

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Super Bowl Sub Sale

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

This is the last week to order subs for Super Bowl Sunday. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall and are due by February 6. 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. The subs are \$7.00 each, or \$25.00 for 4. You 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 if you have questions or if you can join us.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 13

On February 13 our youth will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus the Big Game into a day 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 celebrations. Because of the pandemic, people are in need now more than ever.

During worship on February 13, large soup pots will be on a table in Fellowship Hall for you to drop your donation in. *Or you may send checks 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!



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)
February 6	Sarah Jackson	Chris Byrns	Barb & Ron Clough
February 13	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Joel Chermonte	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
February 20	Charlene & John Vas	Janis Jarvis	Sarah Jackson
February 27	Jean Scothon	Ed Brewster	Beth Cruz

Opportunities to Give

Support the Free Community Meal Ministry

Penny Sunday is February 20

The Penny Sunday collection for February 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 **February 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.*

Donate to Oxcart Pantry

Collecting canned meat and fish until February 27



The Pantry is asking for canned meat and fish for the month of February. All are needed, but the meats are especially favored.

At the beginning of January, we delivered 55 items, mostly laundry detergent and other cleaning items and some personal items to Oxcart Pantry. There were even two boxes of canned goods added to the haul. Even though we stress certain items each month, if you find a bargain or an over-stuffed cabinet of still good items, you can leave them in the green container in Fellowship Hall. Any donation can be use at the Pantry. Thank you for helping your North Olmsted neighbors.

Lenten Opportunities



A Look Ahead to Lent and Easter, 2022!

It will be here before we know it!

Ash Wednesday, March 2
is the beginning of the Season of Lent,
which will end on Saturday, April 16.

Blessings and prayers as we look forward to
experiencing Lent and Easter together!

Invite a friend!

Lenten Study

Time and Format TBD

Contact Pastor Hoyte by Wednesday, February 16 if interested in participating

Pastor Hoyte will be offering a **Lenten Study** if there are enough people interested in doing so. Please contact Pastor Hoyte by *no later than Wednesday, February 16* if you would like to participate in a Lenten study.

Adult Sunday School Lenten Study

The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus

Begins Sunday, February 27, 9 am, Location TBD

We will explore the "I am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent, this series will help us find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" We are hoping to hold this study during Lent, but details are still being determined. Contact Craig if you are planning to join us, and he will be in touch as details develop.

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2, 7 pm, In-person and Online

The church will worship together for **Ash Wednesday on March 2 at 7 pm**. Traditional scriptures (Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21), centering music, the imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion will be offered for worshippers.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday is on April 10, a **Good Friday service on April 15** will be offered, and **Easter Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 17**. As with all of our worship services, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will be offered in-person, livestreamed, and recorded for later viewing.

Opportunities for Fellowship

United Methodist Women

We are back to meeting on Wednesdays once again. If you could use a chance to get out during the week, we'd love to have you join us. Some weeks we meet at 10 am at the church and then go out to lunch around 11:30 am. If we don't have any projects to work on, we sometimes just meet for lunch around 11:45 am. You don't have to join the UMW if you'd just like to be able to meet with some of your friends at NOUMC. Just check with a UMW member as to plans for that week or give Barb Andrews a call or send her an email.

We are doing some planning, all of which might change if Covid rears its ugly head, but we're hoping to hold some fundraisers this year. Right now we are hoping to hold the Dean's Plant Sale on May 7, waiting for the okay from Dean's for that date. The Church Mouse Craft Fair is set for October 15. Assuming things get better this year (we can only hope), we will keep you informed as to these and any other fundraisers. Because of changes made by Savers, we have decided to forgo the Fill-the-Trailer fundraiser this year. We thank all of you who have inquired as to whether to save rummage items for us. There are other places to give these items to this year. We do appreciate your support for all our projects.

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

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

The youth would like to thank all who purchased Christmas flowers to decorate the altar for our Christmas Eve service. All proceeds will go towards our Sunday School Oxcart Food Pantry Mission Project. We would also like to thank **Jane Philpott** and the **UMW** for their support and generous donations to our mission project!

Wendy Cooper

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and messages following my brother's death. Your love and concern is greatly appreciated.

Beverly Hixon

Church Office and Building Reminders

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 /S 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 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.

March Agape Deadline

February 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 February 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

Social Media: Hanna Moore

Music Director: Gabriela Martinez

Church Family News



3	Ron S.	14	Carol W.
8	Rachael B.	20	Joanne K.
9	Don A.	21	Terri W.
10	Emily B.	23	Sydney S.
12	Beth C.	25	Carolyn B.
13	Andrew S.	28	Philip W.

13	Jean and Gary S.
29	Lisa and Ron S.

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 Beverly H.
 following the passing of her
 brother, Brian
 Our condolences to JoAnn N.
 following the passing of her
 sister, Babi
 Wilma, Marlene D.'s aunt
 Wayne, lifted by Liz L.
 Maggie, granddaughter of
 Chris B.
 Carol, lifted by Sally & Will S.
 Sherry, lifted by Sally & Will S.
 Carol W.

Ron W.
 Nancy D.
 Lois D.
 Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
 Josh O.
 Viola C.
 Susan W.
 Donald R.
 Keith A.
 Sterling B.
 Miriam, lifted by Janis J.
 Patty, lifted by Janis J.
 Mary, lifted by Susan W.
 Monica, lifted by Susan W.
 Barbara B.
 Donna, sister of Carol N.
 Steve, son of Mary Ellen M.
 Selene, lifted by Carole A.
 Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Bev, lifted by Josh O.
 Christopher Y., USAF
 Matthew F., USAF
 Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC



Opportunities to Serve

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)

Thursday, February 24, 4:30 pm - 6 pm

The menu for February is baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	2 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	3	4	5 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
6 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	7 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	8 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	9 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	10	11	12 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 1 pm Sub-Making (Kitchen & FH)
13 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i> 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	14 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	15 <i>March Agape Deadline</i> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	16 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	17 11:30 am Lunch with Friends	18	19 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
20 <i>Penny Sunday</i> 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	21 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	22 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	23 10 am UMW (Classroom 7)	24 4:30 pm - 6 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)	25	26 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
27 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	28 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please contact the church office to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.</p>				

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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, February 24
4:30 pm - 6 pm*

Carry-Out Menu:

*baked chicken, macaroni and cheese,
green beans, 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.*