



AGAPE Greek for “love without limits”

Announcement of New Pastor, NOUMC by Rev. Alice Walsh on March 16, 2025

Last week in my message I shared a challenge to look for how God is at work in our lives personally during this season of Lent. I also suggested we look for ways that God is at work in our church, and I am happy to share that I see some interesting things God is doing and am excited to join God in this important work.

First some history...

Our church council appointed a small team of church leaders to begin working on the replacement for “Our Faithful Journey.” This is our current long-term strategy which is set to expire at the end of 2025. A key suggestion that emerged from this group’s work was that the church begin to develop a collaborative relationship with another local UMC. These leaders recognized the season of life that our church is currently in; and believe that collaborating with another church might enable creative ways to extend our ministry into the future. You will learn more about this group’s work in the coming months.

At the same time that this group was beginning their work, I received notice from Pastor Hoyte about his retirement. That began a long course of working with our District Superintendent, the Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, and our East Ohio Conference in obtaining a new pastor to serve our church.

I am happy to share with you today that, effective July 1st, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung intends to appoint Pastor Tennille Power as the pastor of both our church here in North Olmsted, as well as the Rockport United Methodist Church where Rev. Don Kraps will be retiring in Rocky River. This will be what’s called a Cooperative Parish, ie., “One Church in Two Locations.” And this is where I get excited because I see God at work in creative ways.

Both our vision team and the Staff Parish Relations Committee (working completely independently of one another) came to the same conclusion... that a cooperative parish would increase our ability for outreach in new ministries as we work together. The Staff Parish Relations Committees from both churches have met together two separate times with the District Superintendent to discuss how we will build this relationship together. And, we met our new pastor this past Thursday. She, too, is excited about what God is doing with our churches and how we will grow in mission and vision together.

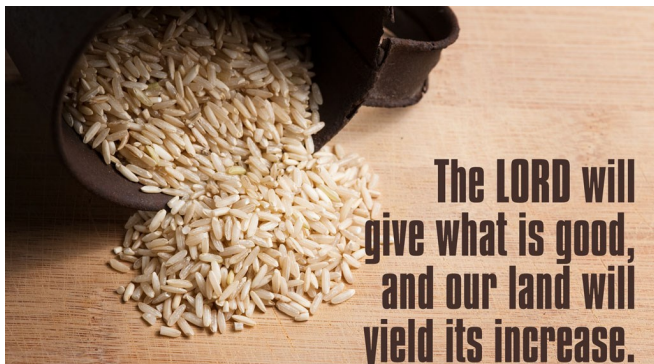
Allow me to tell you a little bit about our new pastor. Pastor Tennille Power is a native of Chicago, currently serving the Elyria First United Methodist Church. She actively serves on the conference Antiracism Team as well as the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the UMC. She has been very active in the local Elyria community and in Lorain County, providing leadership for community meals and other outreach ministries. She is a yoga instructor, trained especially in the area of trauma. I found her to be an engaging and compassionate listener in our time together. (continued on page 5)

Worship Opportunities

Worship With Us In-Person and Online on Sundays at 10:30 am

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
April 6	Jim and Ellie Yager	John Vas	Sarah Jackson
April 13	Sarah Jackson	Alice Walsh	Liz Lavelle
April 20	Barb Andrews	Michelle Wolter	Judi Wagner
April 27	Jean Scothon	Barb Clough	Barb and Ron Clough

April Oxcart: Pantry Items



This month we will be collecting side dish items like packages or boxes of rice, potatoes, noodles, pasta, etc. Please place in green box in Fellowship Hall.

Penny Sunday: Westside Community House



West Side Community House
Transforming lives in the community since 1890

This month's Penny Sunday offering is for the Westside Community House. This is a social service agency that works to meet the needs of community residents by providing an array of model programs and services for children, families and older adults. Your donation will help in "...transforming lives in the community. West Side Community House envisions a people transformed in mind, body and spirit." Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Basket Items: Collecting Until April 13th

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| ◇ Easter baskets | ◇ Shampoo | ◇ Conditioner | ◇ Hair items |
| ◇ Wrapped candy | ◇ Deodorant | ◇ Toothpaste | ◇ Small coloring books |
| ◇ Toothbrushes | ◇ Soap | ◇ Skin cream/lotion | ◇ Puzzle books |
| ◇ Lip balm | ◇ Combs | ◇ Razors | ◇ Crayons |
| ◇ Nail clippers/nail files | ◇ Small tools | ◇ Pens and pencils | ◇ Jewelry |
| ◇ Toy cars & trucks | ◇ Small stuffed animals | ◇ Small dolls | ◇ Cosmetics |

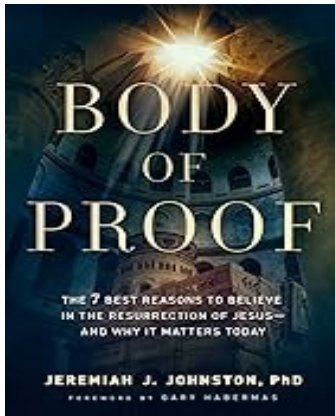
Adult Education Opportunities

Isaiah Adult Bible Study April 29th—June 10th at 7:30 pm

Isaiah was a prophet, God's mouthpiece to the nation of Judah. He challenges us, just as he challenged them, to rest in God's promises. In this study, we will learn to trust God for who He is and how He reveals Himself in Scripture. We will grow in understanding of the Book of Isaiah and its prophecies. We will grasp how Jesus fulfills the promises in the Book of Isaiah, and we will discover peace in God's commands, character, and comfort.

We will meet on Tuesday evenings. There is no cost for the study booklet, which comes with a video. Signup sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please see Wendy or email her at sundayschool@noumc.org if you need more information or would like to sign up. Bring a friend!

"Body of Proof: A Study on the Resurrection of Jesus"

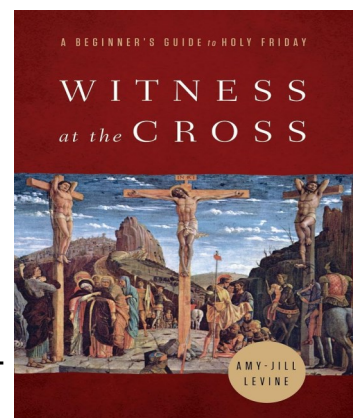


Please join us as we closely examine the events of Easter weekend, and learn four reasons why we can trust in the resurrection of Jesus as a historical fact and place our hope in Him! Tuesday evening classes will be held at 7:30 pm from March 25th through April 15th, and Thursday morning classes will 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!

Adult Sunday School Lenten Bible Study March 9th—Palm Sunday

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.

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Condolences to the family of Bill Cauley, on his passing	Condolences to the family of Joan Phillips, on her passing	Condolences to the family of Jim Sainsbury, on his passing
Condolences to the family of Bob Wise, Alice Walsh's uncle, on his passing	Condolences to the family of Nadine Brooke, mother of Danielle Walsh, on her passing	Condolences to the family of Terry Carter, Claudia Taller's friend, on his passing
Condolences to the family of Jan Praedel, on her passing	Jean Scothon's sister, Holly	Janis Jarvis' brother, Kirk
Susan Wolter	Barbara Bilas	Bunny, cousin of Liz Lavelle
Chris Byrns' niece	Callahan Hinckley, grandson of the Hinckleys and Burnetts	John Solt
Jan Cauley's nephew	Chris Byrn's brother, Curtis	Joanne Hendrick, Natalie Walsh's aunt



1	Wendy & Bill Cooper	19	Claudia Taller	23	Becky Riddlebaugh
2	Kara Quan	20	Amye Sabin	23	Amy Fennell
4	Andrew Peralta	20	Char Vas	25	Daniel Brewster
4	Ray & Diane Plogger	20	Joan Phillips	26	Carole Bettinger
5	Kimberly Busser	22	Jim Yager	30	Judy Solt
12	Zurich Bernard	22	Carol Nupp	30	Virginia Steiger
16	Kelly & Nick Jona				

UWF News—From Barb Andrews

Make sure you get your Dean's plant order in by April 13 and remember to run off extra copies for your family, friends, and neighbors. Dean's has eliminated some of the plants available for delivery and added some new items. The ones eliminated include 4.5" Million Bells (unhappy with performance the last few years, but new hybrids should be available next year), flats of blue ageratum (shortage of seed), red bell peppers, and geranium combo baskets. Alternatives to these plants are available at Dean's Greenhouse, and we will get a percentage of your sale if you mention NOUMC at the beginning of your purchase. We make a little if you buy a gift card from us, too. What you order from the form costs you less than if you buy the plants at Dean's, and we still get some money from the orders as well. Purchasing plants at Dean's and mentioning NOUMC gets us a percentage, too. This is one of our best fundraising events, and the better we do, the more money we will have to give away at the end of the year. Please note that delivery this year is on May 17. The UWF appreciates all the support you give to us.

Mission News—From Barb Andrews

You really outdid yourselves. We had 84 cans or packets of soups and stews to take to the Pantry which helped warm your neighbors during the cold spell. This month, we will be collecting side dish items like packages or boxes of rice, potatoes, noodles, pasta, etc. Please place in the green box in Fellowship Hall. Also, don't forget to fill the Easter basket box with toiletries, small gifts, and baskets. Easter basket items are due by April 13.

New Pastor —-Continued

Pastor Tennille holds an advanced degree in counseling, is currently a Licensed Local Pastor and student at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio. Her graduate work began at Chicago Theological Seminary, and she is currently completing necessary coursework at MTSO for her ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church.

Pastor Tennille has three grown sons and will be married this Friday to Mr. Bryant Alexander. We congratulate them on their upcoming wedding.

In the coming weeks you will learn more about Pastor Tennille, as well as what a Cooperative Parish looks like and the strengths it will bring to both our churches, here at NOUMC and at Rockport. Feel free to talk with me, or other members of the SPRC committee who have met with Pastor Tennille (Joel, Jean, or Phil) with any of your questions. It is an exciting time.

Thanks for joining me in this new vision for ministry together, and I ask that you join me in prayer:

“Creating God, we are excited to see how You are at work in our lives and in the lives of these two churches. We pray that You will bless our new minister, Pastor Tennille, as she is married this week, as she says goodbye to her church family in Elyria, and as she prepares to come to us this summer. May you lead us together in our service to Christ and in ministry to our community. Amen.”

Fellowship

Dining Around the World: Japan



Dining Around the World
Japan

Join us on Saturday, April 26th, at 5:00 for our next adventure in dining!

There will be photos from John and Charlene's trip to Japan last year. Sarah can give us some insight as her son worked there for an auto manufacturer for a few years!

As in the past, we will have recipes for you to make and contribute to a Japanese potluck! In the beginning of April, look for a signup sheet and recipes.
—Charlene Vas, NOUMC Fellowship

Community Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 12th, we will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn! Families will have two hunt times to choose from...one at 1:00 and the second at 2:00. Please spread the word to any families with children that you know! Save the date cards that you can hand out will be available on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Please see Wendy, Tammy, Sarah, Chris or Judi for further details!

Egg Hunt Volunteer Opportunities Available:

1. Plastic Egg and Candy Donations

We are accepting donations of plastic easter eggs and candy to fill those eggs with. Please be sure the candy is pre-packaged and small enough to fit into the eggs. Please drop off any candy donations in the basket provided in Fellowship Hall, in the Christian Education mailbox or at the office. Please donate by March 30th.

2. Egg Filling Day

On April 5th at 10 am, we will gather at the church to fill our plastic eggs with candy and other goodies. Please look for times in future bulletins.

3. Volunteers on Hunt Day

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on April 12th for our Easter egg hunt! Volunteers will be asked to help families check in, help children with the hunt, and help re-egg the lawn in between hunts. Please see Wendy, Tammy, Sarah, Chris or Judi for further information or to volunteer!





Order from us or shop at the greenhouse between 5/1 and 6/30

and we will earn a 20% rebate on your purchase.

At checkout tell the cashier you are supporting NOUMC!

Orders due with payment by **Sunday, April 13, 2025.**

BEDDING ANNUALS - 24 PER FLAT

HAL	WHOL	TYPE/COLOR
		Begonia - Green leaf/
		Begonia - Green leaf/
		Begonia -Green leaf/
		Begonia - Bronze leaf/
		Begonia - Bronze leaf/
		Begonia -Bronze leaf /
		Begonia-Bada Mix
		Impatiens - Lipstick
		Impatiens - Mixed
		Impatiens - Red
		Impatiens - Salmon
		Impatiens - White
		Marigolds 9" mixed
		Marigolds 9" orange
		Marigolds 9" yellow
		Marigolds 12-14"
		Marigolds 12-14"
		Petunias-sky blue
		Petunias-pink
		Petunias-deep pur-
		Petunias-single mix
		Petunias-red
		Petunias-white
		Alyssum - white
		Alyssum - purple
		Coleus—mixed
		Dahlia - dwarf
		Dianthus - Mixed
		Dusty Miller
		Lobelia- blue
		Portulaca—mixed
		Salvia-Victoria blue
		Salvia—dwarf red
		Zinnia - Short Mix

Qty **SPECIALTY ANNUALS**

	Wave Petunia —blue
	Wave Petunia —pink pas-
	Wave Petunia —electric
	Wave Petunia —red velour
	Wave Petunia —white
	Sunpatiens have replaced New
	Sunpatiens —orange
	Sunpatiens —pink
	Sunpatiens —purple
	Sunpatiens —red
	Sunpatiens —salmon
	Sunpatiens —white
	Tuberous Begonia—pink
	Tuberous Begonia—red
	Tuberous Begonia—
	Tuberous Begonia—
	Tuberous Begonia—
	Euphorbia-Diamond Frost
	Sweet Potato Vine—black
	Sweet Potato Vine—yellow
	Lemon Coral Sedum

**Hanging Baskets and Gift
Cards are on the second page**



**GIFT CARDS
AVAILABLE
\$10 • \$20 • \$50**



GERANIUMS 8 - 4.5" POTS

HALF	WHOL	TYPE/COLOR
		Candy Pink
		Light Salmon
		Magenta
		Red
		White
Qty.	Qty.	\$ total

HERBS & ACCENT FOLIAGE

	Basil
	Parsley
	Rosemary
	Oregano
	Thyme
	Spikes
	Vinca Vine

VEGETABLES

	Green Bell Pepper
	Sweet Banana
	Jalapeno
	Hungarian Hot
	Yellow Bell Pepper
	Big Boy Tomato
	Early Girl Tomato
	Grape Tomato
	Sweet 100's Tomato
	Beefsteak Tomato
Qty	\$ Total

Please put your name on this form in case pages are separated.

Name: _____

N.O. United Methodist Women of Faith 2025 Spring Plant Sale

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- Order plants and gift cards by Sunday, April 13th
- And/or shop the In-store Walk-in Fundraiser at Dean's greenhouse for plants, soil, pottery and other spring décor between May 1 and June 30. **Just tell the cashier you are with NOUMC at the beginning of your check out and Dean's will keep a tally of our members sales and send us a refund of 20% of the total purchases.**

10" Hanging Baskets \$18.00 each	
	10" Boston Fern
	Fuchsia
	Hummingbird Falls Purples
	Dean's Sunshiny Day NE
	Cherry Kiss Red, light & dark pinks
	Daisy Dance Pink, coral & yellow
	Pink Lemonade Pink, yellow & white
	Night in Pompeii Pinks & purples
	Polar Peach Proven Winner, purple & yellow
	Out of the Blue Proven Winner, NE
	Acapulco Sun Proven Winner, NE
	Wave Petunia - Blue
	Wave Petunia - Red/White/Blue
	Wave Petunia - Blue/coral/pink
	Wave Petunia - Electric Lilac
	Wave Petunia - Pink Cosmo
	Wave Petunia - Watermelon
	New Guinea Impatiens - pink
	New Guinea Impatiens - purple
	New Guinea Impatiens - red
	New Guinea Impatiens - salmon

Dean's Gift Cards	
	\$10.00 Gift Card
	\$20.00 Gift Card
	\$50.00 Gift Card
	\$ Total

Orders due with payment by **Sunday April 13th.**

Pick-up at the church on **Saturday, May 17th, 12 to 2 pm.**

Please make checks payable to *North Olmsted United Women of Faith (or NOUWF)*. Please place orders with payment in the **UWF mailbox** or mail to the church:

North Olmsted United Methodist Women in Faith
4600 Dover Center Rd.

North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

All plants are provided by Dean's Greenhouse. Color

Total Bedding Annuals	\$ _____
Total Specialty Annuals	\$ _____
Total Geraniums	\$ _____
Total Herbs/Accents	\$ _____
Total Vegetables	\$ _____
Total Hanging Baskets	\$ _____
Gift Card Total	\$ _____

Grand Total	\$ _____
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12pm Nehemiah Dinner 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	2 10am UWF 8pm AA	3 11am BS 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	4	5 10-2pm Cardmaking
6 9am SS 10:30am Worship 2pm Girl Scouts	7 8:30pm AA	8 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	9 6:30pm Church Council 8pm AA	10 11am BS 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	11	12 8:30am UMM Breakfast 1-3pm Easter Egg Hunt
13 Palm Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm Girl Scouts	14 8:30pm AA	15 1pm Book Bank 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	16 8pm AA	17 11am BS 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	18 7pm Good Friday Service	19 10am COL-Joan Phillips
20 9am SS 10:30am Easter-Worship	21 8:30pm AA	22 7pm Scouts	23 8pm AA	24 4:30pm Community Meal 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	25	26 5pm Dining Around the World
27 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	28 8:30pm AA					

For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.noumc.org.

Please contact the church office (office@noumc.org or 440.779.6634) to add your meeting or gathering, virtual or in-person, to the church calendar.

North Olmsted United Methodist Church
4600 Dover Center Road
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070



Return Address Requested

Our Guiding Principles

- We appreciate, invite and welcome people of all ages.
- We actively serve our neighbors in the North Olmsted community and the wider world.
- We provide varied opportunities for people to grow in their faith.
- We welcome and nurture a diverse congregation who become extended family.
- We foster lasting personal relationships, which are especially important in a digital world.

Free Community Meal (In-Person Only)

Thursday, April 24, 2024

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ham, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert and Drink

The Free Community Meal is a mission of North Olmsted United Methodist Church. All meals are funded by donations, and the dinners are prepared and served by volunteers. Menus may change because of donated food or food pricing. Additional volunteers are always welcome! If you would like more information, please contact us at 440-779-6634. *We are an accessible facility.*

A sign-up sheet for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up will be in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Chris Byrns at 440-732-5431.