



# North Olmsted United Methodist Church

## Announcements

May 10, 2026

### Mark your Calendar

5-12 Bible Study, 7:30pm, Conversation Cafe  
5-12 Church Council, 6:00pm, Classroom 7  
5-14 Bible Study, 11:00am, Conversation Cafe  
5-14 Choir, 7:00pm, Choir Room  
5-16 Plant Sale Pickup, 10am-12pm

### May Oxcart: Picnic Condiments

We will be collecting condiments: Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, Pickle Relish, etc. Please place your contribution in the green box in Fellowship Hall.

## Celebrating the Legacy of Women's Ordination in the United Methodist Church

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/partners/gcsr/home/content/gcsr-celebrates-70-years-of-womens-ordination-in-the-umc>

This year, we pause with gratitude and reverence to celebrate the anniversary of women's ordination in the United Methodist Church, a milestone reflecting both courageous faith and the ongoing movement of the Holy Spirit.

While women have long been called by God to preach, teach, and lead, it was in **1956** that full clergy rights were officially granted to women in what was then The Methodist Church. This historic step affirmed what Scripture has always revealed: that God calls and equips people for ministry without limitation by gender. From the prophetic voice of Miriam, to the leadership of Deborah, to the witness of Mary Magdalene, the first to proclaim the gospel of Christ, women have always been central to God's redemptive work.

Today, we honor the trailblazers who answered God's call in seasons when the path was not easy. Women who preached when their voices were questioned, who led when doors were closed, and who trusted God enough to walk forward anyway. Because of their faithfulness, generations of women now stand in pulpits, serve in pastoral leadership, and shape the life of the Church in powerful ways.

We also celebrate the women in our own congregation and community: pastors, leaders, mothers, daughters, mentors, and disciples, who continue to embody the Gospel with wisdom, compassion, and strength. Your ministry matters. Your voice matters. Your calling matters.

As we celebrate this anniversary, may we recommit ourselves to nurturing the gifts of all whom God calls. May we be a Church that not only remembers this legacy, but actively builds upon it, creating space for future generations to rise, lead, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.



## May Penny Sunday: Community Meal

May's Penny Sunday offering is designated for our Community Meal. The funds collected from the Penny Sunday offering help to defray the cost of feeding our neighbors a warm, friendly, healthy meal. We routinely have 40-50 guests in attendance, many who live on fixed incomes.

Our wonderful volunteers strive to reduce the cost of the meal by donating desserts and other food items such as whole turkeys, shop sales, request donations from local merchants and use sustainable practices such as washing dishes instead of purchasing disposable products.

Thank you for your donation to continue this very worthwhile outreach to our neighbors and friends.

A special shout out to the UMM and UWF for cooking the first quarter of 2026.

## Annual Conference 2026 – June 11-13



East Ohio Annual Conference will begin on the morning of Thursday, June 11 and will conclude the afternoon of Saturday, June 13. We will again meet on The College of Wooster campus. The Annual Conference theme is "Abundant Grace" and the words of Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSVA) will ground the services, sessions, and celebrations of our time together. Registration for AC 2026 opened on Wednesday, April 1 and will close on May 15. You must register online by May 15 in order to have voting credentials at Annual Conference. To register: [https:// eastohioeg.brapp.com/2026EOCAAnnualConferenceRegistration71](https://eastohioeg.brapp.com/2026EOCAAnnualConferenceRegistration71)

## EOC Annual Conference Resolutions

For full resolutions, click here:

<https://www.eocumc.com/eoac26/>

## Volunteers Needed for "Bread on Bridge" Tuesday, June 2, 2026 (12-4pm)

We need at least seven people to help setup/serve the meal. Please list what you are willing to help with on the signup list in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

## Attention Graduates! Due this week!

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](mailto:sundayschool@noumc.org). We will be recognizing your achievements during worship on June 14!

