

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, February 26, 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

Do not compare the
exploitation of
animals to racism.
Ever.

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.

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.” —Mahatma Gandhi, lawyer, politician, social activist, writer

“The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:31.)

And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27).

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

Don't say the N word. Even if you're alone. Even if you're listening to rap. Even if you're alone and listening to rap. That includes the word “colored.” “Person of color” and “colored” are not the same.

What is Lent, and why are there no Alleluias and Hallelujahs?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten, which means “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of “spring.” Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. Holy Week is the final week of Lent, beginning with Passion/Palm Sunday, moving into Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Because Sundays are always “little Easters,” the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection. However, churches, including NOUMC, often pause in offering liturgies and lyrics in music that specifically mention “Alleluias” and “Hallelujahs” during Lent. *Why?* “Alleluias” and “Hallelujahs” in a strict sense (derived from ancient Hebrew, Latin, and Greek) are reserved for praising God with rejoicing in the message: “*He is risen! Alleluia!*” So, let us look forward when we can proclaim and sing that message on Easter morning!

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Today is the last day to donate pasta and pasta sauce; thank you for your donations!

Our next collection item is canned fruit.

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!

Don't wear
Blackface.

Easter Flower Sale

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

Understand that America has what it has because it stole land from indigenous people and stole people from Africa.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner (In-person and Carry-Out)

Sunday, March 19, 11:45 am - 2 pm, Fellowship Hall

The United Methodist Men group is hosting a spaghetti dinner, cafeteria-style, in-person. Carry-out will also be available for those who would like that option. The menu is spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, and a piece of cake for dessert. Meatballs will also be available. Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays before and after worship, or email Ed Brewster or contact the church office. The cost is \$15 per person.

This Week's Gatherings

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, February 27, 5 pm, Choir Room

United Women in Faith: Wednesday, March 1, 10 am, Classroom 7

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, March 2, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, March 5, 9 am, Prayer Room

Second Sunday in Lent:

Sunday, March 5, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Missions Ministry Team: Sunday, March 5, 11:45 am, Classroom 7

Remember that your queerness/womanhood/transness/class background/disability doesn't exclude you from white privilege.

"The ultimate measure of a person is not where one stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where one stands in times of challenge and controversy." —Martin Luther King, Jr., American minister and activist

"For it isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."
—Eleanor Roosevelt, former first lady of the United States