

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
June 23, 2024

Thank you, Rev. Lisa Morrison and Kim Nose for sharing your time and talents with us today!



Annual Conference 2024: Faith Hope Love Highlights

Watch the highlights video at <https://vimeo.com/959201301>

Special Events and Reports

Episcopal Address: “The United Methodist Church no longer has any statements, policies or othering practices within its polity that discriminates, regulates, or excludes any person or people groups. Praise be to God,” said Bishop Tracy S. Malone in her Episcopal Address to the laity and clergy of the East Ohio Conference. “The United Methodist Church has gone back to her Wesleyan roots, to her history, to retrieve what was at risk of being left behind, her ability to proclaim and live love.... We endeavor through the power of the Holy Spirit to understand the love of God given in Jesus Christ. We seek to spread this love abroad. As we see more clearly who we have been, as we understand more fully the needs of the world, as we draw more effectively upon our theological heritage, we will become better equipped to fulfill our calling as the people of God,” Malone said. “Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, the renewal and the unity of the Church is all of our work to do.”

Minimum Salaries for Clergy: To be increased by 5% in 2025 “in an effort to move the minimum salaries toward a more sustainable wage, to address the current inflation rate to an extent, and to keep churches viable and vital.”

Friday Morning Worship: Rev. Allison LeBrun of Boardman First UMC encouraged clergy and laity to think differently about what they prioritize.

Closed Churches: Marshallville Trinity UMC , Ebenezer UMC, Good Shepherd UMC, Burton City UMC.

Anti-Racism Task Group: In 2020 the EOC Extended Cabinet and hundreds of clergy and laity signed a statement committing to the work of Anti-Racism, which said in part: “We recognize that racism and injustice are deeply embedded and vexing issues within our Church and our communities.

Church Apologizes to Victims and Survivors of Sexual Misconduct in The UMC

Saturday Morning Worship: Rev. Philip Wilden offered a word of encouragement to churches currently working through transition and changing realities.

2025 East Ohio Conference Budget: Decrease of 20%

Annual Conference Offering To Support: All in Community, KIDS Camp, Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Midwest Mission Truck and Order of Deacons Truck (blankets) were in attendance taking collections also.

Approved Resolution 2024-01: "Becoming PEACE MAKERS"

Therefore: we resolve to renew our commitment, our mission, as Christians further informed by United Methodist principles and inspired by John Wesley and his vision, to sustain the Message of Jesus the Christ to be peace makers in the ways, the places, by the means we have, to promote peace in our time.

Approved Resolution 2024-02: "Because We Care"

Be it resolved that each church in the East Ohio Conference is strongly encouraged to: engage in study and discussion of "Cry for Hope" and learn more about the Palestinian people and their struggle with UMKR educational materials at www.kairosresponse.org; oppose the equating of criticism of the Israeli government's unjust actions with antisemitism; answer Palestinian Christians' call to "come and see" the reality of their lives today in the Holy Land; and locate a knowledgeable and available speaker, in consultation with UMKR justice advocates, and arrange for that person to speak to the congregation on this subject.

Approved Resolution 2024-06: Supporting "Yes in God's Backyard"

Be it resolved that the East Ohio Conference encourages congregations to consider innovative and creative ways to use their buildings to provide safe, healthy, and affordable housing. Be it further resolved that congregations and members of the East Ohio Conference commit to learn about affordable housing, learn the history of policies like redlining and how they impacted the communities our churches are in, and commit to resisting the practice of Not In My Backyard. Be it further resolved that the East Ohio Conference encourages and supports the "Yes In God's Backyard" Act, introduced by Senator Brown, that equips and resources churches for ministry that will benefit our neighborhoods and communities. Be it further resolved that we, too, say, "Yes, in God's Backyard."

Approved Resolution 2024-07: "Resolution of Confession and Welcome"

Therefore, be it resolved that we repent of our collective sins of the times by action or omission, we caused harm to those simply trying to live out their Christian faith and calling. Be it further resolved that we welcome and rejoice that following the 2024 General Conference, no lay nor clergy person in The United Methodist Church are categorically denied to follow their conscience and God-given calling. Be it further resolved that we welcome with grace and enthusiasm all those called into ministry and celebrate their gifts in whatever setting God and this church should call them. May we further resolve to continue to work on all ways in which we discriminate in word or in deed until every child of God is welcome in the fullness of who God created them to be.

This Week's Happenings

Free Community Meal: Thursday, June 27, 4:30-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

6th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, June 30, 10:30am, Sanctuary

Chair Yoga: Sunday, June 30, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall