

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, February 19, 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*

Use your white privilege to be on the frontline between people of color and the police at protests. You're at much less risk than they are.

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.

"A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything."

—Malcom X, American minister

Based on Isaiah 58:12: "Mother God, come and disorient me. Let me see the many ways I have contributed to the oppression of others, let me see the many ways I act differently from what I proclaim, and above all let me see when my heart is placed on anything else besides my siblings' wellbeing; heal my blindness..."

—Rev. Cassy Nunez Lead Pastor at Salem-Baltimore UMC Baltimore, Maryland

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)

Be cognizant of how your whiteness could be weaponized against Black people. i.e., white women, don't play into stereotypes about Black men being inherently threatening to you. It gets Black men killed.

See: Emmett Till.

### Support The City Mission

*Penny Sunday is Today, 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*

Remember that Black women are not here to save you from yourselves.

Join us for centering music, the imposition of ashes, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you can serve as reader, liturgist, or usher, please contact the church office at [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org).

## Free Community Meal Ministry Returns to Fellowship Hall!

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

Menu: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert, and Beverages

Record police encounters you see involving Black people.

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.

## 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!

## Easter Flower Sale

Orders due March 12; Order forms available in Fellowship Hall and the Agape Newsletter

Our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team is selling Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Martha Washington Geraniums, and Tulips to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday. Proceeds will be used to fund future youth activities and events. Please fold your payment into the order form and place it into the purple box in Fellowship Hall; send the form with your check to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper; or email your order to Wendy.

## Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting pasta and pasta sauce until next Sunday, February 26

Question whether you have double standards when it comes to drugs. Do you think it's cool when white weed entrepreneurs make tons of money but think that Black people who are found to have traces of marijuana in their systems deserve to be thrown in prison?

## This Week's Gatherings

Ash Wednesday Worship:

Wednesday, February 22, 7 pm, Sanctuary & Online

Free Community Meal (In-Person Only):

Thursday, February 23, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 23, 7 pm, Choir Room

Joint Council Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, February 26, 9 am, Prayer Room

First Sunday in Lent:

Sunday, February 26, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Don't have dreadlocks if you're not Black, just don't. Beyond being offensive, it's just not suited to your hair type.

Is "Black Lives Matter" too assertive? How often do white people need to stand up for their humanity?