

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, March 10, 2024

Communion after Worship during Lent

Alice Walsh and Joel Chermonte will be taking turns after morning worship services during the Season of Lent to offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Prayer Chapel beginning Sunday, February, 25 and ending Sunday, March 24. Please join them for this special way of gathering and centering with God and Jesus during this Holy season. Thank you, Alice and Joel!

Today is the Last Day for Easter Basket Donations!

From Barb Andrews: We are back to collecting items for Easter baskets. They are basically the same items provided for Christmas stockings, but with baskets instead! Please leave these items in the box near the green Oxcart Pantry bin: wrapped candy, shampoo, deodorant, conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hair items, small coloring books, soap, skin cream/lotion, puzzle books, lip balm, razors, crayons, nail clippers/files, small tools, pens and pencils, jewelry, toy cars/trucks, small stuffed animals, small dolls, cosmetics. Toiletry items and men's gifts are especially needed. We will, however, make use of all donations. Remember that the items need to be small enough to fit in baskets. We can also use donated cash to shop for needed items. Since Easter is so early this year, we will need the items by March 17.

Sunday School Series

March 3 through April 14th, the Sunday School class will view the series "Seven Words", by Susan Robb. "While many of us naturally wish to avoid the reality of the cross, it's from the cross that Jesus speaks and shows his deepest love for us. It's from the cross that Jesus' full humanity draws us closest to him." See weekly email for more information.

Grief Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one....the loss of physical or mental capacities that you or a loved one once had....the loss of hoped-for dreams coming true....the loss of stamina and resilience in being hopeful with troubling matters in your life or the world....maybe other matters of grief, too? You are not alone and there are people in your church family that have experienced grief and are here to listen, pray, and support you. Rev. Alice, Rev. Joel and Pastor Hoyte understand and are offering a Grief Support Group during the Season of Lent on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Prayer Room of NOUMC beginning February 21 and ending March 27. Anyone is welcome any time!



PI*/PIE DAY is Today!

*Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of π . So, here at NOUMC it seemed like the perfect time for a pot luck of Shepherd's Pie (pot pie or other main dish) for St. Patrick's day with pie for dessert!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 23rd, we will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn! Families will have two hunt times to choose from...one at 1:00 and the second at 2:00. Please spread the word to any families with children that you know! Save the date cards that you can hand out will be available on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall, as well as a sign-up for volunteers. Egg filling will take place on Weds, 3/20 at 3:00 pm in Classroom 7. Donations of candy and volunteers to work the day of the hunt are also needed. Please see Wendy, Tammy, Sarah, Chris or Judi for further details!

March Oxcart Pantry: Special Diet Foods

Donations can be dropped in the green box in Fellowship Hall:

Heart Healthy (low salt, low saturated fat, high fiber)

Gluten-Free

Diabetic (whole grains, oats, low or no added sugar items, brown rice, barley, quinoa)

Chair Yoga Starting in April

Chair Yoga for the Faithful will be offered the third Sunday of each month starting in April following worship. Restore body, mind, and spirit through breath, movement, and meditation. Let go of fear, stress, and negativity and allow love, hope, peace and joy to flow in. Keep the stillness and openness as you go through your days. Claudia Taller, YA 200 certified instructor, will lead you through 30 minutes of renewal.

March Penny Sunday

This month's Penny Sunday offering will be going to the Midwest Disaster Relief Mission. They do amazing projects! From January-June in 2023, \$3.83 million in humanitarian aid was sent. There were 1,364 on-site volunteers and 3,161 off-site volunteers for the mission, as well as 125 domestic shipments and 26 international shipments (including to Ukraine). Many areas of giving are included such as: Education, Health, Disaster Relief and Micro-Business. EVERY GIFT HELPS! Donate to the March Penny Sunday with cash or checks!



This Week's Happenings

Pie (Pi) Day Potluck: Sunday, March 17, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Book Bank: Tuesday, March 19, 1-3pm

Grief Support Group: Wednesday, March 20, 6:30pm, Chapel

Chancel Choir: Thursday, March 21, 7pm, Choir Room

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 23, 1-3pm

Sunday School: Sunday, March 24, 9am, Choir Room

6th Sunday in Lent/Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 24, 10:30am