

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, February 5, 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 say things like, "There are two sides to every story!" or play devil's advocate when it comes to conversations about race. In those situations, just listen.

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.

"The need for change bulldozed a road down the center of my mind."

—Maya Angelou, poet, civil rights 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

It's never useful to say stuff like, "But what about the white working class?" Non-white working-class people ALWAYS have a harder time!

Homecoming Sunday

Next Sunday, February 12, Worship at 10:30 am, followed by fellowship

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 if you can help.

Super Bowl Sub Sale

Today is the last day to place your order; pick up subs next Sunday, February 12 following worship

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team is holding our annual Super Bowl Sub Sale. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall. The subs are \$7 each, or \$25 for 4. You have a choice of fine luncheon meats, cheeses, condiments, and toppings. Toppings will be packed separately. All proceeds will be used to fund future youth events and activities.

*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 join us.*

Don't! Vote! For!
Racist!
Politicians!

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting pasta and pasta sauce until February 26

Souper Bowl of Caring

Soup pots are on the check-in table today and next Sunday!

Today and on the Sunday of the Big Game, we are helping to fight hunger and poverty, 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. This week and next, soup pots are in Fellowship Hall to hold our monetary donations. Donations are due February 12 and will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry.

Research your candidates.
Who has progressive policies
that won't needlessly
criminalize people of color?
Vote for them.

*You can also make checks payable to NOUMC and write **Souper Bowl of Caring** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper. Donations are due February 12.*

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.

Lenten Study

Time and Format TBD; RSVP by February 10

Pastor Hoyte will be offering a Lenten Study if there are enough people interested in doing so. Contact Pastor Hoyte at noumc@noumc.org by no later than Friday, February 10 if you would like to participate in a Lenten study.

This Week's Gatherings

If you're in charge of making curricula, make sure there is work by people of color, especially women of color, on the reading list. And not just in the weeks dedicated to race.

Nurture: Wednesday, February 8, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

Racial Justice Group: Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm, Zoom

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 9, 7 pm, Choir Room

UMM: Saturday, February 11, 8:30 am, Canary's Restaurant

Sub-Making: Saturday, February 11, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, February 12, 9 am, Prayer Room

6th Sunday after the Epiphany/Homecoming Sunday:

Sunday, February 12, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

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