

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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April 2022

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 10, 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm, Church Lawn

Register by Thursday April 7

On Sunday, April 10, we will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn! Families are asked to register beforehand by April 7 and will have two hunt times (12:30 pm or 1:30 pm) to choose from. Please respond to our Facebook ad, email Wendy or call the church office (ext. 13) to register.

Egg Hunt Volunteer Opportunities Available

Candy Donations: *Candy due by Wednesday, April 6*

We are accepting donations of candy to fill our plastic eggs. Please be sure the candy is pre-packaged and small enough to fit into the eggs. Please drop off any candy donations to Wendy or in the Christian Education mailbox or office.

Egg-Filling Day: *Thursday, April 7, 2 pm - 7 pm, Classroom 7*

On Thursday, April 7, we will gather at the church to fill our plastic eggs with candy and other goodies. We will be there from 2 pm to 7 pm, and you are welcome to join us at any time and come and go as you please! We will be prepping about 400 eggs.

Volunteers on Hunt Day: *Sunday, April 10*

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on Sunday, April 10 for our Easter Egg Hunt! Volunteers are needed to help families sign in, help children with the hunt, and help distribute eggs on the lawn in between hunts. Please see Wendy for further information or to volunteer!



Journey with us through Holy Week as we worship together

All worship services available in-person and online; visit www.noumc.org for worship links



Palm Sunday, April 10, 10:30 am

We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Good Friday, April 15, 7 pm

We remember the significance of Jesus dying on the cross.

Easter Sunday, April 17, 10:30 am

*We celebrate Jesus' resurrection and proclaim,
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"*

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

*Masks are optional in light of the declining severity of the COVID-19 virus.
However, please be sensitive to and respectful of those who choose to wear masks.
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)
April 3	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Michelle Wolter	Barb & Ron Clough
April 10	Jean Scothon	Floyd Andrews	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
April 17	Charlene & John Vas	Bill Ransom	Beth Cruz
April 24	Jean Scothon	Randall Sheets	Beth Cruz

Opportunities to Give

Support West Side Community House

Penny Sunday is April 17

Because the March Penny Sunday offering was collected to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine instead of West Side Community House as originally planned, April's Penny Sunday offering will now go to support WSCH. WSCH is a mission site of The United Methodist Church. This is a very busy place helping families, youth, and seniors. They provide help for people on the west side of Cleveland with classes, after-school activities, senior meals, and many other activities.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **April 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 side dishes until April 24



In April, we are collecting side dishes. These include envelope-sized side dishes like noodles and rice. Some of them are microwaveable. Georgia had trouble explaining what she meant, so we hope this is an adequate explanation.

We collected 134 cans of meat and fish in February. Your generosity has been amazing, even when you were not able to be regularly at church.

Opportunities for Fellowship and to Serve

Cleveland Kids' Book Bank Work Mission

Sponsored by the NOUMC Racial Justice Group

The Kids' Book Bank distributes tens of thousands of books every month to children throughout Greater Cleveland. Every book makes a difference. Visit <https://www.kidsbookbank.org/en/need/>.

Volunteers sort books by reading level and box them for pick up from the warehouse by partner organizations who distribute them directly to kids and families in need to keep and build their home libraries.

Twelve of us recently caravanned into Cleveland. Still masked up, we had a dedicated work area and cleaned and sanitized tools including the tape gun and scissors. We sorted through books from our own gaylord (huge box of unsorted books) during the two-hour shift.

We really enjoyed reminiscing about our favorite childhood books as we checked through hundreds of books and prepared them for young readers to discover and enjoy.

We plan to go again! We haven't received confirmation yet, but have asked for a date in two months. Look for information about the trek and a book drive before we go.

The website has answers to every question! If you're excited and want to help, contact Janis.



NOUMC Garden Update

This spring you may notice some Garden Angels working in the main garden. Girl Scout Troop 71067, who have been meeting in our church building for several years, are working on their Bronze Award. In order to say "thank you" to NOUMC, they are planning, procuring supplies, and planting a pollinator garden! They will maintain the main garden this summer.



So, that means we still have gardens to maintain around the sign, tree, and front of the sanctuary. The small plot in the parking lot has lots of milkweed for the monarchs and doesn't need much maintenance, but it would be nice to have the overgrown grasses removed. The north side of the church has been taken over by pachysandra and does not need much maintenance.

It would be nice if a few people could team up to take charge of one or two gardens for the summer. If you can help, please contact Charlene Vas.

Lunch with Friends: *Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 11:30 am*

To find out where we will dine each month, read the church announcements or call Carole.

Thank You

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

The Altar and Arts team hope that the Lenten season altar scape has helped to deepen the meaning of this season of reflection and preparation for Easter. We are especially grateful to Home Depot in North Olmsted for generously donating the landscaping stones that anchor our Lenten altar.

The Home Depot employees we met, from the managers, Cory and Madie, to the associates who loaded the cart and processed the donation, were all so kind and helpful. And when the cost of the stones was less than the \$100 gift card, they added sponges, a jumbo-sized dish detergent, and disposable masks—all things that will benefit our congregation in other ways.

Thank you, Home Depot, for helping to make our vision a reality and for being our “rock” when we needed it.

With gratitude,

The Altar and Arts Team (Rev. Alice Walsh, Nancy Driftmyer, and Debra Chermonte)



The youth would like to thank all who supported their Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser and their Superbowl Sub Sale. Because of you, we will be sending a check in the amount of \$430.15 to the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry as our Super Bowl of Caring donation, and our sub sale raised \$305.00 for our Sunday School Mission Project! Thank you for supporting our youth!

United Women in Faith

*Moving forward United Methodist Women will be known as **United Women in Faith**. United Women in Faith remains the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church. They indicate the name change is the only difference, and please bear with us as we learn to use this new name.*

Spring Plant Sale

Orders due with payment by Wednesday, April 13; Pick up plants on Saturday, May 7

After several years of not raising prices (even when Dean's Greenhouse has raised them) we have had to adjust our prices for our plant sale this year. We are still giving you a break on prices, however, and we are still able to make some money on the sale that we give to the church and other missions. Thank you for supporting United Women in Faith. If you have any questions about the sale, contact Judi Wagner. The order form is included with the April Agape.

Christian Education



Attention Graduates

We will honor our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 12. If you are a recent graduate (high school, college, technical school, online degree, etc.) please send all of your details to Wendy Cooper by the end of May. She will need your name, school, degree, and what you plan to do next.



East Ohio Summer Camps

If you know of a youth who would love to spend a week away at camp this summer, why not invite them to check out one of our beautiful United Methodist summer camps? There are many different camps available, and there is something to spark every interest. Information is now available. Please see Wendy Cooper.

Adult Sunday School: "Becoming A Contagious Christian"

New study begins Sunday, April 24, 9 am, Classroom 4

Join us for Sunday School! Our next study will equip us to communicate our faith in a style that fits the unique personality God gave you. Presenters include: Bill Hybels, Mark Mittelberg, and Lee Strobel. Contact Craig if you are planning to join us or for more information.

Church Office

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).

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Wendy Cooper
ext.13

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Social Media: Hanna Moore

Music Director: Gabriela Martinez

Financial Secretary: Ron Clough

Church Family News



2	Kara Q.
5	Kim B.
12	Zurich B.
18	Louise H.
19	Claudia T.
20	Joan P.
20	Amye S.
20	Charlene V.
22	Carol N.
22	Jim Y.
23	Amy F.
23	Becky R.
25	Daniel B.
26	Carole B.
30	Judy S.

1	Wendy and Bill C.
4	Diane and Ray P.

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 Carole A. following the passing of her nephew, Dan
 Joan L.
 Sterling B.
 Dallas, Terri W.'s father
 Wayne, lifted by Liz L.
 Carol W.
 Carol, lifted by Sally and Will S.
 Sherry, lifted by Sally and Will S.
 Ron W.
 Nancy D.
 Lois D.
 Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
 Josh O.
 Viola C.
 Susan W.
 Donald R.

Keith A.
 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



May Agape Deadline

April 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 April 15.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please contact the church office to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.</i></p> <p><i>For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.</i></p>					1	2 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
3 9 am Sunday School (Classroom 4) 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	4 8:30 pm AA (FH)	5 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	6 10 am UWF (Classroom 7) 2 pm Lenten Study (Zoom) 7 pm Council on Ministries (Classroom 7)	7 2 pm - 7 pm Egg Hunt Prep (Classroom 7) 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	8	9 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's) 9:30 am Spring District Conference (Cory UMC) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School (Classroom 4) 10:30 am Worship 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	11 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	12 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	13 10 am UWF (Classroom 7) 2 pm Lenten Study (Zoom)	14 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	15 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>May Agape Deadline</i> 7 pm Good Friday Worship	16 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Penny Sunday</i> 10:30 am Worship	18 12 pm - 1 pm Racial Justice Group (Zoom) 8:30 pm AA (FH)	19 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved	20 10 am UWF (Classroom 7)	21 11:30 am Lunch with Friends 7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	22	23 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
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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, April 28

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Carry-Out Menu:

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.*