



AGAPE

Greek for “love without limits”

EAST OHIO MISSION COLLECTION



We will collect items for Midwest Mission during the 2025 Conference. These life-changing items will go to people in need, both globally and locally. **Join us in making a global impact from right here in East Ohio!**

WHAT TO COLLECT



HOME CARE KITS

- liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)
- dish soap - 42-64 oz.
- liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz. total
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid

MOST-NEEDED ITEMS

- Gently used: wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, splints, braces, boots
- Onesies and Sleepers -- 0-6 months
- Contractor trash bags (2 mil+)
- Reusable Day and Night Pads (pattern at midwestmission.org/patterns)



PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS

- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo - 12-18 oz.
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz.
- 1 one-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag

Drop-Off Details

The Midwest Mission Truck will be located at the College of Wooster on **Thursday, June 12 from noon-8pm** and **Friday, June 13 from 8am-5pm.**

Find Kit lists and instructions at midwestmission.org/kits

OTHER ITEMS

Anything listed in the Kits and Projects Brochure will be accepted (scan QR code). This includes items like orthopedic medical supplies, canes, crutches, walkers, specific handmade items, other Midwest Mission Kits, and electric sewing machines.



Greetings!

Annual Conference is less than two months away, and all of us at Midwest Mission are looking forward to it!

Did you know you can impact the world right from Annual Conference?

By collecting items for Midwest Mission, **your congregation can bring life-changing items to people in need around the world, without leaving Ohio.**

A wheelchair that was previously collecting dust in a storage room, could empower someone like Luis*, who was dependent on his family to move him around the house. He couldn't even get to the bathroom on his own! But, **with a wheelchair donated by someone like YOU, he has dignity, independence, and hope for his future!**

Medical supplies that we might consider “old” can be life changing for people like Luis. Your wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and other orthopedic supplies (like boots, splints, and braces), are desperately needed.

Bring them to annual conference, and allow Midwest Mission to be the conduit to people around the world, **giving a second life to your medical supplies.**

Worship Opportunities

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

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
May 4	John and Char Vas	Floyd Andrews	Judi Wagner
May 11	Jim and Ellie Yager	Ed Brewster	Sarah Jackson
May 18	Sarah Jackson	Chris Byrns	Liz Lavelle
May 25	John and Char Vas	Bev Hixon	Barb and Ron Clough



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

Penny Sunday: UMC 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. UMC 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 our May Penny Sunday.



Easter Egg Hunt a Success!

A huge THANK-YOU to everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a success!! It really was a team effort--from mowing the lawn and cleaning the beds, to doing the sign. We greatly appreciate everyone who donated the eggs and candy, and the volunteers who helped fill and hide the eggs. And of course everyone loved seeing the Easter Bunny!

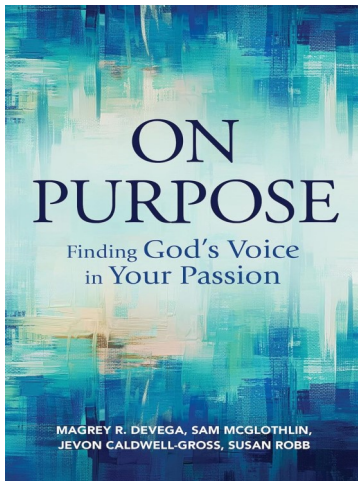
We hosted 75 children representing 50 different families. We received several positive comments from the families who attended. Thank you all for your help!

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!



Adult Sunday School Bible Study Begins May 4th

We are hungry for a sense of purpose, direction, and calling in our lives. That's as basic an ingredient to the human experience as they come. We want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We want to participate in something that has eternal merit and lasting impact. We do not want to live a shallow, hollow existence. We yearn for deeper meaning, for deeper purpose within our lives. We want to be more than we are.

"On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion" is a four-part exploration of the spiritual principles that allow us to listen to God, discover our purpose and passion, join with others in the journey, and ultimately, make a difference in the world around us. As you study the book together with those in your small group, you will learn to minimize the barriers that prevent us from listening to God and recalibrate your spiritual lives to be more in tune with who God is and how God is calling you. You will discover that listening together, in the context of community, not only helps us be part of something bigger than ourselves: God will use us to have an impact in the world far greater than the sum of our parts.

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 is very much appreciated! We hope you both enjoy some well-deserved rest this summer!

PRAYER

Requests

Condolences to the family of Will Stacho, on his passing	Condolences to the family of Ron Clough's brother's girlfriend, Beth Nagy, on her passing	Condolences to the family of Terry Carter, Claudia Taller's friend, on his passing
Condolences to the family of Jonathan (the husband of Deb and Joel Chermonte's granddaughter, Marissa) , on his passing	Condolences to the family of Nancy Hangar, Barb Brewster's cousin, on her passing	Daniel Chermonte, Deb and Joel Chermonte's son
Sue Griffin, lifted by Sharon Werner	Claudia Taller's cousin, Lisa	Barb Bilas



1	Sara Bridges	14	Joel & Deb Chermonte	22	Greg & Liz Lavelle
4	Cameron Ressel	14	Oriana Brenzo	24	Josh Walsh
4	Raymond Schurr	15	Ed Brewster	25	Mark Bailey
7	Jennifer Kearney	15	Anita Bridges	26	Benjamin Dennis
9	Carole Andrews	17	Lisa Davison-Stroup	27	Sue Shellhouse & Dan Strichko
10	Susan Wolter	17	Susan Lancuski	27	Josh & Natalie Walsh
10	Leslie Dilley	17	Guylene Harold	28	Mike & Tammy Moore
12	Mike Moore	21	Linda Gorsuch	28	Kathryn Krueger
13	Judi Wagner	22	Zoe Bridges	30	Shane Mincik
13	Carolyn Owings	22	David & Janis Jarvis	30	Chris & Kelly Benko
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UWF News—From Barb Andrews

Thanks to all who helped us by eating at Applebee's for our fundraiser. It's a nice and filling way to help us to make a little over \$44 to go into our give-away fund for the end of the year. It's also a nice way for our "girls" to get the "guys" to save them from having to cook for a night and to meet up with other members of our church family. We are looking to have another of those type of fundraisers later in the year.

Our next event is the Dean's plant delivery on May 17 at 9:00. We could use some of you talented gardeners to help with sorting. We also are asking for some help at around 8:45 to carry out tables. Not having to bend to pick up flats of flowers is a great help for these old bones. Come on, guys, you can't let Floyd be the only "strongman!" Pick up your orders from noon to 2:00 or make arrangements to get them on Sunday, the 18th. We do appreciate all your help. If you get to Dean's to pick up extra plants between May 1 and June 30, at the start of checking out, please mention that you'd like to give credit to NOUMC, and we will get a portion of your order amount.

Mission News—From Barb Andrews

Your "basics" donations numbered 54. Thanks. May's items of the month are condiments and salad dressing to get ready for summer cookouts.

We also were able to take over to the Pantry 60 Easter baskets filled with toiletries, gifts and candy. I almost got assigned to the car roof to get them all over, but it worked out. A big thank you to the mission team, the UWF, and the girl scouts for their help in providing, sorting, and filling the baskets with a special shout out to Floyd for being our "strongman" for getting the baskets to their destination.

Trustee Workday "Thank You!"

Thank you to Craig, John, Char, Jean, Barb, Ed, Ron, Jim, Mike and Sarah! They collectively:

- Removed and stored the stained glass windows and memory plaques in preparation for new sanctuary windows
- Cleaned all the interior windows and screens
- Cleaned up the parking lot butterfly island
- Upgraded the last bathroom with an ADA compliant toilet
- Replaced all of the bathroom door stops with magnetic door stops
- Replaced one hallway light with a new LED light. (No jokes about how many Methodists it takes to change a lightbulb!)

Thank you to everyone!



Financial News from our Treasurer, Andy Walsh

NOUMC has a generous congregation. Through its regular giving, the congregation donated approximately \$49,600 to support the mission of NOUMC during the quarter. In addition to its regular giving, the congregation also donated approximately \$1,800 to specifically targeted global and local ministries. \$1,100 was earned in rental income for the quarter. An \$8,000 special gift was received and is currently unallocated (included in targeted donations for now). In total, revenue for the quarter was approximately \$1,200 under budget.

Total expenses during the quarter exceed budget by approximately \$3,000, mostly related to the unexpectedly cold weather. Expenses for salting the parking lot and heating the building were more than anticipated. Insurance premiums also increased during the quarter.

Financial Snapshot

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

For the year ending December 31, 2025

Jan thru Mar 2025

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<u>Revenue and Expenses</u>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 50,842	\$ 52,000	\$ (1,158)
Operating Expenses	62,241	59,225	3,016
	<u>\$ (11,399)</u>	<u>\$ (7,225)</u>	<u>\$ (4,174)</u>
<u>Ministries funded through targeted donations</u>			
Donations	<u>\$ 9,808</u>		
Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,461</u>		
<u>Cash Balance</u>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 54,928		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	<u>54,995</u>		
	<u>\$ 109,923</u>		

Attention Graduates!

If you are a recent graduate (high school, college, technical school, online degree...etc), we need your information by May 15th so we can honor you during worship! We will need your name, school, degree, and what you will be doing next. Please send all of your details to Wendy, sundayschool@noumc.org. We will be recognizing your achievements during worship on June 1st!

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		12pm Nehemiah Dinner 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS		1 7pm Choir	2 6pm Putt Putt	3
4 9am SS 10:30am Worship 2pm Girl Scouts	5 8:30pm AA	6 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	7 10am UWF 7pm Christian Ed 8pm AA	8 6pm Finance 7pm Choir	9	10 8:30am UMM Breakfast
11 9am SS 10:30am Worship 11:30am BD Celebration 2pm Girl Scouts	12 8:30pm AA	13 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	14 8pm AA	15 7pm Choir	16	17
18 9am SS 10:30am Worship/ Penny Sunday 2pm Girl Scouts	19 8:30pm AA	20 1pm Book Bank 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	21 8pm AA	22 7pm Choir	23	24
25 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Teacher Appreciation	26 8:30pm AA	27 7pm Scouts 7:30pm BS	28 8pm AA	29 4:30pm Community Meal 7pm Choir	30	31

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.

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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, May 27, 2025

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Roll, Salad, Dessert, Beverage

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.