

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Support UMCOR

UMCOR Sunday is March 14

Do you know UMCOR? UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be the focal point of a Special Sunday in March. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to help.

On this Special Sunday on March 14, our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts. UMCOR Sunday is where we come together to help.

If you want to learn more about UMCOR visit: www.umcmission.org/UMCOR.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **UMCOR Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

Support Flat Rock Homes

Penny Sunday is March 21

March's Penny Sunday offering will go to support Flat Rock Homes located in Flat Rock, OH, in the middle of farm country. It is 60 miles SW of North Olmsted (just south of Bellevue, OH). Flat Rock holds a strong covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. The mission of Flat Rock Homes is to provide outstanding services which transform lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and persons with critical needs through a dedication to caring and excellence. Flat Rock serves individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities with coexisting behavioral and/or psychiatric needs.

Visit www.flatrockhomes.org to learn more about the programs they offer.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **March Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Ed Brewster, Financial Secretary.*

Easter Flower Orders



Orders due Sunday, March 14

Email form to Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org
or mail it to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper.

All proceeds to benefit the
Africa University Sunday School Mission Project.

Name _____

Phone _____

Size	Color	Price	Quantity	Total
6 Inch	Mona Lisa Lily (Pink)	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Easter Lily (White)	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Daffodil	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Hyacinth	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Tulip	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Martha Washington Geranium	\$10.00	_____	_____
10 Inch	Pansy Basket	\$10.00	_____	_____
8 Inch	Hydrangea	\$15.00	_____	_____
		Total:	_____	_____
			Paid _____/Owe _____	

Dedication

In Honor Of/From:

and/or

In Memory Of/From:

Christian Education

Easter Flower Sale

Orders due March 14

The youth are selling Easter flowers to decorate our altar for Easter worship this year. Flowers will be delivered on March 26, they will be arranged and photographed, and then they will be available for pick-up any time after that. Wendy will have them lined up and labeled in the hall by the office for those who have a key to the building. If you don't have a key, she will be at the church on Saturday, March 27 (time yet to be determined) for you to pick up your flower orders. Proceeds will go to benefit the Africa University Sunday School Mission Project. *Please send the enclosed form with your check to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org.* Thank you for supporting the mission project!

Sunday School Mission Project: Africa University

TEACH
REACH
BLESS

As you may have heard, the East Ohio Conference Teach Reach Bless campaign to raise \$1.5 million to build and furnish a residence hall for female students at Africa University has met its commitment goal only one year after the campaign was launched! Although ground cannot be broken until all of the needed money has been collected, to date \$516,097.52 of committed funds have been received! The TRB campaign hopes to be able to send the full amount to Africa University in early 2022 so that construction on a new dorm that will house 90 additional female students can begin. Because of a generous challenge gift, every \$3.00 contributed will become \$4.00, so it's not too late to make a commitment or to donate! Our youth will continue to raise funds to donate to the TRB campaign until the end of May, but you can also visit the [Teach Reach Bless](#) page of the Conference website to learn more about the campaign and how you can financially support it through online or mailed in donations.

This year, we hope you will support the Sunday School Mission Project by helping us raise money to build a new dorm for female students of Africa University! Make checks payable to NOUMC, write Africa University in the memo, and send them to the office, attention Wendy Cooper.

Online Sunday School

Sunday School students, please join us each week on our [Friends of NOUMC Facebook page](#) as we continue to study God's Word! A video Bible lesson will be posted, and links to activity sheets will be offered in the comments. High School and Young Adults are welcome to click on a weekly devotion with thoughts and questions to ponder. Video lessons and devotions will be posted by Saturday evening each week.

Opportunities to Serve

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)

Thursday, March 25, 4:30 pm - 6 pm

The menu for March is baked pasta, salad, a roll, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb L.



Community Meal

Youth News



Winterfest

Saturday, March 6, 1 pm - 2 pm

church parking lot

Youth Council is planning a free Winterfest to celebrate winter. It will be outside in the parking lot of the church building with all Covid guidelines in place. Dress warm and enjoy some "cool" fun!!

There will be activities, crafts, and, of course, hot chocolate! We will need a few volunteers for activities so please consider helping. If you would like to reserve your spot or volunteer, please email Chris Byrns at youth@noumc.org.

Youth Drive-Thru Bake Sale

Orders due Wednesday, March 24

Pick Up Orders on Saturday, March 27

The youth are holding a Drive-Thru Bake Sale, with the hopes of raising \$100 to go toward summer youth activities. You can pick up your order on May 27, at the same time you pick up your Easter Flower order and palms for Palm Sunday. If you are unable to make it to the church on March 27, we will deliver your order to your door (delivery limited to the continental United States!)

Youth are needed to bake and help hand-out the goodies. Please contact Chris at youth@noumc.org to bake at church, or we will provide the ingredients so you can make goodies at home!!

Send the enclosed order form to Chris at youth@noumc.org or to the church office, attention Chris Byrns. We will collect a free-will offering. *You may pay in advance by sending your check to the church office, attention Chris Byrns, or during pick up. Make checks payable to NOUMC, and write **Youth Bake Sale** in the memo.*



Youth Activity Bags

We hope the kids have been enjoying the activity bag deliveries this winter. Thanks to those of you who share pictures on Facebook for all to see. There have been bird feeder activities to help take care of our feathered friends during the winter months, snowman building activities using marshmallows and pretzels, and Valentine's goodie bags.



United Methodist Camps

Summer 2021!

The United Methodist Camps of Aldersgate, Asbury, and Wanake plan to resume this summer with reduced capacity to follow Covid guidelines. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Chris Byrns at youth@noumc.org for more information.

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Email your order to youth@noumc.org or mail it to the church office, attention Chris Byrns.

We will collect a free-will offering. Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **Youth Bake Sale** in the memo. You may pay in advance by sending your check to the church office, attention Chris Byrns, or you may pay during pick up. Thank you!

Quantity

Spring Cupcakes (1/2) Dozen

Chocolate Chip Cookies (1/2) Dozen

Rice Krispy Bars (1/2) Dozen

Fudge Brownies (1/2) Dozen

Combo Plate (a little bit of everything)

Name _____ Phone _____

If you would like your bakery delivered, please include your:

Address _____ City _____

COVID-19 Reminders

Worship with Us Online!

Live-stream worship on Sundays at 10:30 am

Join us online as we live-stream worship on Sundays at 10:30 am! Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to worship with us. The videos will also be available to view later. For more information and assistance, visit www.noumc.org or our [Facebook page](#).

Visit <http://www.noumc.org/worship-remote-worship-resources/> for bulletins and weekly announcements.

Office Hours

To protect the health and well-being of you and the staff, we will be working from home whenever possible. Please conduct business with the staff by phone or email, when possible. If you leave a voicemail at the church or send an email, a member of the staff will respond. If you need to conduct business in person, please call ahead to be sure someone is in the office to assist you, or contact a staff member and leave a voicemail to make an appointment.

Pastoral Care

Please reach out to Pastor Hoyte by using his cell phone or email address (330-428-1545 or hoytewilhelm@gmail.com) if you have any questions or want to schedule an individual time to talk as he will be working remotely much of the time from the church office consistent with the rest of our support staff.

Pastor Hoyte continues to keep you in his thoughts and prayers. God IS with us!

Stay Connected—We Are Not Alone

If you would like to subscribe to receive weekly e-newsletters, up-to-date email announcements from Pastor Hoyte, and prayer concerns from the congregation, email office@noumc.org.

Financial Contributions to North Olmsted United Methodist Church

Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contributions to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.

April Agape Deadline

March 15

Email articles to office@noumc.org or mail them to the church, attention Megan Howe, by March 15.

Church Staff: 440-779-6634

Pastor: Hoyte Wilhelm
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ext.16
cell: 330-428-1545

Christian Ed.: Wendy Cooper
sundayschool@noumc.org
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marlened959@gmail.com

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office@noumc.org
ext.10

Youth Director: Chris Byrns
youth@noumc.org
ext. 14

Music Director: Gabriela Martinez
gabrielamarmar@aol.com

Social Media: Hanna Moore
social@noumc.org

2020 Financial Report

For all of 2020, we received \$218,769 in offerings. We also received \$2,002 in rent, proceeds from the Dover Players, and Amazon Smile rebates, for a total of \$220,771. Thank you all for your support, especially those members of the congregation who have paid ahead or paid all of their 2020 pledge. The church's expenses for the year totaled \$255,025, which results in a shortfall of \$34,254. We have been able to pay all of our bills, our apportionments, and our payroll on time.

Here is the breakdown of our expenses for 2020:

Ministerial Expenditures	95,457	37.43%
Other Staff Payroll	69,493	27.25%
Apportionments	33,994	13.33%
Trustee / Building Expenses	32,738	12.84%
Utilities	9,890	3.88%
Insurance	5,067	1.99%
Office Expenses	4,871	1.91%
Christian Education / Youth Ministry	1,649	0.65%
Other Expenses	1,866	0.72%
Total Expenditures	255,025	100.00%

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Thanks again for your financial support of the church and supporting all the good work that we do!

Mike Moore, Treasurer

Thank you!



On behalf of the Department of Youth and Family Services, I would like to extend my gratitude for participating in the 2020 Adopt-A-Family Program. Your time, thoughtfulness, and generosity were greatly appreciated and made for a truly memorable Christmas to the families you sponsored. I think people were especially grateful this year because this was a more difficult year for many. Also, thank you for your flexibility in using the registry! I hope it worked out well on your end!

It is always a pleasure working with you! Please know that you helped to make a difference in our community this holiday season. Stay well!

Georgia Wilder, Case Manager, Oxcart Pantry Services, City of North Olmsted

United Methodist Women

UMW FUNDrive: *Weekend of May 23; actual dates and times TBA*

We will have a trailer in the parking lot to collect your rummage sale-type items.

As a reminder, soft goods should be bagged in large garbage bags and other items should be packed in manageable-sized boxes that can be closed. Accepted items include clothing, shoes, bedding and towels, accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, belts, and jewelry), CDs, DVDs, electrical items, toys and games, kitchen items, knick-knacks, and sporting goods. No furniture and large house-hold items, baby gear, cleaning products, flammable items, or building materials, please.

Mark your calendar: *UMW Plant Sale on May 8 and the Church Mouse Craft sale on October 16*

We hope to begin meeting in-person fairly soon when it is once again a safe option. Stay safe!

Church Family News

MARCH



1	Judy K.
1	Sally C.
1	Javier G.
2	Gwen H.
5	Kirsten R.
5	Sharon W.
9	Nathan C.
12	De Niro B.
12	Nicole B.
17	Kris H.
19	Liam B.
20	Barbara M.
20	Debra C.
21	Wendy C.
24	Iris S.
25	Marilyn R.
30	Dick M.
31	Diane P.
17	Kim & Ken D.
27	Gabriela M. & Javier G.
28	Barb & Ed B.

Prayer Concerns

First Responders
 Victims of natural disasters
 Those suffering from mental illness
 Those affected by gun violence
 Those who are homeless
 Stephen Ministers
 Care Receivers
 Our condolences to the family of Jim W. following his passing
 Our condolences to the family of Ron S., Jr. following his passing, friends of Ed and Barb B.
 Andy, grandson of Barb S.
 Carole B.
 Tom M. and family
 Ron W.
 Danielle, lifted by Alice and Andy W.
 Josh O. and Guylene H.
 Dallas, Terri W.'s father
 Bobbi, Terri W.'s sister
 Barbara B.
 Viola C.
 Susan W.
 Carolyn and Alex B.
 Mary, Sue S.'s mother
 Jeff, Judy K.'s friend
 Kifah, David L.'s friend
 Donald R.
 Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
 Frank M.

Keith A.
 Gwen H.
 Danielle, lifted by Gwen H.
 Mary Lou L.
 Sterling B.
 Bev, lifted by Josh O.
 Darlene, friend of Barb A.
 Donna, sister of Carol N.
 Bill and Vince, brothers of Reba Y.
 Russ, friend of David L.
 Andy, Faye W.'s son
 Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
 Israel, Sarah's student
 Dawn, friend of Susan W.
 De Niro and family
 Connie C.
 Jim, friend of Bill and Marilyn R.
 Donna friend of Judy K.
 Zack, son of Jennifer G.
 Brian R.
 Steve, son of Mary Ellen M.
 Carol, lifted by Jane and Ray B.
 Selene, lifted by Carole A.
 Christopher Y., USAF
 Matthew F., USAF
 Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC



March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 pm AA (FH)	2 12 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 7 pm Facing Covid Together (Zoom)	3 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist 11 am Youth Council (Zoom)	4 2 pm - 3:30 pm Lenten Study (Zoom)	5	6 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist 1 pm - 2 pm Winterfest (parking lot)
7 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 am Worship (livestreamed)	8 8:30 pm AA (FH)	9 11 am Stephen Leaders (Zoom) 12 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom)	10 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist	11 2 pm - 3:30 pm Lenten Study (Zoom)	12	13 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
14 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins: Spring Forward!</i> <i>UMCOR Sunday</i> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 am Worship (livestreamed)	15 <i>April Agape Deadline</i> 8:30 pm AA (FH)	16 12 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries (Zoom)	17 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist	18 11:30 am Lunch with Friends (at home) 2 pm - 3:30 pm Lenten Study (Zoom)	19	20 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
21 <i>Penny Sunday</i> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 am Worship (livestreamed)	22 8:30 pm AA (FH)	23 12 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom)	24 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist <i>Youth Drive- Thru Bake Sale Orders Due</i>	25 2 pm - 3:30 pm Lenten Study (Zoom) 4:30 pm - 6 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-out Only)	26	27 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist Flowers, Palms, & Bake Sale Pick-Up Time TBD
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 am Worship (livestreamed)	29 8:30 pm AA (FH)	30 12 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom)	31 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist			

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Agape Newsletter



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.

Free Community Meal Carry-Out Only



Thursday, March 25

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Carry-Out Menu:
baked pasta, salad,
a roll, and dessert

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. Menus 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 an accessible facility.*