

Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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***Read on for some opportunities
to join the Nurture Committee
and the Christian Education &
Youth Ministry Team
for ice cream, putt-putt,
and some summertime fun!***

Ice Cream and Fellowship

Wednesday, June 29, 1:30 pm,

Church parking lot

The Nurture Committee invites you to visit the church for fellowship and ice cream treats (popsicles, ice cream bars, ice cream sandwiches, etc.)! Meet us in the parking lot. We're hoping the sweets put smiles on your faces. More dates to follow, including home and neighborhood visits.

Putt-Putt with the Pastor

Thursday, July 21, 6 pm, Dairy Queen (1005 W. Bagley Road, Berea)

RSVP by July 18

All youth (and anyone who would like to play) are invited to join us on July 21 for a fun evening of putt-putt with Pastor Hoyte! We will meet at the putt-putt course behind the Berea Dairy Queen on Bagley Road. We will cover the cost of a round of golf and a sweet treat afterwards for all youth who come to play! Please contact Wendy at noumc@noumc.org by July 18 to reserve your spot!

Community Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 5, 6 pm - 8 pm, Church Lawn

RSVP by July 31

The NOUMC youth are hosting a Community Ice Cream Social on our front lawn. All are welcome to join us! Come meet new faces and get to know our community as we enjoy an ice cream sundae, play some games, and spread the love of Jesus on our front lawn! To register, please contact Wendy Cooper at noumc@noumc.org by July 31!

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online

Sundays at 10:30 am

Masks continue to be optional.

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)
July 3	Jean Scothon	Barb Clough	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold
July 10	Barb & Floyd Andrews	Michelle Wolter	Barb & Ron Clough
July 17	Ellie & Jim Yager	Floyd Andrews	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothon
July 24	Sarah Jackson	Greg Lavelle	Beth Cruz
July 31	Claudia & Paul Taller	Bev Hixon	Barb & Ron Clough

Opportunities to Give

Oxcart Pantry Collection

Collecting school supplies until July 31

Penny Sunday is July 17

Georgia from Oxcart Pantry was pleased to see a trunk-full of condiments from our May collection. We collected 89 condiments. Thank you for your generosity!

In July, Oxcart Pantry is planning for back-to-school! We are collecting school supplies, which include backpacks, and range from items like crayons for kindergarteners to notebooks for high school students. Let's help our neighbors get off to a good start this school year. Place donations in the Oxcart Pantry container in Fellowship Hall.

If you would prefer to let Oxcart Pantry do the shopping for you, this month's Penny Sunday offering will go to purchase school supplies. *Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **July 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 Penny Sunday.*



Christian Education and Youth

Congratulations to Our Graduate!

Graduation Sunday was June 19

On June 19 we celebrated the accomplishments of **Andrew Homola**, who has graduated from Olmsted Falls High School. Andrew will be completing an Associate Degree at Cuyahoga Community College, and then plans to attend Bowling Green State University, where he will study Resort and Attraction Management. We celebrated with cake and punch after worship. Andrew would like to thank his church family for all of our continued prayers throughout the years. Andrew, your church family congratulates you! Best wishes, and may God bless your future endeavors!



Fellowship Opportunities

Murder Mystery Night

Saturday, July 23, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Oh no, it's happening again!! It's the Adult Fellowship's 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Night on Saturday, July 23 at NOUMC. All are invited to participate in this free night of mystery and fellowship.

It's a dark and stormy night in the Hollywood hills, and 12 suspects have been gathered to solve the mysterious demise of movie mogul, Marty SoLazy. Was it dreamy Al Cappaccino and/or the conniving Croan Jawford?



The fun begins at 6 pm in the NOUMC Fellowship Hall. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Just RSVP to Tammy Moore or sign up at the church. We will need actors to cast as the suspects as well as sleuths to solve the mystery. Sign up soon!!

Lunch with Friends

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

All are welcome to meet us for lunch and fellowship! For our July location, read the church announcements or call Carole Bettinger.



Opportunities to Serve

Racial Justice Group

*Save the date: Our next trip to Kids' Book Bank is
Tuesday, September 20, 1 pm - 3 pm*

Twelve of us went on a mini-mission trip to help at the Kids' Book Bank in Cleveland. We presented our donation from the May Penny Sunday offering to Colleen. Then, we gave her the bookmarks that had personal messages from people from our congregation. Our job was to check through a bin full of 'read-to-me' books and 'sticker' them as okay to send out.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! We have had additional donations come in since we were there! A check is going to them soon.

AND MORE! We are returning for an historic third mission and you are all invited! We have room for 20 people to join us, and we can request a few more challenging jobs for those who want to do some lifting or packing.

SO SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, September 20, 1 pm - 3 pm.

Contact Janis Jarvis for more information or to reserve a spot!

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your kind gift received on June 2, 2022. Thanks to you, many, many kids are hugging their first books they can call their own. We hope it warms your heart knowing that together, we are filling the bookshelves and minds of our young children. You make this possible.

Books change lives. Thank you for making book ownership a reality for our community's kids.

With gratitude,

Judi Kovach, Board Chair

Thea DeRosa Cerra, Executive Director

Kids' Book Bank

*Thank you for donating items for cleaning kits!
The kits were assembled by our youth and adults last fall, and two weeks ago during Annual Conference, they were dropped off in Akron to be loaded up and delivered to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. During Annual Conference, enough kits were assembled and donated to fill the collection truck!*



Opportunities to Serve

Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)

Thursday, July 28, 4:30 pm - 6 pm

The menu for July is barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

Church Office

August Agape Deadline

Tuesday, July 12

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 July 12.

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).

In July, the church office will be closed on July 4, July 7, and July 25-28. Please contact Pastor Hoyte with any pastoral care emergencies.

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.

Church Office:

440-779-6634

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Pastor: Hoyte Wilhelm
ext.16

Christian Ed. & Youth Director:
Wendy Cooper
ext.13

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Admin. Assistant: Megan Howe
ext.10

Social Media: Hanna Moore

Music Director: Gabriela Martinez

Church Family News

4	Donald J.		
5	Neil D.		
8	Tammy M.		
8	Paul T.		
12	Frank O.		
12	Jeff R.		
14	Rae S.		
18	Gabriela M.		
20	Wilbur S.	10	Jane & Ray B.
22	Mary Lou F.	13	JoAnn & Larry K.
23	Amber F.	16	Leslie & Neil D.
24	Kelly B.	26	Jennifer & Alex K.
28	Jane B.	27	Georgia & Don A.



Prayer Concerns

First Responders
 Victims of natural disasters
 Those suffering from mental illness
 Those affected by gun violence
 Those who are homeless
 Our condolences to Judy F.
 following the passing of her
 brother, Jack L.
 Nancy D.
 Carol W.
 Sally S.
 Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.

Hannah, lifted by Louise A.
 Sterling B.
 Ron W.
 Lois D.
 Josh O.
 Viola C.
 Susan W.
 Donald R.
 Keith A.
 Barbara B.
 Carol, lifted by Sally & Will S.
 Sherry, lifted by Sally & Will S.

Patty, lifted by Janis J.
 Miriam, lifted by Janis J.
 Mary, lifted by Susan W.
 Monica, lifted by Susan W.
 Donna, sister of Carol N.
 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

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 the church office with a specific date. You can provide flowers from your garden, your own arrangement, or we can order an arrangement for you. Contact the church office to make any special flower or color requests and to provide the dedication for the bulletin.

An arrangement ordered through the church office costs \$30; *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.

July 2022

<p><i>Office Hours:</i> <i>Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday</i> <i>10 am - 2 pm</i></p>					1	2 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
3 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	4 <i>Independence Day/Office Closed</i> 8:30 pm AA (FH)	5 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	6 10 am UWF (Classroom 7) 7 pm Church Council (Classroom 7)	7	8	9 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's) 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
10 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	11 8:30 pm AA (FH)	12 <i>August Agape Deadline</i> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	13	14	15	16 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
17 <i>Penny Sunday</i> 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	18 8:30 pm AA (FH)	19 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	20	21 11:30 am Lunch with Friends 6 pm Putt-Putt with the Pastor (Dairy Queen)	22	23 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist 6 pm Murder Mystery Night (FH)
24 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	25 8:30 pm AA (FH)	26 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved 7 pm Scouts (FH)	27	28 4:30 pm - 6 pm Free Community Meal (Carry-Out Only)	29	30 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Organist
31 10:30 am Worship 3 pm - 5 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<p><i>For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.</i></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

North Olmsted United Methodist Church
4600 Dover Center Road
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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, July 28

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Carry-Out Menu:

barbecue chicken, baked beans,
potato salad, 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.*