

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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August 2021

Adult Fellowship Luau

Saturday, August 14, 5 pm, Church Parking Lot

Aloha! Do you **lava** Hawaii? Do you need to get away? We're throwing a Luau and you are all invited!! We will transform the NOUMC parking lot into a tropical paradise on Saturday, August 14, beginning at 5 pm. Step up to our Juice Bar or take a hula lesson. Wear your wildest Hawaiian gear, grass skirts, or tropical attire, and you could be crowned our "Best Dressed Tourist." The evening is being led by our own Joanne Krueger and will include Pork Lau Lau, Papaya Chicken, a taste of Haupia Pie, and other delicacies.



Tickets are \$10 each and available before and after worship now through Sunday, August 8. You may also email your reservation to Tammy. Set up help will also be needed. This is a great opportunity to invite family or friends to meet our NOUMC ohana (family). Maholo!!!

Luau Prep and Craft Night

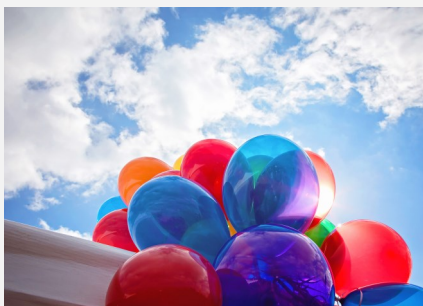
Tuesday, August 3, 4 pm - 8 pm, Classroom 7

Join us on Tuesday, August 3 for some fun and fellowship, from 4 pm - 8 pm in Classroom 7. Come for just an hour or two or stay the whole time. Bring your creativity and help us get ready for the big event on August 14. All are welcome!! Contact Tammy if you are interested in joining us.

North Olmsted Homecoming Parade

Sunday, August 29, 1 pm

Planning meeting: Sunday, August 1, 11:45 am, Conversation Café



NOUMC is participating in the North Olmsted Homecoming Parade on Sunday, August 29 at 1 pm. Pastor Hoyte will be pulling his boat as a float. We will be having a boat decorating party on Saturday, August 28 at the home of Marilyn and Bill Ransom. We will need a few volunteers to walk in the parade and others to ride inside the boat. We will also need lots of people to clap, cheer, and take pictures of us along the parade route. Watch for more details. If you are interested and have not yet volunteered, please contact Marilyn or Tammy.

Worship with Us!

Worship with Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

(face masks are required in-person for those who are not fully vaccinated)

Online on our [YouTube channel](#).

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.

Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Usher(s)
August 1	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Bev Hixon	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon
August 8	Sarah Jackson	Barb Clough	Beth Cruz
August 15	Sarah Jackson	John Vas	Barb & Ron Clough
August 22	Jean Scothon	Barb Andrews	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
August 29	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Michelle Wolter	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon

Support Community Meals

Penny Sunday is August 15

The Penny Sunday collection for August will go to our Community Meal Mission led by Barb Linton. The mission enables us to share our blessings with local families and friends. Please join in keeping our promise to feed the community—body, mind, and spirit!

Make checks payable to NOUMC and write August Penny Sunday in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in-person, an offering plate will be designated for Penny Sunday.

When this mission began, we thought it would be for just a couple of months. Yet, here we are in 2021 still feeding our community.

OK, now for a fun trivia question! ***How long have we generously provided food and companionship through this mission?*** The correct answer will be printed in the September Agape!

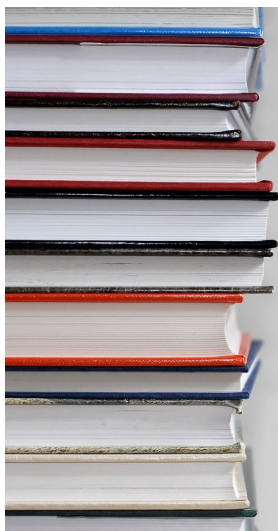
Altar Flowers



You are invited to provide the altar flowers for our Sunday worship service. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway, or contact Megan at noumc@noumc.org or ext. 10 with a specific date. Contact the church office to make any special flower or color requests and to provide the dedication for the bulletin.

An arrangement costs \$25; *make checks payable to NOUMC and write altar flowers in the memo.* Payment can be made by putting your check in the offering plate on Sunday or by sending your check to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.

Opportunities to Give



Donate Your *Used Books* to Laura's Home!

Laura's Home is in need of books, especially novels for adults. Please put your donations of used books in the collection box in Fellowship Hall.

Military Coupon Collection

The military can use coupons up to 6 months after the expiration date.

We are again collecting coupons for military families to use at the PX. These coupons help families to stretch their budgets and are greatly appreciated. ***Please be sure to clip the coupons before bringing them***; however, it is not necessary to sort them. Place them in the envelope under the Mission bulletin board by the nursery.

Donate to Oxcart Pantry

Collecting meal kits until Sunday, August 29

We are currently collecting meal kits, such as ***Rice-A-Roni and Knorr brand items***. Donations can be put in the Oxcart Pantry box in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your donations of pasta and sauce in June (we collected 70 items!) and backpacks and school supplies in July (we'll have an update on that collection in the next Agape.)

Opportunities for Fellowship

United Methodist Women

Meets on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month, 10 am, Classroom 7

UMW has decided for the time being to meet in-person at 10 am on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month. For now we can't do much planning, so we are stuck solving the world problems and going to lunch. We would love for you to join us!

Lunch with Friends

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 11:30 am

For those of us who enjoy a good restaurant but don't want to eat alone, this is the group for you! We meet at different restaurants for food and fellowship. To find out where we will dine each month, read the church announcements or call Carole Bettinger. All are welcome!



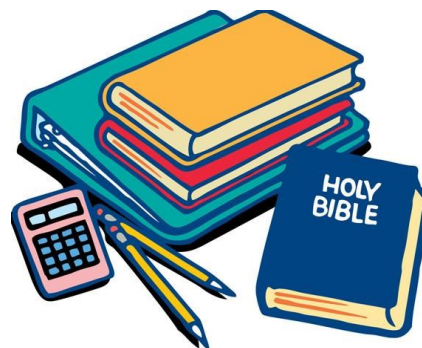
Christian Education



Join Us as We Kick Off the New School Year!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12

Our Elementary, Middle School, and Young Adult Sunday School classes will be starting the new Sunday School year off right with a Rally Day Celebration on September 12 at 9 am. We will have some fun and food together before we settle into our new curriculum for the year. **All kids are welcome to join us and to bring a friend or two!**



Sunday School Teachers Needed

After a crazy year of COVID and online Sunday School, we are ready to get back to normal in our classrooms! We are starting to make plans for Rally Day on September 12 and the upcoming school year, but we need your help as we are in need of Sunday School teachers! If you would like to volunteer with our youth and children in this capacity, or if you would like more information, please see Wendy Cooper or contact her at noumc@noumc.org or ext. 13.

Christian Education Ministry Team

Do you want to be involved with our children and youth in a new and different way? Please consider joining our brand new Christian Education Ministry Team! This team will assist and support the Christian Education Director in planning and providing for the Christian education needs of NOUMC. If you are interested in joining or if you have questions, please contact Wendy at noumc@noumc.org or ext. 13.

Youth News

Ecumenical Youth Group Picnic

August 1, 4 pm, Wallace Lake, Berea

The UMC of Berea has invited our youth to join the Ecumenical Youth Group for Berea, Middleburg Heights, Brookpark, Parma, and North Olmsted. We are planning a BIG summer get together to play games, picnic, and do a community service project together. Rain date of August 8.

All youth in fourth grade through twelfth grade are invited! For breakouts/devotions, we'll break into tweens/middle school/high school when it seems best. Our thinking is to raise up the next group of "youth" now and build relationships before middle school.

Following our gathering on August 1, we intend to hold our youth group at The United Methodist Church of Berea, the **4th Sunday of each month**, possibly 5 pm - 6:30 pm. Details are still open to changes.

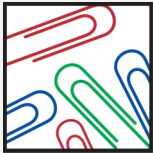
If you have any questions please feel free to contact Chris Byrns at ext. 14 or at noumc@noumc.org.

Church Office Updates

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

On Tuesday, Megan will work from home and will continue to check her email and voicemail during office hours (10 am - 2 pm).



Office Hours

Pastoral Care

Please reach out to Pastor Hoyte by using his cell phone or email address if you have any questions or want to schedule an individual time to talk.

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

Stay Connected

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 noumc@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.

For those who worship with us in person, the ushers will have an offering plate available on Sunday.

September Agape Deadline

August 15

Please email articles and meeting dates to noumc@noumc.org, mail them to the church, attention Megan Howe, or put them in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office by August 15.

Church Staff: 440-779-6634

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

Director of Christian Education:
Wendy Cooper
ext.13

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Admin. Assistant: Megan Howe
ext.10

Youth Director: Chris Byrns
ext. 14

Music Director: Gabriela Martinez

Social Media: Hanna Moore

Church Family News

3	Barb B.
4	Mary B.
4	Barbara B.
4	Michael K.
6	Liam M.
8	Bill C.
11	Emily K.
14	Shawn D.
15	Jane H.
15	Bill R.
22	Craig M.
23	Brigid D.
26	Bob N.
29	Peggy C.
31	Dave L.
31	Frank M.

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3	Christine & Shawn M.
27	Marilyn & Bill R.

Thank You

Thank you for the scholarship to Camp Wanake. I had so much fun at camp. I had a great time swimming and meeting new people. It was so much fun, and I cannot wait to go back next year.

Phoebe Tidmore

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 loved ones
of Jim C. following his passing

Our condolences to the loved ones
of Darlene K. following her
passing

Chris B.

David R.

Joe Y.

Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.

Ellie Y.

Josh O.

Mary Lou, lifted by Jean S.

Miriam, aunt of Janis J.

Patty, aunt of Janis J.

Mary, lifted by Susan W.

Monica, lifted by Susan W.

David, lifted by Judy K.

Carol W.

Sally S.

Mary Lou L.

Ron W.

Barbara B.

Viola C.

Susan W.

Mary, Sue S.'s mother

Donald R.

Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.

Keith A.

Sterling B.

Bev, lifted by Josh O.

Donna, sister of Carol N.

Victor, lifted by Reba Y.

Israel, Sarah's student

Connie C.

Steve, son of Mary Ellen M.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Christopher Y., USAF

Matthew F., USAF

Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 am Worship (in-person and livestreamed) 11:45 am Homecoming Parade Meeting (Conversation Café) 4 pm Youth Group (Wallace Lake)	2 8:30 pm AA (FH)	3 4 pm - 8 pm Luau Prep & Craft Night (Classroom 7) 7 pm Scouts (FH)	4 10 am UMW (Classroom 7) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	5	6	7 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
8 10:30 am Worship (in-person and livestreamed)	9 8:30 pm AA (FH)	10 7 pm Scouts (FH)	11 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	12	13	14 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 5 pm Adult Fellowship Luau (parking lot)
15 Penny Sunday <i>September Agape Deadline</i> 10:30 am Worship (in-person and livestreamed)	16 8:30 pm AA (FH)	17 7 pm Scouts (FH)	18 10 am UMW (Classroom 7) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	19 11:30 am Lunch with Friends	20	21 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
22 10:30 am Worship (in-person and livestreamed) 5 pm Youth Group (UMCB)	23 8:30 pm AA (FH)	24 7 pm Scouts (FH)	25 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	26 4:30 pm - 6 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-out Only)	27	28 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
29 10:30 am Worship (in-person and livestreamed) 1 pm Homecoming Parade	30 8:30 pm AA (FH)	31 7 pm Scouts (FH)	<p>For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.</p> <p><i>Please contact the church office to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.</i></p>			

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Agape Newsletter

North Olmsted United Methodist Church
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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, August 26, 4:30 pm - 6 pm

Carry-Out Menu:

Baked pasta, salad, fruit,
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.*