

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, April 23, 2023

### Native American Ministries Sunday

*Today, April 23*

Historically, Native American Ministries Sunday has been celebrated with an offering on the third Sunday of Easter. This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. Half of the offering is disbursed through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for Native Americans. Half is disbursed through the Conference Native American Awareness Committee to develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference.

***Make checks payable to NOUMC and write Native American Ministries Sunday in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.***

### Free Community Meal

*Thursday, April 27, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall*

Join us for our next community meal! We will enjoy a meal of baked pasta, salad, a roll, fruit, and dessert. A sign-up sheet for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up is in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

### Lunch and Nature Walk

*Sunday, April 30, Following worship*

Pack a lunch and take a 17-minute drive to Miller Nature Preserve in Avon. We will eat at tables outside\* and tour the 5000 sq. ft. Conservatory (\$2.00). Plants include orchids, bonsai, palms, and cactus. Then, if you would like to take a hike, there is a flat, gravel path that winds along the French Creek. An unmarked surprise is a stone garden created by Buddy Miller who donated his property to Lorain MetroParks. No sign up necessary! For details, call Charlene Vas.

\*In the event of inclement weather, we will eat at church and drive to the Conservatory for the plant tour.

### ***The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, by Adam Hamilton***

*Sundays, 9 am, Prayer Room*

All are welcome to join us for Adult Sunday School! Our new study focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

## **Dover Players Present: *The Boyfriend***

*April 28; May 5, 6, 7, 13, 14*

*Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 6 pm*

*Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by contacting: 440.263.7046 or [doverplayers@gmail.com](mailto:doverplayers@gmail.com)*

*The Boyfriend* is a “twistery”, a mystery with a “twist”. George O’Malley is a frustrated retired police detective confined to a wheelchair after being wounded on duty and forced to retire. He becomes increasingly suspicious of Tim, the boyfriend of his daughter. Tim is a highly intelligent, nice, and polite young man with no past. George uses all of his forensic skills as a detective and is unable to get any answers. The audience attempts to solve the mystery of the boyfriend. Is he a serial killer, the victim of a paranoid father’s over-active imagination, or something else entirely? The audience member, filling out the Sleuthing Form, states his conclusions as to what, if anything, the boyfriend is hiding and his predictions as to the ending of the play in order to qualify for prizes.

## **Oxcart Pantry Collection**

*Collecting “side dishes fit for a holiday dinner” until next Sunday, April 30*

Side dishes such as rice sides, boxed potatoes, and noodle side dishes can be placed in Fellowship Hall.

## **Church Directory**

Updated church directories are available today in Fellowship Hall. Church leaders will find a copy of the directory in their mailbox. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the church office.

## **This Week’s Gatherings**

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, April 24, 5 pm, Choir Room

Free Community Meal: Thursday, April 27, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, April 27, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, April 30, 9 am, Prayer Room

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Sunday, April 30, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

Lunch and Nature Walk: Sunday, April 30, Following Worship, Miller Nature Preserve in Avon