

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday
November 24, 2024

Christmas At First: A Christmas Drama

All are welcome to join us on another adventure as we travel to First Baptist of Elyria and experience the wonder of the Christmas season with an evening of music, drama! Christmas At First is a free indoor performance of the Christmas story featuring a live nativity. Please plan on joining us at this family-friendly event which will include cookies and crafts for the kids. Let's meet as a group at First Baptist of Elyria on Saturday, December 14th at 6 PM! Please see Wendy for more information, or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org. Signup sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Bible Study: Better – A Study of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin

Join us as we start off the new year with a new Bible Study! We will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book of Hebrews. We will explore how God provided "something better" for us than our rituals and practices: His Son, Jesus Christ...who came to fulfill all of God's promises. In Christ alone we can place our hope and trust, and in Him alone we can find salvation. Tuesday Evening classes begin on January 7th at 7:30 PM, and Thursday Morning classes will begin on January 9th at 11:00 AM. This is a 10-week study, and the cost of the study booklet is \$20. A signup sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. Please see Wendy for questions!

Community Meal Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to cook for our monthly community meal. If you or your group would like to provide a wholesome meal for our neighbors in need, please consider volunteering to cook one meal. The meal is served the last Thursday of each month (except December) to approximately 50 guests. The church provides a budget of \$150 in support of the meal. Several volunteers aid in set up, serving, and cleanup the day of the meal. A document will be provided to help you plan and shop for the meal including some sample menus. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Chris Byrns at (440) 732-5431, Barb Linton or Joel Chermonte.



Stocking Stuffers Needed for Oxcart:

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| Small Coloring Books and Crayons | Wrapped Candy |
| Skin Cream/Lotion and Soap and Razors | Shampoo and Conditioner |
| Puzzle Books and Pens/Pencils | Toothpaste and Toothbrushes |
| Lip Balm and Cosmetics/Razors | Deodorant and Razors |
| Toy Cars/Trucks/Small Stuffed Animals | Nail Clippers and Files |
| Small Dolls/Jewelry | |

Spirit of Giving



SUITCASES FOR NEHEMIAH MISSION

Several months ago our church family filled a suitcase with socks to help needy families served by Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland. We have discovered that suitcases are one of the most prized items to those who are homeless.

As the Christmas season approaches, The Mission Ministry Team plans to deliver gently used suitcases or large duffel bags (especially those with wheels) to Nehemiah Mission. If you have a suitcase or duffel bag to donate, please bring it to the church and place it in the Conversation Café by Sunday, December 15th.

We also plan to fill a suitcase with new winter hats, scarves, gloves/mittens and socks to donate to Nehemiah Mission. A suitcase will be placed in Fellowship Hall to collect your contributions. Thank you for help with this vital ministry.

Annual Christmas Flower Sale

The Worship Ministry Team is taking orders for Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti to be placed on the altar for our Christmas Eve service. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Please place your order and payment into the purple box or send them to Wendy's attention at the church. You may also call the church office to place your order, or email Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org. Poinsettias are available in Red, White, Pink, Variegated, or Burgundy. All plants are in 6 1/2" pots and sell for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will support our Altar and Arts Team. The deadline to order is Sunday December 1st. Flowers may be taken home after our Christmas Eve service!

Christmas Cookie Sunday!

The Nurture Team is coordinating a Christmas cookie on Sunday, December 8th. Instead of donuts, we'll have cookies available before and after church. We would like eight volunteer bakers--there's a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. Happy baking, happy munching!



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Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol that you would like to have sung during the Season of Advent and Christmas Eve? Submit your request (first-come-first served) to Pastor Hoyte at hoytewilhelm@gmail.com Fun!

This Week's Happenings

Chair Yoga: Today, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Hanging of the Greens: Today, 11:30 am

Community Thanksgiving Worship/Pie Fest: Tonight, 7 pm, Dover Congregational UCC

Sunday School: Sunday, December 1, 9 am, Choir Room

First Sunday of Advent Worship: Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am, Sanctuary