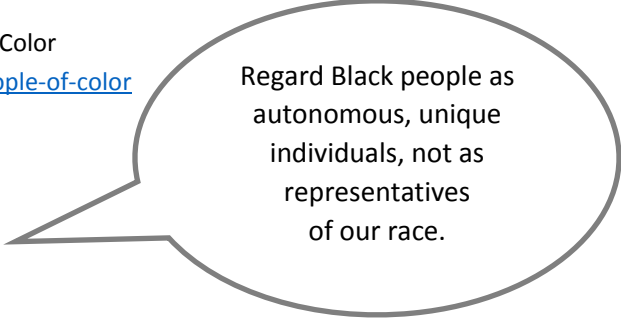
"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." —Malcolm X, American minister

"We have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers. Our abundance has brought us neither peace of mind nor serenity of spirit."

—Martin Luther King, Jr., American minister and activist

Source: 100 Ways White People Can Make Life Less Frustrating for People of Color

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne95dm/how-to-be-a-white-ally-to-people-of-color



Regard Black people as autonomous, unique individuals, not as representatives of our race.

New Adult Sunday School Study!

"Catch: Attracting and Connecting Visitors"

Begins next Sunday, January 8, 9 am, Classroom 4

Craig Mueller will lead us in this new study as a part of our "A Year of Invitation" at North Olmsted United Methodist Church. It is a comprehensive program filled with practical ideas to help churches guide visitors to becoming thriving members. The CATCH program, from Church of the Resurrection, teaches churches how to go on "fishing expeditions" in their communities and connect with unchurched people or those who may have drifted away from a church. All are welcome! Please join us!

Updated Safe Sanctuary Guidelines Training

Wednesday, January 11, 6 pm, Classroom 7

Our Safe Sanctuary guidelines have recently been updated, and 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.

Lay Leadership at NOUMC

The life of NOUMC happens primarily through the work of the laity. The pastor and staff work with the laity to sustain and advance the ministries of the church. Collectively, we support and celebrate the ways that God has and will continue to work through us to connect people in active service using our gifts and passions for ministry. We do so by loving and caring for one another through the living presence of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We give thanks to all who are serving in leadership and teaming membership with the Councils, Committees, and Ministry Teams of the church!

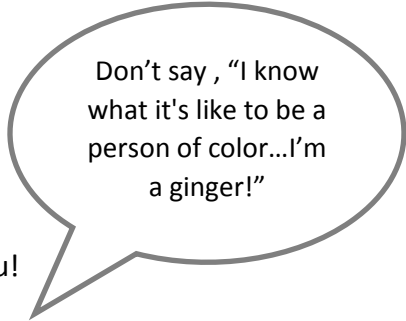
With that in mind, if you are not currently serving in one of the ministry areas of the church, we invite you to learn more through the descriptions offered and then contact the Chair or Pastor Hoyte with your questions and desires to be part of one of the NOUMC Councils, Committees, or Ministry Teams. Please do so as soon as possible so that we can offer your name to the Nominations Committee to be considered for membership with groups pertaining to your interests in 2023. Paper copies of ministry team and council descriptions are available in Fellowship Hall. Thank you again for the many ways in which you serve faithfully at NOUMC!

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Today is the final day to donate cleaning supplies

Our next collection item is side dishes, such as rice packets and boxes, noodle dishes, and mashed potatoes

Please put donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

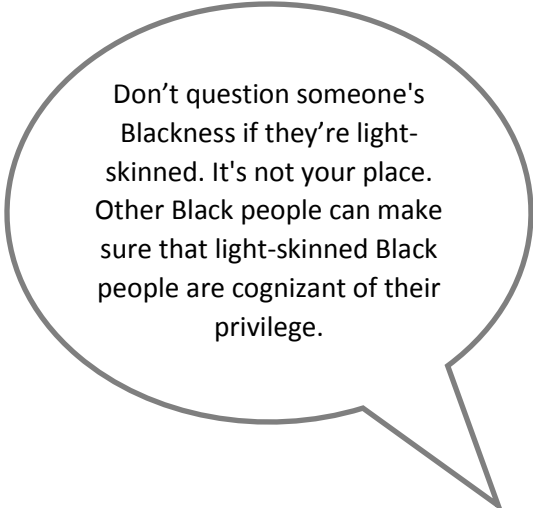


Don't say, "I know what it's like to be a person of color...I'm a ginger!"

Altar Flowers in 2023

You are invited to provide the altar flowers for our Sunday worship service. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway, or contact the church office with a specific date. You can provide flowers from your garden, your own arrangement, or we can order an arrangement for you. Contact the church office to make any special flower or color requests and to provide the dedication for the bulletin.

An arrangement ordered through the church office costs \$30; *make checks payable to NOUMC and write altar flowers in the memo.* Payment can be made by putting your check in the offering plate on Sunday or by sending your check to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.



Don't question someone's Blackness if they're light-skinned. It's not your place. Other Black people can make sure that light-skinned Black people are cognizant of their privilege.

This Week's Gatherings

United Women in Faith: Wednesday, January 4, 10 am, Classroom 7

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 5, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, January 8, 9 am, Classroom 4

Baptism of the Lord: Sunday, January 8, 10:30 am,

Sanctuary & Online

Church Office Hours Note:

The church office will be closed Monday, January 2.