

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2025

Week 4: Celebrating Black History Month in East Ohio
A Month of Learning, Reflection, and Action (from eocumc.com)

February 24 (Week 4) – Faith-Based Resources for Worship & Study

ALL IN GOD'S IMAGE
A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY AND DIVERSITY



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This series will conclude by sharing faith-based resources, including the “All in God’s Image” curriculum, worship materials, and ideas for incorporating Black History Month into church services. (See www.eocumc.com.)

As we move through Black History Month – and beyond – you are invited to learn, reflect, and act as part of our ongoing commitment to justice and equity in Christ’s name.

The February 10 Storyboard: Faith Witness Transformation podcast episode will focus on Black History Month. Take time to visit the resources on the Conference website, read E-News that is published every other Monday, and follow the East Ohio Conference on Facebook and social media.

FREE IN-PERSON WORKSHOP | INTERPLAY CLEVELAND, OH

Building Community through Storytelling

Ruth Garwood, Lois Toni McClendon, Eef Kolkman,
and Donna Mazzola: Cleveland, OH

This free community workshop is presented by Anti-Racism for Equity of Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights UCC in association with its partners.

Stories can be as brief as one line. Even short tellings open windows into our own life experience and make a bridge to other people. This light-hearted workshop, uses building blocks of InterPlay™, and offers a variety of beginner-friendly techniques for sharing our stories. We strengthen connections through our similarities and differences.

Saturday March 1, 2025

10:00 am - 12:30 pm EST

Plymouth Church UCC

[2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120](http://2860CoventryRoad,ShakerHeights,OH44120)



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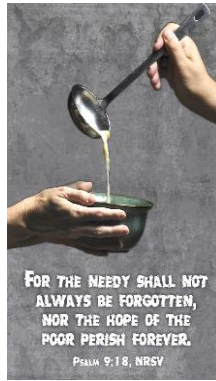


The event is free, and includes lunch, but you must register by contacting Plymouth Church at office@plymouthchurchucc.org or (216) 921-3510.

Oxcart Pantry Donations Needed:

Soup and Stew

This month, we will be collecting canned soups and stews. Please leave donations in the green box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



Communion Volunteers Needed

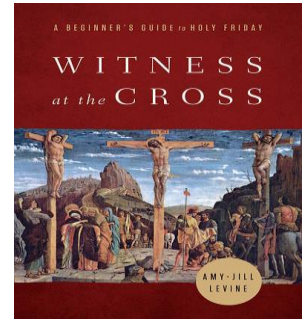
The Worship team is in need of one or two volunteers to assist with preparing Communion on the first Sunday of each month. If Holy Communion holds significance for you, please consider offering your help for this essential ministry. For more information, please reach out to Alice Walsh or call the office.

Lent Adult Sunday School Class: March 9th

Through Palm Sunday, April 13th

“Witness at the Cross” by Amy-Jill Levine

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.



In “Witness at the Cross,” Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play in the Gospels. For each, Jesus has a particular meaning and message, and from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. (Note: There is a book available from Cokesbury for anyone who would like to read it as we go through this study.)

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of forty days (minus Sundays) during which we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week and Easter. We start the journey of Lent with confession, pardon, and the imposition of ashes, a reminder of our mortality. Though this can often feel like a serious service, as Psalm 51:1 says, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.” We will begin Lent with the reminder that God’s love is steadfast—it never fails. In words like those of Coldplay’s “Fix You,” God’s love is like a light that guides us home, ignites our bones, and fixes us, putting us back together for relationship with God and one another. Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4V3Mo61fJM>

This Week’s Happenings

Chair Yoga: Sunday, February 23, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Bible Study: Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 pm, Conversation Café

Bible Study: Thursday, February 27, 11 am, Conversation Café

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

Bell Choir: Thursday, February 27, 6:00 pm, Choir Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, March 2, 9 am, Choir Room

Transfiguration Sunday Service: Sunday, March 2, 10:30 am, Sanctuary