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**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

ARTICLES FOR THE
AUGUST ISSUE OF THE
AGAPE NEWSLETTER ARE
DUE BY SUNDAY, JULY 24

Spread the word.....

NOUMC is having a Summer Festival!



When: August 11th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: NOUMC Church Grounds

What: A one-day summer festival-type celebration geared towards families in our community

Why: To share the love of Jesus Christ in service to our community

Who: YOU! We will need volunteers to help with crafts and games during the festival. to demonstrate how a craft is done or a game is played, to assist the kids, and to set up for the next round. You can volunteer for just an hour or two...or the whole day, whatever works for you! Call the church office or sign up on the office door!

Invite your family and friends!



News and Notes from NOUMC



Oberammergau Passion Play – 2020...

Rev. Mark and Ginny are headed back to Germany in 2020, this time to see the Oberammergau Passion Play, and you are invited to join them. The Passion Play has taken place every ten years since 1634, and depicts the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Over 2,000 Oberammergau villagers will participate in the 2020 play, almost half the town. Educational Opportunities has built a wonderful tour of Southern Germany and Austria around the play including visits to some fantastic castles and churches and trips to Salzburg and Innsbruck. Exciting tour extensions are also offered. Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the choir room or in the church office. For more information see Rev. Mark.

Potluck Labels

The members of our summer session of the Daniel Plan suggested that we find a way to label dishes served at potlucks and other events here at NOUMC. Doing so would assist our members who have food allergies as well as helping those who want to make informed choices on what they consume. We devised this label that can quickly be filled out to indicate common allergens. It also notes who made the dish so we can all bug you for the recipe! Here is what the label looks like:

POTLUCK DISH: _____		
MADE BY: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN	<input type="checkbox"/> VEGAN	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW FAT
<input type="checkbox"/> GLUTEN FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> SUGAR FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> DAIRY FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTAINS NUTS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTAINS EGGS	
OTHER: _____		

The labels are in the cabinet by the dishwasher.

Get connected with NOUMC!



Are you on Facebook? So are we! Have you "Liked" our North Olmsted United Methodist Church page? Find us online at:

facebook.com/northolmstedunitedmethodistchurch

Friends of NOUMC Facebook Group

Join our Facebook group to stay connected with your church friends and family! Find our group at facebook.com/groups/friendsofnoumc



Coffee Hour

Do you have questions or want to find out more? This summer, you will have the opportunity to see our social media accounts on display during coffee hour and ask any questions you may have regarding setting up or using your account.

We will have the table set up from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on July 22nd and September 16th. Stay tuned for more details!

Contact Tammy Moore or Andy Walsh if you have questions!

We are also on Instagram!



Follow us: [@northolmstedumc](https://instagram.com/northolmstedumc)



Photo Release Form



Occasionally, we may take a picture from an event. We would like your consent to use it on our website or Facebook page.

Please fill out a Photo Release form. These are coming soon and will also be available at the office or during coffee hour. Watch for more details!

Updates....

Roof Replacement -

Work on the roof is scheduled to begin on June 28. Some of the underlayment has to be replaced which means debris may fall into the attic. If your group has items stored in the attic, you may want to cover it. Plastic drop cloths are available in the church office. Painting will resume after the roof is completed.



Thanks to All...

Rev. Mark Steiger

As I'm writing this, another program year has drawn to a close. This year's Disciple Bible Study has concluded; and our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir have finished their 2017-2018 year. Our church is especially blessed by the quality of our music. Both Marlene and Gabriela do an amazing job with a very dedicated group of volunteers who rehearse one or two evenings every week and are in worship every Sunday. I am extremely grateful for all of them. Our Sunday School program has also wrapped up activities for the year, with more dedicated people working weekly to organize and teach adult, youth and children's Sunday school. We have now completed six weeks of The Daniel Plan, as sixteen people have met every Saturday morning, seeking life-style changes that will lead to a healthier life. Our Saturday sessions have been a real blessing for me, as we have come together to share our experiences, our successes, and our challenges. There will be more to come from our Daniel Plan group.

Of course, many of our programs continue throughout the year. Our Harvest Partners food collection continues, as volunteers travel one or more times a week to various restaurants, picking up food to be redistributed. Our Community Meal and our Laura's Home Meal are offered every month; and we continue to support Oxcart Food Pantry with both monetary and food donations. Then there are all the church maintenance issues – general upkeep, gardening, lawn-mowing, etc. All of this is done by a dedicated group of volunteers. And, of course there are all the administrative duties, financial duties, Administrative Board and all of our church committees.

As I have stated before, when people ask how things are going at NOUMC, my response generally is:

"This congregation is very generous with both their time and their money." And, indeed, that defines a healthy congregation. And so, as we end our 2017-2018 program year, I simply say, "Thank you."

Thank you to all of you for all you do. I am very blessed to serve as your pastor.



Plans are well underway for our 2018-2019 Program Year. I am planning our Bible Study and a second Daniel Plan Group. Gabriela and I have already discussed some music for next year; and your Worship Committee has started plans for worship enhancements and special services. Our Christian Education Director and Youth Leader have started planning for the coming year; and our Long Range Planning Team will be meeting soon to move "Our Faithful Journey" forward.

Our church is alive. The Spirit is moving at NOUMC. As we conclude this program year and head into the next, I say "Catch the Spirit." Keep up your faithful work, as together we continue on "Our Faithful Journey."

See you in church.

Rev. Mark

Our Faithful Journey



Our Guiding Principles

- We appreciate and invest in our youth.
- We actively serve our neighbors in the North Olmsted community and the wider world.
- We provide varied opportunities for people to grow in their faith.
- We welcome and nurture a diverse congregation who become extended family.
- We foster lasting personal relationships, which are especially important in a digital world.

Christian Education

by Wendy Cooper

Congratulations To Our Graduates!



Congratulations to **Kara Mincik** who graduated from North Olmsted High School on June 3rd. Kara will be attending Medaille College in Buffalo, NY in the fall, and she will be studying Biology.

Congratulations also to **Michelle Wolter**, who graduated from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio on May 26th with a Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries. After sitting for her licensure exam, Michelle will become a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Blessings and best wishes to you both from your NOUMC family!

Thank You Teachers!

Thank you SO VERY MUCH

to all of our talented and dedicated Sunday School teachers! You have all worked very hard this year to make our Sunday School program a success, and your time and service is very much appreciated! Our teachers this year were: **Jean Scothon, Sarah Jackson, Sue Shellhouse, Sharon Werner, Chris Blosser, Claudia Taller, John Wolter, Judi Wagner, James Bridges, Tammy Moore, Reverend Mark Steiger, Sally Stacho, Craig Mueller, & Peggy Cornell.** (Our teachers were honored during worship on June 10th.) Hope you all enjoy your summer!



Scrapbook Club

We are scrapping again! Join us on Friday July 20th from 6 PM to Midnight and again on Saturday July 21st from 9 AM to Midnight! Food, movies, music, great conversation, fun and of course....scrapbooking!

A sign up sheet will be on the door to sign up or see Wendy!



Son-Fest: A Festival Celebration To Share The Love Of Christ With Our Community!

When: August 11th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: NOUMC Church Grounds

What: A one-day summer festival-type celebration geared towards families in our community

Why: To share the love of Jesus Christ in service to our community

Who: YOU! All of our congregants are needed to help make our festival a success! Please join us! We need help in many areas, from planning and organizing how our festival will be arranged, to pre-planning and creating, to decorating and set up, to welcoming people as they enter, to helping out in a food or game tent, to assisting with crafts, to entertaining throughout the daywe have a place for you no matter what you are interested in doing! Please see Wendy!

United Methodist Women By Barb Andrews, UMW President

Thanks for your support of our annual plant sale. A profit of \$580.35 was realized and will be used for church needs.

The UMW will continue to meet on Wednesday mornings throughout the summer, alternating breakfast and lunch get-togethers. We hope to come up with a couple of field trips and will keep you informed as these are decided. We like to include you in these fun activities and not just when we need your help. We spend some Wednesdays helping Sharon out with office projects, working on crafts for our Church Mouse Craft Sale on October 13, or just solving the problems of the world. We'd love to have you show up at 10:00 any Wednesday. You can come every week or just when the spirit moves you. If you have any ideas for a field trip, let us know, and we'll check out interest, costs, etc.

Youth News

Katie Chapman, Youth Director



We had a great time on our Nature Walk& Picnic on June 10th. We stayed after church and packed our lunches and then went down to the Nature Center to eat and enjoy some much needed outdoor time. We learned all about the life cycle and habits of the Praying Mantis, saw turtles and snakes (one actually out on the trail), birds and chipmunks. After our lunch and walk, we returned to church for ice cream sundaes! Thank you to Jean Scothon, Wendy Cooper, Judi Wagner, Sydney Scothon, Amy Cooper, Makena Chapman and Morgan Chapman for joining us. I hope to see more of you next time.



Starting in mid July, we will begin painting and updating our youth room upstairs. We hope to have this project complete by the end of August. We will be having a reveal party in September. We would LOVE to have input from our youth on what they would like to see in this room. Please come see me or email me with your suggestions. youth@noumc.org

Night At The Ballpark



Join us on August 31st for a Cleveland Indians game. Help us cheer on our tribe as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays.



First pitch: 7:10 pm

Cost: \$21/ticket

Seating: Family Deck

Dollar dog night, Pregame in the District, block party and fireworks.

Sign up on Katie's office door or email by JULY 29TH. All money is due to Katie by this date.

Youth Work Mission

Check out the Youth page at www.noumc.org for Work Mission Updates!



Work Mission--Thank you all for your generous donations and stock purchases, as well as the Penny Sunday Offering. Our 19 missionaries are very excited to "love thy neighbors as thyself" with our friends in Buffalo. We will be staying at the Clarence UMC in Clarence, NY June 24th through June 29th. Please keep our missionaries and our families in your prayers as well as the families which we will be serving.

Thank you for supporting our Mexican Fiesta! We raised nearly \$300!! A huge thank you to Brenda Forsberg, Judi Wagner, Mary Lou Fitzgerald, and Sharon Werner. A special thank you to Makenna Chapman and the Moore Family for helping with clean up.

Outreach Committee

by Barb Andrews

OXCART PANTRY



Item	Due
Peanut Butter	July 8
Beans	Aug. 12

Wow!! Did you come through in May and June! When Sharon sent out the May reminders, we had 39 jars of spaghetti sauce for the Oxcart Panty, and I was prepared to go shopping to get us up to our quota of 80. By the next Wednesday (delivery day), we had 90 jars. In June you donated 94 cans of meat and fish...wow! Rev. Mark was so proud of your peanut butter donations that he decided to challenge you once again by asking for that item for our July collection. Due date is July 8. Think how happy you'll make Pantry Director Georgia Wilder!

School Supply List

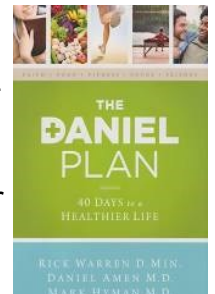
- back packs
- 3-ring binders
- pencils
- markers
- colored pencils
- pens
- pocket folders
- glue or glue sticks
- spiral note books
- erasers
- rulers
- **Due by July 29**

In July we will be collecting back-to-school supplies for the Oxcart Pantry as we have done in past years. The city needs to have supplies and money in time for them to purchase, make up, and distribute these items before school starts up again. Besides usual supplies, they need book bags for this project. If you see a sale, it's a good time to pick up the items. Supplies can range from crayons for kindergartners to protractors for high school students.

Military Coupons...We are still collecting coupons for military families to use at the PX. These coupons help them stretch their budget and are greatly appreciated! Please clip the coupons before bringing them in and place them in the envelope under the Outreach bulletin board (by the nursery). Thanks for your help with this mission project.

Following the Daniel Plan...

Welcome to our new Daniel Plan column, now a regular feature in our newsletter. As you may be aware, sixteen individuals from our congregation have just completed a 40 day study called The Daniel Plan. (It takes its name from the Old Testament character Daniel.) Daniel Plan participants seek to live a healthier lifestyle by focusing on five essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, and Friends. Our Daniel Plan group is continuing to meet on a more occasional basis to share and support each other in our lifestyle choices. Through this column we will share with each other and our entire congregation inspirational messages, healthy recipes, fitness tips, and thoughts for living in love and service. We hope you will enjoy these offerings. (BTW – Rev. Mark will be starting a new Daniel Plan Group on Tuesday evenings beginning September 11th. Watch future newsletters for more information.)



The Daniel Plan Group

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Our group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30. Watch the bulletin for location. Please join us for a couple hours of talk, food, talk, food and more. Enjoy! It really helps if we know how many are coming so we can have enough chairs. (If you forgot to call, come anyway!). You can leave a message with Carole Bettinger 440-234-3611.

Stephen Ministry

God's Love in Action

Over the last year, the Stephen Ministers in our congregation reached out to the congregation by teaching classes, changing our bulletin board, and writing articles for The Agape and the church bulletin. Behind the scenes, we meet with our care receivers to listen with awesome presence and respond with compassion as Jesus would. We also meet as a group to refresh our commitment to this ministry and build ourselves for continuing God's love in action. Through all this work is the foundation of confidentiality, for without trust between us and our care receivers, the relationship is jeopardized.

Our main goal is to love unconditionally. When we love with agape love, we do not judge, we let go of our own agendas, and we allow God to work through us. Before we meet with our care receivers, we pray that God will allow us to hear and feel the joy and pain, the hope and loss. We place our trust in God to give us the words to say what needs to be said.



Our training for this ministry involved weeks of study and class time. During class time, we role played how to help someone who has lost a job or someone who feels like life has no meaning. And we build supportive relationships with other Stephen Ministers. We're pleased to announce that this September we will once again team up with our friends at John Knox to train new Stephen Ministers. We reunited with them during an information night on June 15.

If you join our team, you will learn how to love as God loves. You will learn to put God's love in action. Your heart will expand. Ask any of us—Alice Walsh, Janis Jarvis, Michelle Wolter, Sue Shellhouse, Sarah Jackson, Judy Frazier, Claudia Taller—what the Stephen Ministry experience is like. Or leave a confidential message on the church's Stephen Ministry line. Consider Stephen Ministry training this fall. We'd love you be part of our journey.

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The new Stephen Ministry class is forming now! The first information meeting was at John Knox Presbyterian Church and will be repeated at NOUMC on July 22 right after church. We will have videos of different Stephen Ministers and reactions from care receivers. More information will be passed out and we will answer any questions.

Classes start on Friday, Sept 7 and will continue on Saturdays thereafter. They will be held alternately at both churches.

The Stephen Ministry changes lives for both the care giver & the care receiver. We seem to need some of that. Come see what I mean.



Thank You to:

- Judi W. for cleaning the freezer
- the Brewsters for fixing and cleaning the sign
- Sarah and the Sunday School kids for planting flowers in the front of the church
- Bill for all the work he did as head of Trustees
- Ray P. for taking over as chair of Trustees
- Ray S. for updating hymn boards and filling candles
- Guylene & Josh for preparing coffee & pastries every Sunday
- Amy for faithfully changing the sign
- Barb A. for taking the food to Oxcart every month
- All the people who transport food to and from NOUMC
- All the people and groups who do the many unsung things that keep NOUMC rolling along!

Worship Support

Date	Greeter	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
June 24	Barb Schultz	Mary Lou Fitzgerald	Wayne Pullman	Amy Cooper
July 1	Wayne Pullman	John Wolter	Carol & John C. Weinert	Makena Chapman
July 8	Wayne Pullman	Chris Blosser	Need a sub!	Morgan Chapman
July 15	Greeters needed, please sign-up	Joel Chermonte	Jennifer & Michael Gaydos	Sydney Busser
July 22		Janis Jarvis	Beth Cruz	Mikenzie Dennis
July 29		Zoe Bridges	Barb & Ron Clough	Amy Cooper
Aug. 5		Greg Lavelle	David Jarvis	Makena Chapman
Aug. 12		John Vas	Paul Taller & John K. Weinert	Morgan Chapman
Aug. 19		Ken Delfing	Sarah Jackson	Sydney Busser

May Volunteer Hours	# of people	Total Hours
Panera Food Pick-up	2	46
Food Donation Pick-up	3	30
Fragapanes Pick Up	2	18
Feeding Site Deliveries	2	120
Oxcart Food Pantry	2	12
Urban Meals	8	24
Community Meal	20	45
Total Volunteers & Hours	30	295

N.O. HOMECOMING BOOKLET ADS!

Find \$5 Patron Ads forms to support North Olmsted Community Council 73rd Annual 4 day Homecoming Festival Aug 23-26 on the display table outside the sanctuary.

Buy a \$5.00 one line PATRON AD in the festival's Program Guide mailed to all homes in North Olmsted. Patron ads are 1 line of text such as your family's name or name of your organization, business, team, club, etc. **Deadline to Receive : Sun July 8th**
 Cash or check payable to: North Olmsted Community Council
 Print Text Patron Ad Clearly: _____
 E-mail: _____ (used to confirm Ad request and spelling)
 Give/Mail to Marilyn Ransom (NOUMC Rep to NOCC)
 26837 Leenders Lane, N.O.44070
Examples of short one line Patron Ads: 1. Marilyn & Bill Ransom; 2. Girl Scout Troop 1614; 3. Larry's Lawn Mowing Service; 5. Bob, Mary, & June Green

Lifeline Screening ~ Sept. 22, 2018 at NOUMC

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at North Olmsted United Methodist Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

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Office Hours: Mon.—Wed. 10 am - 2 pm
 Thursdays - 1 to 5:00 pm
Christian Ed Office Hours:
 Mon. - 1 to 3 pm, Thurs. - Noon to 3 pm
Youth Director—
 Mon. & Thurs. 11 to 2:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday, June 24 <i>Work Mission Committal</i> 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Fellowship	25 8:30 AA	26 11:00 AA 1-3 Alz. Assoc.	27 10 am UMW 8:30 AA	28 4:30—6 pm Community Meal	29	30 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Class
Youth Work Mission						
Sunday, July 1 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Fellowship	2 8:30 AA	3 11am AA	4 8:30 AA	5	6	7 8:30 am UMM @Canary's 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Class
Sunday, July 8 9 am - Sunday School 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Fellowship	9 8:30 AA	10 11am AA	11 10 am-UMW 8:30 AA	12	13	14 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Class 11am Memorial Service for Helen Carter
Sunday, July 15 <i>Penny Sunday</i> 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Fellowship Noon—Ad Board Meeting	16 8:30 AA	17 11am AA	18 10 am-UMW 8:30 AA	19 11:30 Lunch with Friends	20 6 pm—Midnight Scrapbooking	21 9 am—Midnight Scrapbooking 10 am - 1 Stamp Social 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Class
Rev. Mark on vacation						
Sunday, July 22 <i>Rev. Alice Preaching</i> 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Fellowship	23 <div>Agape Deadline</div> 8:30 AA	24 11:00 AA 1-3 Alz. Assoc.	25 10 am UMW 8:30 AA	26 4:30—6 pm Community Meal	27	28 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Class
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Sunday, Aug. 6 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Fellowship	7 8:30 AA	8 11:00 AA	9 8:30 AA	10	11	12 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Class

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Free Community Meals



Join Us!

Thursday, June 28 4:30— 6 PM
Our friends from St. Clarence will be
here to serve dinner.

July Free Community Meal
Thursday, July 26 4:30—6 pm
The menu for this meal is not yet
available.

Held at North Olmsted United Methodist Church
4600 Dover Center Rd., North Olmsted, Ohio 44070
440-779-6634 web site: www.noumc.org

The Free Community Meal is a mission of North Olmsted United Methodist Church with assistance from our friends at St. Richard and St. Clarence Catholic Churches and others in the community. All meals are funded by donations and the dinners are prepared and served by volunteers. Menu's may change because of donated food or food pricing. Additional volunteers are always welcome! If you would like more information, please contact us at 440-779-6634.



We are a handicap accessible facility