

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

**Second Sunday After Christmas/Epiphany
January 5, 2025**

Baldwin Wallace Institute For Learning in Retirement Class: "Grief - Living With Loss"

Tuesdays, January 7 - February 11, 2025 | 10:15 AM - 11:35 AM [IN PERSON] Helwig Whistle Stop

This course is for:

You who have had a significant loss ("significant" is personally defined by the griever);

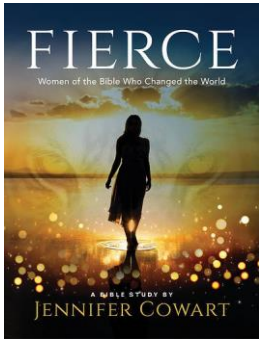
You who know someone grieving;

You who want to know about the grief journey.

Come to understand, learn and heal.

For more info: <https://www.ilrbw.org/website/publish/courses/courseDetail.php?W25-12-Grief---Living-With-Loss-NEW-Helwig-Whistle-Stop-314>

Adult Sunday School Starts New Series

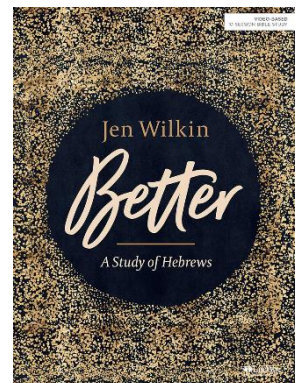


On January 12, the Adult Sunday School class, led by Claudia Taller, will begin a new 6-week series called "Fierce: Women of the Bible who Changed the World," through Amplify video. The video series is led by speaker and writer Jennifer Cowart. From Amplify: It's become trendy to use the word "fierce" 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.

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!





East and West Ohio Conferences to Commemorate MLK Day Together

The East and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church are coming together to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a joint worship service on Sunday, January 19, 2025, 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.

The service, scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., will open with gathering music at 3:45 p.m. and feature retired Bishop Julius C. Trimble, General Secretary of the General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church as the keynote speaker. Known for his commitment to justice and reconciliation, Bishop Trimble will offer a message of inspiration and challenge. Music will be provided by Garfield Memorial UMC’s praise band, setting the tone for a meaningful and uplifting gathering. The service will be live-streamed, allowing broader access for those unable to attend in-person.

Following the service, an informal reception will take place, offering light refreshments and opportunities for fellowship and conversation. This event is free and open to the public.



Oxcart Pantry Donations Needed: Cereal

Please leave donations in the green bin 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.

This Week’s Happenings

Christian Ed Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 pm, Classroom 7

Strategy Team Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 10 am, Classroom 7

Bell Choir: Thursday, January 9, 6:30 pm, Choir Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, January 9, 7:30 pm, Choir Room

Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship: Sunday, January 12, 10:30 am, Sanctuary