

# Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

## Announcements for Sunday, April 9, 2023

### United Women in Faith Spring Plant Sale

*Orders due Sunday, April 16; Pick up plants on Saturday, May 13, 9 am – 3 pm*

Purchase plants and enjoy seeing them spring to life! Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall and in the weekly e-newsletters. Gift cards can be purchased and picked up as well. Thank you for supporting United Women in Faith!

### Children's Activities

Our nursery is open this morning but will not be staffed so that all of us may celebrate our risen Lord! You and your child are welcome to use the space as needed. There are a variety of activities available to keep your child busy if you choose to stay in the sanctuary. We have busy bags filled with fun things to do, as well as a basket filled with Easter coloring, activity, and sticker books and crayons. The basket is located on the check-in table in Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself to anything that your child is interested in. Please don't hesitate to ask if you are having trouble locating the basket, the busy bags, or the nursery!

### East Ohio Summer Camps

If you know of a youth who would love to spend a week away at camp this summer, invite them to check out one of our beautiful area United Methodist summer camps. There are many different camps available; there is something to spark every interest. Please email Wendy Cooper for more information. Register by April 15 and your camper will receive a limited-edition 2023 Summer Camp t-shirt that is not available in the UM camp stores.

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

*Sundays beginning April 16, 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.

### Ballpark Fellowship Lunch and Parking Lot Fundraiser

*Sunday, April 16, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall*

Join the Adult Fellowship Ministry Team for our season opener Ballpark Lunch! We will serve grilled hot dogs, tater tots, cookies, and lemonade. There will be a free-will offering; all donations will benefit our parking lot beautification fund. We are also looking for a few relievers to pitch in and help with clean-up. Please see a member of the Adult Fellowship Ministry Team (Barb Clough, Char Vas, Sarah Jackson, or Tammy Moore) for details.

### 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.

## Support The Nehemiah Mission

*Penny Sunday is April 16*

Our April Penny Sunday collection will be donated to The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, a mission of the United Methodist East Ohio Conference. The Nehemiah Mission serves the elderly, disabled, homeless, and those in need of food or clothing. Some of their current projects support refugees, providing transitional housing and English classes.

**Make checks payable to NOUMC and write April Penny Sunday or The Nehemiah Mission in the memo.** Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.

## Oxcart Pantry Collections

*Collecting "side dishes fit for a holiday dinner" until April 30*

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

## May Agape Deadline

*April 15*

Please email articles to [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org), mail them to the church, or put them in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office by April 15.

## Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Cole, lifted by Liz & Greg L.	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan L.	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Nancy D. Louise A.	Barbara B. Will & Sally S.
Those affected by gun violence	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Judy & Ed, lifted by Brenda F.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Those experiencing addiction	Jane P.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Our condolences to Don Pattison and family following the passing of his stepmother, Connie	Ray S. Carole B. Keith A.	Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.
Norma, Pastor Hoyte's mother Anita B.	Judy L. Karen, sister of Jeff R.	

## This Week's Birthdays

April 12      Zurich Bernard

## This Week's Gatherings

Council on Ministries: Wednesday, April 12, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, April 13, 7 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, April 16, 9 am, Prayer Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Penny Sunday: Sunday, April 16, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online

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