



Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, March 24, 2024

Communion after Worship Today

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. Please join them today for the last time for this special way of gathering and centering with God and Jesus during this Holy season. Thank you, Alice and Joel!

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!

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.

Adult Bible Study: Revelation: Extravagant Hope Begins April 16th and 18th

What if the Book of Revelation isn't meant to scare us or to be a mystery? What if God saved the best for last? What if His final word is really a rescue plan? From numerical signs and monsters, this final book of the Bible can be difficult to wrap our minds around, but the Book of Revelation reminds us of God's power and promises and its message is intended to bring us hope! Join us as we study the book apocalypse, beginning April 16th on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM and April 18th on Thursday mornings, at 11AM. The study booklet cost is \$16, and includes access to the accompanying streaming video. The study is 6 weeks long and will conclude at the end of May. Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org for more information or to sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in Fellowship Hall as well.

UWF Plant Sale Order Sheets Are Here!

Forms are available in Fellowship Hall along with some color brochures. If you'd prefer to go to Dean's and pick out your favorites, you can buy gift cards for \$10, \$20 and \$50. If you go to Dean's between May 1 and June 15, let the cashier know that you are giving to NOUMC and it will be recorded as a percentage back to the church. Orders are due April 14 and pickup is Saturday, May 11, 12-2pm.

NOUMC to Host Fundraiser for Nehemiah Mission on April 21st

Over the last two months, NOUMC, Bay UMC, Brecksville UMC and Chagrin UMC have been blessed to serve the Tuesday meals (*Bread on Bridge*) at Nehemiah Mission. The Mission serves the homeless and indigent on the near west side of Cleveland. They also provide safe housing for a number of immigrant families.

The kitchen is in need of significant refurbishment. Keith McGregor of Bay UMC has spent countless hours repairing their commercial stove. The 54" commercial refrigerator is more of a lost cause. It has broken down multiple times, thereby causing its food goods to be thrown away. In addition, the kitchen area needs a professionally done, deep cleaning.

NOUMC is committed to meeting the needs of Nehemiah Mission. To that end, we are trying to raise three to four thousand dollars to purchase a used 54" commercial refrigerator and provide for a professional deep cleaning. We are hoping that our sister churches in Christ will provide \$250 to this effort by selling ten \$25 tickets. (Attendees' checks should be made out to "Nehemiah Mission").

Our effort is multifaceted, so we are sponsoring a "Go Fund Me" account with a goal of raising \$600. **On Sunday, April 21st, we are also planning an event at NOUMC from 4-6pm.** Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be available in working toward the goal of receiving three to four thousand mission ministry dollars. Our gifted pianist and organist, Javier Gonzalez, will provide music and Rev. Mike Parisher, Director of Nehemiah Mission, will share his hopes for the Mission.

In addition, a member of our faith community is sponsoring a fundraiser in his home in May. It is our hope that we will come together and truly be the Body of Christ in support of the physical needs of Nehemiah Mission.



This Week's Happenings

Grief Support Group: Wednesday, March 27, 6:30pm, Chapel

Free Community Meal: Thursday, March 28, 4:30-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Media Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 6pm, Prayer Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, March 28, 7pm, Choir Room

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29, 7pm, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 31, 10:30am, Sanctuary