Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, May 7th, 2023

NOUMC Stewardship Campaign, May 7-21, 2023

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

(I Peter 4:10)

Families and Friends of NOUMC, please remember that we are embarking upon our annual Stewardship Campaign in support of the operating and capital improvement ministries of the church. Sunday, May 7 and 14 will feature brief stewardship messages from a few of our members and Sunday, May 21 will be the day in which we receive pledge cards. Please refer again to the Stewardship Campaign letter that was sent to people's homes two weeks ago and also the "NOUMC Financial Snapshot" article in the May Agape newsletter as resources in making important, prayerful decisions with your financial giving in support of NOUMC. Please contact Ron Clough, Financial Secretary, at finance@noumc.org if you have misplaced your pledge card. Thank you.

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 at sundayschool@noumc.org 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 or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org.

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 Jackson.

<u>New Office Hours:</u> 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.

Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Saturday, May 20, 9 am – 3 pm, Hope UMC, 79 Center Rd., Bedford, OH.

Clergy and laity are invited to a Bridges Out of Poverty training workshop offering a comprehensive approach to understanding poverty. Bridges Out of Poverty offers a new way to view the issue of poverty through the comprehensive triple lens perspective on how we as individuals, organizations, and communities can eliminate poverty. Participants will review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. Registration is \$30 and includes the required book and lunch. Learn more and register on the Events Registration page of the Conference website.

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 7, 13, 14

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 6 pm

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

Today, 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

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Monday, May 8, 5 pm, Choir Room

Church Council: Wednesday, May 10, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 11, 7 pm, Choir Room

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, May 13, 8:30 am, Canary's Restaurant

UWF Plant Sale Pickup: Saturday, May 13, 12 pm – 2 pm (9 am delivery)

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, May 14, 9 am, Prayer Room

6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day: Sunday, May 14, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online