

Agape

Greek for “Love without Limits”

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Support the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s U.S. Disaster Response

Penny Sunday is January 16

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) assists United Methodists and churches to become involved in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own.

Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR’s U.S. disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners, making them more resilient to disasters.



*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **January Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. For those worshipping in person, an offering basket will be made available.*

Human Relations Day

Sunday, January 16

Across the United Methodist connection we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God’s children are important.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don’t have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential.

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Worship Opportunities

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)
January 2	Jean Scothon	Randall Sheets	Beth Cruz
January 9	Darlene Owings	Floyd Andrews	Barb & Ron Clough
January 16	John & Charlene Vas	Alice Walsh	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
January 23	Paul & Claudia Taller	John Wolter	Sarah Jackson
January 30	Sarah Jackson	Marilyn Ransom	Beth Cruz

Opportunities to Give

Donate 2022 Calendars

Through January 16

Do you have extra 2022 calendars? We will donate them to a local organization in need. The calendar collection box is in Fellowship Hall to the left of the Sanctuary doors. Thank you for your donations.



Hats and Mittens Collection

January 2 - January 30

As the weather turns colder, you are invited to donate hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to our annual collection of winter items for people of all ages, children through adults, who are in need. We especially need **adult-sized mittens and gloves** for teenagers and adults. A basket is in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Thank You for Supporting Adopt-a-Family!

If you had a chance to see the gifts gathered around the tree in the sanctuary, you must know how happy the people you bought, wrapped, and delivered them for will feel having those gifts around their tree. Thank you for making nine North Olmsted residents' Christmas much brighter.



Donate to Oxcart Pantry

Collecting soup and crackers until January 30

The Pantry is asking for soup and crackers for the items of the month in January. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The cleaning supplies that we collected in December will go to the Oxcart Pantry the first week of the new year.

Opportunities for Fellowship

United Methodist Women

Join us for our first business meeting of the year

on Wednesday, January 5 at 10 am in Classroom 7!

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!



Thank You

Thank you to our NOUMC family for all the ways you supported us, loved us, and prayed for us after my mom's death. Thank you for all of the cards, all of the hugs, all of the words of encouragement. Thank you for coming to the funeral home. Thank you for the balloons! We appreciate all of your love and support.

Love, Wendy, Bill, Emily, and Amy

Thank you for all of the sympathy cards, thoughts, and prayers following the deaths of our dear relatives and friends. We greatly appreciate the support of our church family.

Jane and Ray Burnett

Thank you, Lunch with Friends of North Olmsted UMC, for your donation, which is already hard at work! We are preparing to serve hot meals every day as the temperature drops, and providing warm shelter for those with nowhere else to go. This is possible because of your generous gift.

The City Mission

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School Study: Becoming a Contagious Christian

Begins Sunday, January 16, 9 am, Choir Room

All are welcome to join this six-session study where we will learn how to communicate faith in a style that fits the unique personality God gave each of us. Presenters include: Bill Hybels, Mark Mittelberg, and Lee Strobel. For more information, contact Craig Mueller.



Sub Sale Is Back...with a Twist!

Orders due by Sunday, February 6; Pick Up Subs on Sunday, February 13

We are bringing back our Super Bowl Sub Sale! This year we will make the subs on Saturday, February 12, and they will be available for pick up after worship on Sunday, February 13. Order forms will be available in Fellowship Hall during the month of January, and all orders will be due by Sunday, February 6. The subs are \$7.00 each, or \$25.00 for 4. You will have a choice of fine luncheon meats, cheeses, condiments, and toppings. Toppings will be packed separately. Sub sandwiches make a quick and easy treat to eat while watching the Super Bowl game, and all proceeds will go to benefit the Oxcart Pantry Sunday School Mission Project.

Youth and Family Service Opportunity: Help Make Subs!

Saturday, February 12, 1 pm, Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

Please join us on Saturday, February 12 at 1 pm to help put together our Super Bowl sub sandwich orders! Everyone is welcome! Please email Wendy at noumc@noumc.org if you have questions.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 13

On February 13 our youth will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need, by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This effort helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. Because of the pandemic, people are in need now more than ever. During worship on February 13, large soup pots will be on the table in Fellowship Hall for you to drop your donation in. *Or you may send checks in to the church office, attention: Wendy Cooper. Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write **Souper Bowl of Caring** in the memo.* This year's donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry. Please consider donating on February 13 to help the youth make a difference in our community!

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 and Omicron Variants 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

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.

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

February Agape Deadline

January 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 January 15.

Church Staff: 440-779-6634

noumc@noumc.org

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

2	Elizabeth S.	16	Clara B.
4	Brenda F.	19	Christine M.
4	Benjamin T.	20	Joel C.
7	James B.	21	Mary Lou L.
9	Kim D.	23	Jack L.
13	Leighton M.	28	Janis J.
15	Barbara L.	31	Emily C.
16	John D.	31	Darlene O.

25	Carol and Bob N.
26	Judy and John S.
30	Gwen and Dave H.

JANUARY



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 Jan R. following her
passing

Carol W.

Jennifer G.

Randall S.'s son

Sydney S. and family

Alice and Tony, lifted by
Claudia and Paul T.

Ron W.

Karen, lifted by David L.

Nancy D.

Dale, David L.'s brother

Lois D.

Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin

Scott, David L.'s brother

Josh O.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Office Hours:</i> <i>Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10 am - 2 pm</i></p>						1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2 10:30 am Worship	3 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:30 pm AA (FH)	4 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	5 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	6 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	7	8 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
9 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	10 11 am Bells 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	11 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	12 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	13 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	14	15 <i>February Agape Deadline</i> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
16 Penny Sunday <i>Human Relations Day</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	17 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/ Office Closed</i> 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	18 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	19 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	20 11:30 am Lunch with Friends 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	21	22 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
23 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	24 11 am Bells 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	25 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	26 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	27 4:30 pm - 6 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only) 7 pm Choir (Sanctuary)	28	29 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
30 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	31 11 am Bells 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (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>				

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, January 27

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Carry-Out Menu:

lasagna, salad, a roll, and dessert

St. Clarence 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.*