

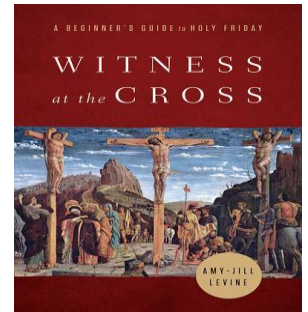
Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

**Transfiguration Sunday
March 2, 2025**

**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>

**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.)

Adult Lenten Outing: Tetelestai-Cleveland's Own Passion Play

Join us on our latest adventure on Sunday March 30th at 2 PM as we travel to St Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church in Loran to see the Gospel presented in visual form by the Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries! Admission is free; however free will offerings are greatly appreciated. Meet us there or carpool! Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall on the sign-in table. Please see Wendy if you have any questions!

Lenten Adult Bible Study

Body of Proof: A Study on the Resurrection of Jesus

Please join us as we closely examine the events of Easter weekend, and learn four reasons why we can trust in the resurrection of Jesus as a historical fact and place our hope in Him! Tuesday evening classes will be held at 7:30 from March 25th through April 15th, and Thursday morning classes will be held at 11 AM from March 27th through April 17th. Study booklets are free of charge unless you would like to make a free will donation to the church. A sign up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall on the sign-in table. Please see Wendy for further information!

Easter Flower Sale

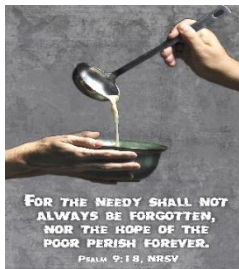
Worship Team is taking orders for Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips, Martha Washington Geraniums, and Pansies to decorate our altar on Easter morning. Flower orders will be due on March 23rd. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Please fold your payment into the order form and place it into the purple box or send them to Wendy's attention at the church. You may also email your order to Wendy at sundayschool@noumc.org. Proceeds from the sale will support our Altar and Arts Team and be used to decorate our altar throughout the year. Flowers may be taken home after our Easter morning service!

Passover Seder Meal

You are invited to join us on March 28th at 6:00 as we celebrate the Lenten season with a traditional Passover Seder Meal. The meal celebrates the Jewish exodus out of slavery in Egypt. It is celebrated with storytelling, a special meal of ceremonial foods. You will have the opportunity to choose a dish to create and share. Information to follow in your bulletin as it becomes available, and sign up sheets will be on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Please see Wendy for further information!

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.



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. For more information, reach out to Alice Walsh or call the office. Thank you!

This Week's Happenings

Council on Ministries: Tuesday, March 4, 1:00 pm, Classroom 7

Bible Study: Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 pm, Conversation Café

UWF: Wednesday, March 5, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Bible Study: Thursday, March 6, 11 am, Conversation Café

Bell Choir: Thursday, March 6, 6:00 pm, Choir Room

Chancel Choir: Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

UMM Breakfast: Saturday, March 8, 8:30 am, Canary's Restaurant

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

1st Sunday in Lent Service: Sunday, March 9, 10:30 am, Sanctuary