

# Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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## Support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

*Penny Sunday is October 17*

UMCOR responds to disasters in the United States by working in partnership with annual conferences and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides training, relief supplies, case management, and supports long-term rebuilding efforts.

UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters in the United States every day. Please join us in prayer for the affected areas and consider giving to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response to support these efforts.

**Hurricane Ida:** Category 4 Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana on August 29, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. UMCOR is working with conference disaster response coordinators to assess the storm's impact and respond to immediate needs. UMCOR has awarded solidarity grants to the Louisiana and Mississippi conferences.

**Flash Flooding in Tennessee:** UMCOR awarded a grant to the Tennessee Conference in support of immediate relief efforts following torrential rain and flooding in August. The region of middle Tennessee continues to recover from major flooding in March, for which UMCOR also awarded a grant.

**Tropical Storm/Hurricane Henri:** UMCOR awarded a grant to the New England Conference to support relief efforts following the heavy rain and flooding produced by the August storm.

**Tropical Storm Fred:** UMCOR awarded a grant to the Western North Carolina Conference to support relief efforts for flooding caused by the August storm.

**Wildfires in the West:** The California-Nevada and Oregon-Idaho Conferences received grants to aid in the response to the 2021 Dixie and Bootleg Fires. Technical assistance and training are also being provided to the conferences. UMCOR continues to provide assistance for recovery from previous wildfires. The California-Nevada Conference was awarded a grant this year to help rebuild homes after the Camp Fire of 2018.

The October Penny Sunday offering will go to support UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Relief. Make checks payable to North Olmsted United Methodist Church and **write October Penny Sunday in the memo**. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in person, a basket will be designated for the Penny Sunday offering.



### United Methodist Women's Annual Church Mouse Craft Fair

*Saturday, October 16, 9 am - 3 pm, Fellowship Hall*

Join us for crafts made by local crafters, lunch, and a bake sale!

Free Admission + Masks are required throughout the building.

## Worship With Us!

### Worship With Us In-Person and Online

*Sundays at 10:30 am*

*As an expression of love for our entire community, we require all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face masks throughout their time in the building.*

*If you are ill or experiencing symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.*

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

Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Usher(s)
<b>October 3</b>	Jean Scothon	John Wolter	Sarah Jackson
<b>October 10</b>	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Marilyn Ransom	Barb & Ron Clough
<b>October 17</b>	Jean Scothon	Michelle Wolter	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
<b>October 24</b>	Charlene & John Vas	Chris Byrns	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon
<b>October 31</b>	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Joel Chermonte	Beth Cruz

## Opportunities to Give

### World Communion Sunday

*October 3*

One of six special offering Sundays in the life of The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. When you give to this special offering, you equip talented, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.

Make checks payable to *North Olmsted United Methodist Church* and write *World Communion Sunday* in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. An offering plate will be provided for those worshipping in person.



### Donate to Oxcart Pantry

*Collecting holiday items through November 28*

Suggested items include packages and cans of the following: *stuffing mix, potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, marshmallows, and desserts (especially pie mix and blueberry, cherry, apple, and pumpkin for pie fillings, as well as packages of other desserts)*. Donations can be put in the Oxcart Pantry box in Fellowship Hall. Any items collected by **October 31** will go to the pantry for Thanksgiving bags, and all of the rest donated through **November 28** will go into Christmas bags. These holiday bags will be distributed to our neighbors in the North Olmsted community. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Opportunities for Fellowship

### Youth Outing to Swings-N-Things

*Saturday, October 2, 3 pm, located at the corner of Stearns and Bagley*

Meet us at Swings-N-Things for an afternoon of fun! The Youth Ministry Team will provide \$10 per child.

To RSVP, contact Chris at [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org).



### Ecumenical Youth Group

*Next meeting is Sunday, October 24, 5 pm - 6:30 pm, UMC of Berea*

What a great start we had in September! We are looking forward to our next event: pumpkin carving! Join several other churches in this fun time for youth to make friends and explore their faith. All youth in fourth through twelfth grade are invited to join us. Contact Chris at [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org) or on her cell at for more information or to RSVP.

### United Methodist Women

*Weekly Meetings: Wednesdays, 10 am, Classroom 7*

Well, we're back to meeting weekly. We will be spending most Wednesday mornings at the church, followed by lunch, of course. Some weeks we may decide to forgo the meeting and just meet for lunch. We always welcome company, so double check with a member on when and where to meet, and we'll see you there. Contact Barb Andrews for more information.

Because of low vaccination rates in Amish country we will not be taking our annual Amish country trip. We are looking into other options, so keep checking for any news in case you'd like to join us.

### UMW Craft Show

*Saturday, October 16, 9 am – 3 pm, Fellowship Hall*

We are busily preparing for the Church Mouse Craft Fair. There are not as many craft shows this year as there were before the pandemic, so come see what's trendy and pick up some early Christmas presents, decorations, or other crafts. Lunch will be available, and we plan to have a bake sale and would love to have any of your donations for it.

### 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

### Sunday School Mission Project: North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry



Jesus told us to "love God, love ourselves, and to love our neighbors." This year, our Sunday School theme is "love our neighbors." After a long, hard year of COVID, many of our neighbors are left without jobs and are unable to provide the basics for their families. The North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry is available to provide food assistance to North Olmsted families in need. During this Sunday School year, our youth will work to raise funds that will help the food pantry and our neighbors. Throughout the year, we are going to love our neighbors by holding fundraisers and donating all of the money we raise to Oxcart Pantry. We would appreciate it if you would help us to love our neighbors by supporting our mission project, and we ask that you keep our mission project in your prayers! Be on the lookout for information about our first fundraiser!

## Thank You

Thank you to all of my church family for all the cards and words of kindness following the passing of my mother on August 25. It has been wonderful to have the support of so many people during this difficult time.

Peace to all,  
Zola Ward

Thank you to Ray Plogger, John Vas, Jim Yager, Ed Brewster, Alex Green, and Ron Clough for helping to repair and paint the mower shed and work mission shed. We replaced the doors and reroofed the mower shed and painted both sheds. All the help made the work easy and quick.

Craig Mueller

Thank you for the emails, calls, and cards received after the passing of my mom, Mary. I am deeply grateful for the comforting words which eases my grief. She was my mom for 66 years and happy memories constantly flood my mind. Mom went on many trips; however, this last journey was the most rewarding.

Yours in Christ,  
Sue Shellhouse

Thank you to Ray Plogger for always keeping an eye on the NOUMC property. Ray has put in a lot of time and effort to ensure the buildings are maintained and kept in good condition.





## Church Office and Building 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).

### 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!

### Building Mask Policy

In light of the Delta Variant and current CDC guidelines and in respect for everyone's health, we will require all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face masks throughout their time in the building. Thank you for your understanding.

### Financial Contributions to North Olmsted United Methodist Church

*Thank you to Ed Brewster for serving so faithfully and well as the Financial Secretary of NOUMC. Ed, while remaining active with the church, has graciously asked for another person to serve in the position, and Ron Clough has agreed to serve as the new Financial Secretary. Thank you, Ron! Ed, Ron, Mike Moore (Treasurer), and the weekly counters are working well together during this transitional time related to the financial record-keeping with the 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, Ron Clough.

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

### November Agape Deadline

*October 15*

Please email articles and meeting dates to [noumc@noumc.org](mailto: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 October 15.

**Church Staff:** 440-779-6634

**Pastor:** Hoyte Wilhelm  
ext.16

**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

4	Claire T.	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">OCTOBER</h1>  <h2 style="color: white; margin: 0;">BIRTHDAYS &amp; ANNIVERSARIES</h2> </div>	
5	Josh O.		
9	Nancy D.		
11	Michael G.		
14	Dave H.		
16	Mary Ellen M.		
17	John-John W.		
18	Elizabeth G.		
19	Hoyte W.		
26	Rita W.		
28	Don R.		
28	Ellie Y.		
29	Alyssa D.	18	Jennifer & Michael G.
31	Anthony B.	31	Rachael & Tom 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 Sue S.  
     following the passing of her  
     mother, Mary  
 Nancy D.  
 Dale, David L.'s brother  
 Lois D.  
 Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin  
 Jan R.  
 Scott, David L.'s brother  
 Sherie, lifted by Brenda F.  
 Josh O.  
 Carol W.

Mary Lou L.  
 Ron W.  
 Viola C.  
 Susan W.  
 Donald R.  
 Keith A.  
 Sterling B.  
 Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.  
 Miriam, lifted by Janis J.  
 Patty, lifted by Janis J.  
 Mary, lifted by Susan W.  
 Monica, lifted by Susan W.  
 Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.  
 Barbara B.  
 Donna, sister of Carol N.  
 Steve, son of Mary Ellen M.  
 Selene, lifted by Carole A.  
 Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Israel, Sarah J.'s student  
 Bev, lifted by Josh O.  
 Christopher Y., USAF  
 Matthew F., USAF  
 Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

### Celebration of Life Service

**John C. Weinert**

(April 3, 1944 -  
 December 18, 2020)

Saturday, October 2, 2 pm

*Sanctuary*

Open to All

# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><i>For the most up-to-date calendar, visit <a href="http://www.noumc.org">www.noumc.org</a>.</i></b></p> <p><i>Please contact the church office to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.</i></p>					<b>1</b> 10 am - 12:30 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist	<b>2</b> 2 pm Celebration of Life for John C. Weinert (Sanctuary) 3 pm Youth Fun (Swings-N-Things)
<b>3</b> <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7) 4 pm - 6 pm Confirmation Class (UMCB)	<b>4</b> 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>5</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 6 pm SPRC (FH) 7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>6</b> 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	<b>7</b> 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
<b>10</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<b>11</b> 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>12</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>13</b> 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	<b>14</b> 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>15</b> <i>November Agape Deadline</i> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 4 pm - 6 pm Craft Fair Set-Up	<b>16</b> 9 am - 3 pm UMW Church Mouse Craft Fair (Fellowship Hall)
<b>17</b> <i>Penny Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<b>18</b> 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>19</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>20</b> 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	<b>21</b> 11:30 am Lunch with Friends 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
<b>24</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7) 5 pm - 6:30 pm Youth Group (UMCB)	<b>25</b> 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>26</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>27</b> 10 am UMW (Classroom 7) 7 pm Worship Ministry Team (Zoom)	<b>28</b> 4:30 pm - 6 pm Community Meal (Carry-out Only) 7 pm SPRC Consultation with the D.S. (Zoom) 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
<b>31</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<p align="center"> <b>North Olmsted United Methodist Church</b>            4600 Dover Center Rd. North Olmsted, OH 44070            440-779-6634 + <a href="mailto:noumc@noumc.org">noumc@noumc.org</a> + <a href="http://www.noumc.org">www.noumc.org</a>  <i>Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm</i> </p>					

## Agape Newsletter

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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, October 28*

*4:30 pm - 6 pm*

### Carry-Out Menu:

Sloppy Joes, potato salad, a pickle, and dessert

*St. Richard's is providing the meal this month*

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.*