

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, January 8, 2023

When you find instances of racism online, please don't send it to a Black acquaintance. We know racism exists.

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

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.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." —Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa

"The time is always right to do what is right." —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

Understand that some days are even more mentally exhausting for people of color thanks to the news cycle. Don't ask for our opinions on the latest atrocity that has occurred.

New Adult Sunday School Study!

"Catch: Attracting and Connecting Visitors"

Begins Sunday, January 8, 9 am, Classroom 4

Join 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!

Updated Safe Sanctuary Guidelines Training

Wednesday, January 11, 6 pm, Classroom 7

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.

Support Free Community Meals

Next Sunday, January 15 is Penny Sunday

January's Penny Sunday offering will go to support our Free Community Meal Ministry, which serves from 100 to 140 people on average each month. As we all know, the price of groceries has increased. Your support of this church ministry is greatly appreciated. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **January Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in person, a special offering basket will be made available.*

Human Relations Day

Next Sunday, January 15

Watch shows that are created by people of color (i.e., *Atlanta* or *Insecure*). Now.

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. This special offering is taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community".

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Super Bowl Sub Sale

Sunday, February 12, following worship; 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. The subs are \$7.00 each, or \$25.00 for 4. Sub sandwiches make a quick and easy treat to eat while watching the Super Bowl game, and all proceeds will be used to fund future youth events and activities.

Help Make Subs!

Saturday, February 11, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall

Please join us for this youth and family service opportunity to put together our Super Bowl sub sandwich orders! All are welcome! Please email Wendy Cooper if you can join us.

Lay Leadership at NOUMC

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

Collecting side dishes until January 29

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

This Week's Gatherings

Safe Sanctuary Training: Wednesday, January 11, 6 pm, Classroom 7

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 12, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, January 15, 9 am, Classroom 4

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day/Penny Sunday: Sunday, January 15, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Share articles relating to the everyday experiences of race and racism written by people of color.