

# Agape

Greek for "Love without Limits"

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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## Homecoming Sunday

*Sunday, February 12*

*Worship at 10:30 am; Fellowship at 11:30 am*

We miss you! Come and reunite with friends at  
North Olmsted United Methodist Church!  
(4600 Dover Center Road)

Worship with us at 10:30 am and join us afterwards  
for punch, coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

No RSVP necessary.

Questions? Call 440.779.6634 or email  
[noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org).



## Super Bowl Sub Sale

*Sunday, February 12, following worship; Orders due February 5*

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team is holding our annual Super Bowl Sub Sale! This year we will make the subs on Saturday, February 11, and they will be available for pick up after worship on Sunday, February 12. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall. The subs are \$7.00 each, or \$25.00 for 4. You have a choice of fine luncheon meats, cheeses, condiments, and toppings (toppings packed separately). All proceeds will be used to fund future youth events and activities.

## Help Make Subs!

*Saturday, February 11, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall*

Please join us for this youth and family service opportunity to put together our Super Bowl sub sandwich orders! All are welcome! Please email Wendy Cooper if you can join us.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

*Sunday, February 12*

On the Sunday of the Big Game, we will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus the weekend into one of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat. During worship on the 12th, large soup pots will be in Fellowship Hall to hold our monetary donations. All proceeds will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry.

*You can also make checks payable to NOUMC and write **Souper Bowl of Caring** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper.*

## Worship Opportunities

### Worship With Us In-Person and Online

*Sundays at 10:30 am*

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

Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Usher(s)
<b>February 5</b>	Barb Andrews	John Wolter	Sarah Jackson & Sydney Scothorn
<b>February 12</b>	Charlene & John Vas	Randall Sheets	Barb & Ron Clough
<b>February 19</b>	Frank & Sandi O'Dell	Chris Byrns	Beth Cruz
<b>February 26</b>	Claudia & Paul Taller	Joel Chermonte	Judi Wagner & Guylene Harold

### Support The City Mission

*Penny Sunday is February 19*

The City Mission is the recipient of our February Penny Sunday offering. We are familiar with one part of The City Mission through our monthly dinner at Laura's Home. Feeding and housing women and children who need help is only one phase of the services provided. They help women get degrees, training for future work, psychological help if needed, help to find an apartment and a job, and they provide religious programs if desired and other activities to prepare them for a future. The children are also helped in many ways, such as schooling, tutoring, and help as needed. The same type of help is given to those on the street in downtown Cleveland. A home is given to those who want it or sometimes just a warm meal and warm place to spend a night. This serves mainly men and helps many to get back on their feet. There is also a children's program called Pathways. It provides help during the summer especially for children who have parents who need to be somewhere else. Help is also provided during the school year with after-school programs and tutoring. We think you can see how much good your financial help will provide to such a busy organization.

*Make checks payable to NOUMC and write **The City Mission or February Penny Sunday** in the memo. Send checks to the church office, attention Financial Secretary.*

## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday



### Ash Wednesday Worship

*February 22, 7 pm, In-person and Online*

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

Join us for centering music, the imposition of ashes,  
and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

## Christian Education

### Lenten Study

*Time and Format TBD*

*RSVP by February 10*

Pastor Hoyte will be offering a Lenten Study if there are enough people interested in doing so. Contact Pastor Hoyte by no later than Friday, February 10 if you would like to participate in a Lenten study.

A graphic with the word "Lent:" in large, white, serif font, and "A Season of Preparation" in a smaller, white, cursive font below it. The text is set against a dark blue background with a faint, circular, textured pattern.

Lent:  
A Season of Preparation

### Adult Sunday School Lenten Study: *Sermon on the Mount*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

*Begins Sunday, February 26, 9 am, Classroom 4*

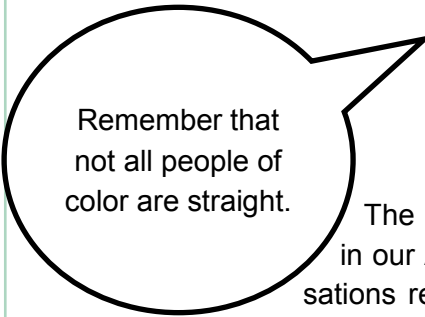
How is the follower of Jesus to understand the words of the Old Testament? How are those words relevant to the New Covenant he is establishing? What might the words of The Lord's Prayer have conveyed to his initial followers, and why is that historical information essential to the prayer two millennia later? In *Sermon on the Mount*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine takes a detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5-7, collectively known as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Through Dr. Levine's engaging method of biblical interpretation, readers will come away with a solid understanding of the Sermon on the Mount in its historical and theological context. All are welcome!

## Racial Justice Group

### Things That White People Can Do

*(to be anti-racist and intentional when interacting with others)*

*Offered by the Racial Justice Group of North Olmsted UMC*


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Remember that  
not all people of  
color are straight.

The Racial Justice Group is currently offering "things that white people can do" in our Agape Newsletters and bulletin announcements. It is our hope that conversations regarding these thoughts will take place in our faith community and create opportunities for change that move people one-person-at-a time to become anti-racist and more sensitive and kind in treatment of our Black brothers and sisters.

"One day our descendants will think it incredible that we paid so much attention to things like the amount of melanin in our skin or the shape of our eyes or our gender instead of the unique identities of each of us as complex human beings." —Franklin Thomas, philanthropist and civil rights activist.

Source: 100 Ways White People Can Make Life Less Frustrating for People of Color [https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/ne95dm/how-to-be-a-white-ally-to-people-of-color](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ne95dm/how-to-be-a-white-ally-to-people-of-color)

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Remember that  
people of color are  
not inherently  
more homophobic.

## Easter Flower Order Form

*Sale begins February 19  
Orders due Sunday, March 12*

Email form to Wendy Cooper,  
mail it to the church office, attention Wendy Cooper, or drop  
your order into the purple box in Fellowship Hall.

All proceeds will be used to fund  
upcoming youth events and activities.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Color	Price	Quantity	Total
6 Inch	Mona Lisa Lily (Pink)	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Easter Lily (White)	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Daffodil	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Hyacinth	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Tulip	\$10.00	_____	_____
6 Inch	Martha Washington Geranium	\$10.00	_____	_____
10 Inch	Pansy Basket	\$10.00	_____	_____
8 Inch	Hydrangea	\$15.00	_____	_____
Total:			_____	_____
			Paid _____/Owe _____	

Please print your dedication. Thank you!

In Honor of/from:

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and/or

In Memory of/from:

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## Opportunities to Serve, to Give, and to Be in Fellowship

### Community Meal



### Free Community Meal Ministry Returns to Fellowship Hall!

*Thursday, February 23, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

For the first time in three years, we will be serving the Free Community Meal in Fellowship Hall. As before the pandemic, there will be no carry-out meals, and one meal per person will be served. A sign up sheet for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up will be in Fellowship Hall in February. For more information, contact Barb Linton.

When we talk about race, we're not just talking about men. Intersections of race and gender exist.

### 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 February location, read the church announcements or call Carole Bettinger.

### Oxcart Pantry Collection

*Collecting pasta and pasta sauce until February 26*

We've started off the new year with a large donation of cleaning products and even more varied items. There were 57 of the cleaning items, mostly laundry detergent as requested. This might be a good time to point out that, while we stress donations of certain items every month, anything you would like to donate always goes to the Oxcart Pantry, because there is always a need for most things. With that said, February's items are pasta and pasta sauce.



**FOOD  
PANTRY  
NEEDS**

### United Women in Faith

*First Wednesday of each month, 10 am, Room 7*

*Plant Sale: May 13; Craft Show: October 14*

The UWF is back in business with our meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Sometimes you can find us at the church other Wednesdays, but you are always welcome to join us at lunch. For the lunch location, email Barb Andrews.

Recognize that you can't assume someone's religion based on how they look. Not all South Asians and Middle Eastern people are Muslims, not all Black people are Christian, not all East Asian people are Buddhist.



## Church Family News

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



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12	Judy and Jim S.
13	Jean and Gary S.
29	Lisa and Ron S.

### Pastoral Care

To schedule a time to talk, please reach out to Pastor Hoyte by using his cell phone or email.

Look around your workplace—are the only people of color cleaners or assistants? What can you do to change that?

## Prayer Concerns

### First Responders

Victims of natural disasters

Those suffering from mental illness

Those affected by gun violence

Those who are homeless

Those experiencing addiction

Our condolences to Will S.

following the passing of his son, David

Bev, Deb C.'s mother

Sally & Will S.

Greg, lifted by Sarah J.

Nancy K.

Tom, lifted by Becky & Jeff R.

Karen, sister of Jeff R.

David, lifted by

Mary Ellen M.

Jane P.

Carole B.

Bob, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.

Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.

Barb & Ray S.

Justin, lifted by Vann P.

Judy F.

Josh O. & Guylene H.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Bill, Sarah J.'s brother

Nancy D.

Ron W.

Lois D.

Keith A.

Barbara B.

Steve, son of Mary Ellen M.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Christopher Y., USAF

Matthew F., USAF

Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

**PRAYER**  
list...

## March Agape Deadline

February 15

Please email articles to [noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org), mail them to the church, or put them in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox outside the church office by February 15.

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10 am UWF (Classroom 7)  8 pm AA (FH)	<b>2</b>  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>5</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>6</b> 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)  8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>7</b> 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>8</b>  4 pm Nurture (FH)  8 pm AA (FH)	<b>9</b>  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 am UMM Breakfast (Canary's)  10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  1 pm Sub-Making (FH)
<b>12</b> <i>Homecoming Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Sub Sale  1 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<b>13</b> 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)  8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>14</b> 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>15</b> <i>March Agape Deadline</i>  7:30 pm <i>Cross That River</i> (Stocker Arts Center)  8 pm AA (FH)	<b>16</b> 11:30 am Lunch with Friends  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>19</b> <i>Penny Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>20</b> 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)  8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>21</b> 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<b>22</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  7 pm Worship  8 pm AA (FH)	<b>23</b> 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Free Community Meal (In-Person Only)  7 pm Choir (Choir Room)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved
<b>26</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  2:30 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)	<b>27</b> 6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (Classroom 7)  8:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>28</b> 11 am - 2 pm Sanctuary Reserved  7 pm Scouts (FH)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Hours:</i>  <i>Monday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</i>  <i>10 am - 2 pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On Tuesday, Megan works from home and will check  her email and voicemail during office hours,  10 am - 2 pm</i></p>			

**For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [www.noumc.org](http://www.noumc.org).**

Please contact the church office ([noumc@noumc.org](mailto:noumc@noumc.org) or 440.779.6634)  
to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.

## Agape Newsletter

North Olmsted United Methodist Church  
4600 Dover Center Road  
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070



### 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 (In-Person Only)

*Thursday, February 23*

*4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

Menu: baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy,  
green beans, dessert, and beverages

In February, we are returning to only serving in-person,  
sit down meals, one meal per person.

**Please join us for dinner and fellowship!**

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.*