

**Love Boldly**  
**Serve Joyfully**  
**Lead Courageously**



# North Olmsted United Methodist Church

## Announcements

February 1, 2025

### Mark your Calendar

- 2-3 Bread on Bridge, 12-4pm, Nehemiah Mission
- 2-3 Jeremiah Bible Study, 7:30pm, CR7
- 2-4 UMW, 10am, CR7
- 2-5 Rehearsal, 6pm, Choir Room
- 2-5 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Choir Room

### February Oxcart: Soup!

Any kind of soup will do! Please place it in the green box in Fellowship Hall.

## Bus Trip to Museum of African American History – February 6

The Ohio Episcopal Area is sponsoring a day at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, MI. You are invited to meet at and ride a charter bus to the museum from either Mentor UMC (leaving at 8:00 a.m.), North Olmsted UMC (leaving at 9:00 a.m.), or Sylvania First UMC (leaving at 10:45 a.m.). Together, we will spend the day learning, meeting new friends, and fellowshiping. Lunch will be served on the bus. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for youth, college students, and commuters. [Register by January 30 on the Events Registration page of the EOC website.](#)

## Join Us for Dinner and a Movie: “Chosen” (Fridays at 6:00 pm.)

[Class will resume Feb. 6th. See Wendy for more info.](#)

## Adult Sunday School Lenten Study: (Starting Feb. 22, 9:30am, Chapel Room)

“Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” by Adam Hamilton

The New Testament authors didn’t settle on one meaning of the crucifixion but instead offered a dozen or more metaphors to explain how it saves, but often without a clear explanation of how Jesus’s death accomplishes the saving work they describe. Because of this vagueness, wrapping our minds around the logic and meaning of the cross can cause us to miss the full impact it can have on our daily lives.

Adam introduces readers to several theories about how Jesus’ death brings us into a right relationship with God—the reality that in Christian doctrine is called the atonement. Rather than choose one single theory above all others or understand any of them as mechanical transactions, Adam argues these theories can complement each other and work together to give us a fuller and deeper understanding of why Jesus died and what his death means for us.



**Next Sunday, February 8th**, our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team will help fight hunger and poverty, joining a national effort to refocus Super Bowl weekend into a weekend of sharing God's love with our neighbors in need, by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This effort helps us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat as we enjoy our Super Bowl celebrations. During worship on February 8th, large soup pots will be on the table in Fellowship Hall for you to drop in your donation. Or you may send checks in to the church office, to the attention of Wendy Cooper. Please make checks payable to NOUMC and write "Souper Bowl of Caring" in the memo. This year's donations will be sent to the North Olmsted Food Pantry. Please consider donating to help us make a difference in our



RECONCILING  
MINISTRIES  
NETWORK

## Walk Worthy Men's Conference

**This Is Not Enforcement. This Is  
State Violence.**

February 28, 2026  
The Chapel  
135 Fir Hill, Akron, OH2026

### *A Statement from Reconciling Ministries Network on ICE, Empire, and Holy Courage*

Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) stands in solidarity with the communities in Minnesota and across the country who are being terrorized by violence perpetrated by the federal government and ICE, and by the policies that make this harm possible. What we are witnessing is not isolated or accidental: it is the result of systems that dehumanize immigrants, criminalize Indigenous, Black, and Brown communities, and target LGBTQ+ people—especially trans and gender-diverse people—as disposable.

We name this clearly:  
ICE raids, unlawful stops, arrests, and detentions, police violence, militarized policing, and the use of lethal force are acts of violence. They are moral failures. They are incompatible with the gospel and with any faith tradition that claims to honor the sacred worth of every person.....

**For the whole article, please see weekly enews.**

**Soup's On!**

Join us for fellowship after the service on Sunday, February 15th. Adult Fellowship is making soup and the Men's group will be providing turkey sandwiches. If you would like to bring something, we would love to see some fruit or desserts. Come hungry!!

Living as a man of God in today's post-Christian culture is like swimming upstream in a "downstream" world. The pull is real—and it's a struggle none of us can sustain alone. We need Jesus. We need wisdom. We need support. We need each other. Walk Worthy exists to bring men together. Hosted by Moody Radio Cleveland, this one-day men's conference offers biblical insight, real encouragement, and practical guidance for every role God has entrusted to you—marriage, single life, parenting, friendships, church, workplace, and most importantly, your relationship with Christ. Through authentic community, powerful worship, inspiring teaching, and the strength of brotherhood, Walk Worthy equips you to pursue God's purposes with courage and conviction. You'll be surrounded by men of all ages who understand the pressures you face. As you listen, learn, and grow, you'll be reminded that you're not walking this road alone—God is leading the way as we follow arm in arm—together.

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