

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

**Fifth Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday/Penny Sunday
May 18, 2025**

The United Methodist Church Unveils New Guiding Vision Statement

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The Council of Bishops, in conjunction with the Connectional Table, announced a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church. This vision reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.

This vision statement complements the Church's longstanding mission statement, inspired by Matthew 28:1-20: "The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

Love Boldly: Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life. (Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy. (Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation. (Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10)

"This new vision is not simply a statement or a plan, it is a catalyst for transformation," said Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, President of the Council of Bishops. "It is a vision that will help the Church embrace the opportunities before us, to follow where God is leading us, and to more fully engage in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

New Worship Time Established: Starting July 6th

One of the outcomes of the joint leadership meeting last Monday evening with Rockport UMC was the establishment of new worship times beginning on Sunday, July 6th.

Rockport: 8:30 am and 9:30 am

NOUMC: 11:00 am

Penny Sunday is Today: District Camperships

Did you ever go to summer camp as a child or teen? It's a unique experience, a chance to find God in the natural world. Unfortunately, many inner-city youth never leave the urban landscape. United Methodist camperships help youth experience joy and adventure in a safe Christian setting. Our pennies, dollars and checks help youth find a new outlook on life. Please donate to today's Penny Sunday.



Teacher Appreciation Day: May 25th

We will be recognizing the hard work and dedication of our Sunday School teachers during worship on May 25th. Please be sure to join us!

Thank you so very much to our talented and dedicated Sunday School teachers... Craig Mueller and Claudia Taller...who faithfully taught our Adult Sunday School class this year and worked hard to offer compelling studies and wonderful fellowship time to our congregation! Thank you, Craig and Claudia! Your time and service are very much appreciated! We hope you both enjoy some well-deserved rest this summer!

Nehemiah Mission "Bread on Bridge" Meal Volunteers Needed: June 3, 2025

The church will be serving our quarterly meal at Nehemiah Mission on June 3rd. Seven to eight volunteers are needed at various times from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. For this meal only, Jean Scothon will serve as the coordinator. Please see her if you have questions.



This month we will be collecting condiments and salad dressing. Please place in green box in Fellowship Hall.



This Week's Happenings

Book Bank: Tuesday, May 20, 1pm, Cleveland

"Isaiah" Bible Study: Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 pm, Conversation Café

Chancel Choir: Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Teacher Appreciation Sunday: Sunday, May 25, 10:30 am, Sanctuary