

# **Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!**

## **Announcements for Sunday, April 30, 2023**

### **Lunch and Nature Walk**

*Today, April 30, Following worship*

Following worship today, you are welcome to join us as we take a 17-minute drive to Miller Nature Preserve in Avon. We will eat our packed lunches 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. In the event of inclement weather, we will eat at church and drive to the Conservatory for the plant tour. Please see Char Vas for more details.

### **An Invitation for Membership at NOUMC**

We are pleased to announce that last year we received six new members into the life of North Olmsted United Methodist Church and at least four other people have indicated an interest in joining us! Please inform Pastor Hoyte at by Tuesday, May 2 if you are interested in becoming a member of the church, and he will follow up with you as to the details in becoming a member.

### **Attention Graduates**

If you are a recent graduate (high school, college, technical school, or online degree), we would like to honor you during worship! We will need your name, school, degree, and what you will be doing next. Please get all of your details to Wendy Cooper by May 15. We will be recognizing your achievements during worship in June!

### **Attention Grandparents**

Our Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team is doing a new, cool thing this summer! We would like to invite you to bring your younger grandchildren to our new summer VBS sessions! This series will give you a chance to spend some fun, one-on-one time with your grandchildren. You and your grandchildren will hear a Bible story, engage in a craft or game, and enjoy a yummy snack. We are hoping to get those grandparents with older grandchildren involved, too, as volunteers in our sessions during games, craft and snack time, etc. We are planning 3 sessions, beginning in the middle of June, and each session will last about 2 hours, one day a week. If you would like to participate, or if you know of a grandparent who would like to participate with their grandchild, all are welcome! If you are interested, please see Wendy Cooper.

### **Oxcart Pantry Collection**

*Today is the last day to donate side dishes*

*Our next collection items are "things that go well with a cup of coffee"*

Please put donations of items like granola; granola bars; oatmeal; boxed muffin, pancake, and bread mixes; cereal; peanut butter; jam; syrup; pudding; jello; and cookie, cake, and brownie mixes in the green Oxcart Pantry bin under the stairs in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## **Cleveland Kids' Book Bank Mission Trip**

*Tuesday, May 23, 1 pm - 3 pm, Carpool from NOUMC at 12:15 pm*

Join us as we support Kids' Book Bank in their work to ensure all kids growing up in Greater Cleveland have books of their own to read and cherish. We will help to sort book donations; no lifting required. Contact Sarah to reserve a spot.

## ***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 current 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***

*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. 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.

## **Brecksville UMC Reconciling Celebration**

*Sunday, May 7, 3 pm, Brecksville UMC (65 Public Square, Brecksville)*

All are welcome to a service celebrating God's abundant welcome of all people. This service—an annual tradition—remembers Brecksville UMC's anniversary of becoming a Reconciling Church and looks forward to a hopeful future in which the doors are thrown open even wider to all God's children. Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones will be the guest preacher, with communion shared by Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, North Coast District Superintendent.

## **This Week's Gatherings**

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

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, May 1, 5 pm, Choir Room

United Women in Faith: Wednesday, May 3, 10 am, Classroom 7

Celebration of Life Service for Louise Anderson: Thursday, May 4, 3 pm, Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 4, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, May 7, 9 am, Prayer Room

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Sunday, May 7, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

**New Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm; On Monday and Wednesday, Terri works from home and will check her email and voicemail during office hours, 10 am – 2 pm