

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, December 10, 2023

Sunday School Advent Study

December 10 and 17

9am Choir Room

“An Unlikely Advent”

By Rachel Billups

Led by Claudia Taller

Technology Trainees Needed

Do you know how to push a button? The booth crew is looking for some backup! We would like to invite people to train with us to learn how to run the audio-visual booth. Training will consist of a brief session to familiarize you with the equipment and procedures, and plenty of opportunities to stand with us in the booth during services to learn hands-on. Contact John or Phil Wolter or email webmaster@noumc.org.

Note from Nurture Team

SHIIP (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program) offers free educational programming and one-on-one counseling for those on Medicare. They do not sell insurance so individuals will get unbiased information. You can learn more here: <https://insurance.ohio.gov/about-us/divisions/oshiip>. The North Olmsted senior center no longer counsels on Medicare.

Blue Christmas: Blessing the Christmas We “Actually” Have

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

From Rev. Alice Walsh: Advent is a time of waiting... a time of hope-filled expectation for the coming of our Savior, Jesus. A time of preparing our hearts and our homes for the joys of the Christmas season, with so many desires and longings wrapped up in every parcel, every must-make recipe, and must-do tradition. Behind all the beautiful decorations and packages, glistening lights, and joyful music, the waiting may seem heavy. Our lives have changed this year, and for many, our world has up-ended. Yet underneath the grief, remains our longing for hope, peace, joy, love, and comfort for ourselves, our families, and our world. This year our Blue Christmas service will be a time of “Blessing the Christmas we actually have.” I know that my own soul is hungry for this service this year. I believe God wants to renew our lives this Christmas, bringing hope to us in the areas of our deepest need, bringing peace to us. I invite you to join me in-person this Christmas for a time of comfort and rest. We will also provide a link, closer to the date, for those who wish to join us online. The service will remain available for viewing afterwards on our website: www.noumc.org. Light refreshments will be provided so that we may share in community and fellowship together.

January Adult PM Bible Study

Let's get our new year off to a great start by studying God's Word! We will be working through the books of 1, 2, & 3 John in Jen Wilkin's "Abide." John calls us to keep a habit of close communication with God, to hold fast to His word, to live like we believe it, and to find encouragement in the truth that God loves us! This is a 10 week study, and we will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM for about 2 hours. The class will begin on January 9th, and will end on March 12th. Study booklet with video access cost is \$25. Please join us as we dig in to the apostle John's letters! Signup sheets will be on the sign in table in Fellowship Hall, or please email Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org.

Live-Stream Service Change

We are going to make a slight change to the live-stream service. Beginning in January, the live stream will start 5 minutes (instead of 15) before the scheduled service starts.

Oxcart Food Pantry December Items

The items this month are cleaning supplies with an emphasis on Laundry Detergent, which is an item often asked for by the clients. Please place them in the box near the sign in table.

December Penny Sunday Offering

The December Penny Sunday collection on December 17th will be sent to an UMCOR International Advance program called Middle East Undesignated. Because this is an undesignated Advance project, 100% of our donation will work through United Methodist Church partners wherever the need for relief is greatest. Please be generous in your giving and your prayers, as the need is profound! Checks can be addressed to NOUMC with December Penny Sunday on the memo line.



*Share the joy of the season
with us!*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service
December 24 - 10:30 am**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24 - 7 pm**

 **North Olmsted
United Methodist Church**

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This Week's Gatherings

Book Bank: Tuesday, December 12, 1-3pm (Meet in parking lot at 12:15 to carpool.)

Evening Advent Study: Tuesday, December 12, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Morning Advent Study: Thursday, December 14, 11 am, Classroom 7

Chancel Choir: Thursday, December 14, 7 pm, Choir Room

Sunday School: Sunday, December 17, 9 am, Choir Room

3rd Sunday of Advent/Penny Sunday: Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am, Sanctuary