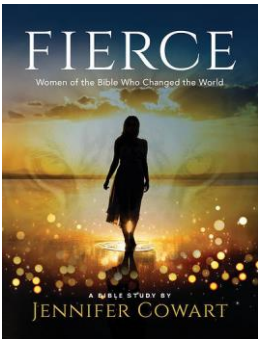


Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

First Sunday after Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025

Adult Sunday School Starts New Series



On January 12, the Adult Sunday School class, led by Claudia Taller, will begin a new 6-week series called "Fierce: Women of the Bible who Changed the World," through Amplify video. The video series is led by speaker and writer Jennifer Cowart. From Amplify: It's become trendy to use the word "fierce" when describing women at the top of their game, but women have been fiercely changing the world for thousands of years." We'll start with two midwives and end with exploring how Timothy's mother and grandmother changed the world. The series will also focus on Deborah, Nahman's slave girl, Tabitha, and the woman at the well. Can we be fierce? Many women in history have received little fanfare yet lived fiercely anyway. In this six-week study we will look at lesser-known female characters in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling. The study is for all of us, men included.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 9th, our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need, by participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." This effort helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. During worship on February 9th, large soup pots will be on the table in Fellowship Hall for you to place your donation. Or you may send checks in to the church office, to the attention of Wendy Cooper. Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write "Souper Bowl of Caring" in the memo. This year's donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry. Please consider donating to help us make a difference in our community!



East and West Ohio Conferences to Commemorate MLK Day Together

January 19, 2025, from 4-6pm at Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike. Themed "Living the Dream: Bold Faith, Hopeful Future," the event hosted by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will focus on building Dr. King's vision of a beloved community rooted in justice, love, and hope.



Oxcart Pantry Donations Needed: Cereal

Please leave donations in the green box in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you for your support!

Staff Parish Approves Prayer List Guidelines

The Staff Parish Relations Committee met recently to discuss and adopt a clear plan for prayer requests in the bulletin and Agape. Current requests will remain for a month unless the office is notified otherwise.

Beginning January 1, 2025, each new prayer or condolence request will be listed in the bulletin and Agape for one month only, unless a new request is emailed to the office at office@noumc.org when the month ends.

East Ohio Conference Podcast

The Storyboard: Faith Witness Transformation podcast shares about ministries across the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church that are transforming lives locally, nationally, and globally.



Produced twice-a-month by EOC Communications, each podcast episode highlights one of the #BeUMC campaign core values that connect the people of The United Methodist Church: Disciple Making; Belonging & Inclusion; Influence, Connection & Impact; and Experience of God through The UMC.

Open the QR code above on your cell phone camera app to play Episode 49 “Influence, Connection & Impact: Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World,” which shares about the Bridges Out of Poverty philosophy of educator Ruby Payne and her company, Aha! Process, Inc., and the “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World” program born from it.

This Week’s Happenings

Bible Study: Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 pm, Conversation Café

Agape Deadline: Wednesday, January 15

Bible Study: Thursday, January 16, 11 am, Conversation Café

Bell Choir: Thursday, January 16, 6:00 pm, Choir Room

Lay Leadership Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 6:30 pm, Classroom 7

Chancel Choir: Thursday, January 16, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

2nd Sunday After Epiphany/Human Relations Day/Penny Sunday: Sunday, January 19, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Race Card Discussion and Luncheon: Sunday, January 19, 11:30 am, Classroom 7