

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, February 12, 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, full stop, that you can understand what it's like to experience racism. You can't. That's the whole point.

The Racial Justice Group is currently offering "things that white people can do" in our Agape newsletters and bulletin announcements. 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.

(BASED ON LUKE 4:18-19) "So, we boldly join in singing the South African hymn words: Freedom is coming. Freedom is coming. Freedom is coming.

So let it be so! Amen." —Rev. Dr. Giovanni Arroyo, General Secretary, General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church, Washington, DC

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 nothing in your life has been untouched by your whiteness. Everything you have would have been harder to come by if you had not been born white.

Sub Sandwich Pick-Up Today!

Following worship, Fellowship Hall

Be sure to pick up your subs after worship today! We have a few extras made up, as well as any leftovers available for purchase for a free-will offering.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Donations are due today! Soup pots are on the check-in table in Fellowship Hall

Care about race on the 364 days that aren't Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We are helping to fight hunger and poverty today, joining a national effort to refocus the weekend into one of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat. Soup pots are in Fellowship Hall to hold our monetary donations. Donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry.

Free Community Meal Ministry Returns to Fellowship Hall!

Thursday, February 23, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

For the first time in three years, we will be serving the Free Community Meal in Fellowship Hall. As before the pandemic, there will be no carry-out meals, and one meal per person will be served. A sign-up sheet for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up is in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting pasta and pasta sauce until February 26

Support The City Mission

Penny Sunday is next Sunday, February 19

The February Penny Sunday offering will go to support The City Mission. We are familiar with one part of The City Mission through our monthly dinner at Laura's Home. Feeding and housing women and children who need help is only one phase of the services provided. They also help women get degrees, training for future work, psychological help if needed, help to find an apartment and a job, and they provide religious programs if desired and other activities to prepare them for a future. Children are also helped in many ways, such as through schooling, tutoring, and help through the Pathways program. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **The City Mission or February Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. An offering basket will be provided for those worshipping in person.*

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 7 pm, In-person and Online

Join us for centering music, the imposition of ashes, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Adult Sunday School Lenten Study: *Sermon on the Mount*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

Begins Sunday, February 26, 9 am, Prayer Room

What might the words of The Lord's Prayer have conveyed to Jesus' initial followers, and why is that historical information essential to the prayer two millennia later? We will take a detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5-7, collectively known as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. All are welcome!

Lunch with Friends

Thursday, February 16, 11:30 am, Canary's Restaurant (28981 Lorain Road, North Olmsted)

All are welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship!

March Agape Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 15

Thank you for submitting articles to the church office at noumc@noumc.org.

Also, don't whitewash King's legacy and use it to argue that Black people should just take what they're given.

This Week's Gatherings

Sub Pick-up: Sunday, February 12, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall,
11:30 am

Cross That River Outing: Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 pm,
Stocker Arts Center

Lunch with Friends: Thursday, February 16, 11:30 am,
Canary's Restaurant

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 16, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, February 19, 9 am, Prayer Room

Transfiguration Sunday/Penny Sunday:

Sunday, February 19, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Think about how race is operating even when people of color aren't around. Be cognizant of it wherever you are, whichever situation you're in. People of color have to, so should you.