

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, January 22, 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*

Donate money to grassroots movements around you that are run by and support people of color.

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.

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." —Rosa Parks, 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](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne95dm/how-to-be-a-white-ally-to-people-of-color)

If you're upper or middle class try to avoid moving into an area that has historically been populated by low-income people of color. Gentrification tears communities apart.

### Free Community Meal: Carry-Out Only

*Thursday, January 26, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, NOUMC parking lot*

St. Clarence Catholic Church is preparing and serving the meal this month. They will serve carry-out meals of lasagna, salad, a roll, and dessert. The January meal will be our final carry-out meal; in February, we will return to serving only in-person meals as we did before the pandemic.

### January Donation Opportunities

*The last day to donate items is next Sunday, January 29*

The Mission Ministry Team would like to thank you for your wonderful support for our Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas. All 60 of the gift tags were taken and the requests were generously fulfilled. Now we'd like to remind you of some donation opportunities which we hope to complete this month.

- 1) 2023 calendars for distribution by Oxcart Pantry
- 2) Hats and mittens for donation to Laura's Home and/or Oxcart Pantry
- 3) Used eyeglasses to be delivered by the Lions Club to a student group at OSU for repair for those in need

Boxes or bins for all three collections can be found in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for the many ways you support our mission projects.

### Fellowship Outing to Stocker Arts Center at LCCC

*Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 pm*

Join us for *Cross That River*, a musical based on the true story of a runaway slave who became the first black cowboy. The show is going to Off Broadway this fall!

Tickets are \$33 each or \$31 for age 65 and older. Make checks payable to Charlene Vas. RSVP as soon as possible to Charlene.

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

*Thursday, January 26, 1 pm – 3 pm; Carpool from the church building at 12:15 pm*

Don't assume  
people of color  
can't speak English.

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.

## **Homecoming Sunday**

*Sunday, February 12, Worship at 10:30 am, followed by punch, coffee, and cookies*

All are welcome to join us for Homecoming Sunday, an opportunity to invite friends we haven't seen in a while to worship, fellowship, and reconnect with us. We are in need of volunteers to bake cookies, set up the day before, and clean up afterwards. Interested in volunteering? Contact Jean Scothon.

## **Super Bowl Sub Sale**

*Sunday, February 12, following worship, Fellowship Hall; Orders due February 5*

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team is holding our annual Super Bowl Sub Sale; subs will be available for pick up after worship on Sunday, February 12. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall.

And, please join us on Saturday, February 11 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall for a youth and family service opportunity: help us put together our sub sandwich orders! Email Wendy Cooper if you can help.

## **Oxcart Pantry Collection**

*Collecting side dishes, such as boxes of rice, noodles, and mashed potatoes,  
until January 29*

Please put donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall.

But also be patient if  
our English isn't perfect.  
Are you bi/tri/multi-  
lingual? Probably not.  
It's hard.

## **This Week's Gatherings**

Joint Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Kids' Book Bank: Thursday, January 26, 1 pm – 3 pm, Carpool from NOUMC at 12:15 pm

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only): Thursday, January 26, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, NOUMC parking lot

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 26, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, January 29, 9 am, Prayer Room

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany: Sunday, January 29, 10:30 am,  
Sanctuary & Online

Actively try to identify and  
unsubscribe from orientalist  
tropes, e.g., believing that East  
Asian women are naturally more  
submissive or docile. People of  
color are people, not characters.