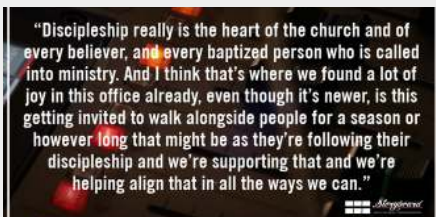




EOC Storyboard



Episode 81 "Disciple Making: Getting to Know the Office of Discipleship Ministries" features a conversation with Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries Rev. Beth Ortiz and Discipleship Ministries Office Ministry & Resource Coordinator Tim Beck as they explore what the Office of Discipleship Ministries is, and the role that joy plays in discipleship.

Copy the Code to Watch or use this link:
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May Events

- 5 - Bible Study, 7:30pm, Conversation Cafe
- 7 - Bible Study, 11am, Conversation Cafe
- 7 - Choir, 7pm, Choir Room
- 9 - UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Canary's
- 10 - Mother's Day
- 12 - Church Council, 6pm, Classroom 7
- 12 - Bible Study, 7:30pm, Conversation Cafe
- 14 - Bible Study, 11am, Conversation Cafe
- 14 - Choir, 7pm, Choir Room
- 16 - UWF Flower Sale Pickup, 10am-12pm
- 19 - Bible Study, 7:30pm, Conversation Cafe
- 21 - Bible Study, 11am, Conversation Cafe
- 21 - Choir, 7pm, Choir Room
- 26 - Bible Study, 7:30pm, Conversation Cafe
- 28 - Bible Study, 11am, Conversation Cafe
- 28 - Community Meal, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- 28 - Choir, 7pm, Choir Room



ANNUAL CONFERENCE :
JUNE 11-13, 2-26

Register now for Annual Conference! Link below.

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



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.



Mission News from Barb Andrews

Forty-five large boxes of cereal made their way over to the Oxcart Pantry last month helping to make some of your neighbors happy. This month Georgia has decided that winter is finally over and is asking for picnic condiments, such as mustard, ketchup, mayo, relish, etc.) Items can be left in the green bin in Fellowship Hall by May 31st.

UWF News from Barb Andrews

Thanks to all who helped by taking part in our "Dining to Donate" at BJ's. We have not received a check from them yet, but it will be added to our give-away in November.

Don't forget to pick up your Dean's plants on May 16th between 10:00 and 12:00pm. If you can't make your pick-up during that time, check with Judi Wagner or Barb Andrews to arrange a different time.

We need strong people (men included) to be at the church by 9am in order to set up tables and help with unloading and sorting. Those flats get heavier every year that the UWF ladies run a plant sale.

If you would like to purchase more plants, you can go to Dean's between May 1 and June 25, and at check-out mention NOUMC, and the cashier will make sure that we receive a portion of your final cost.

We would not be able to have our fun give-away in November without you. Thank you!!



May Oxcart Donations:

Picnic Condiments: Mustard, Ketchup, Relish, Mayo, etc.



During the adult Lenten Sunday school class led by Craig Mueller, we discussed Adam Hamilton's book *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* For most of us, there was a pat answer: Jesus died to save us from our sins. We discovered that God's living word suggests many ways of looking at the meaning of the crucifixion, all of them pointing

to the resolution that Jesus died to show us the way to love. Every single day, we interact with other people—a smile, a knowing look, a “have a good day” can make a person's day. By opening ourselves to others, we share love with them, as Jesus did for us. Sparking a short conversation in line at the grocery, chatting with a person at the community meal or the Nehemiah mission, opening up about your life while at a church meeting, and reaching out to people who are hurting are all ways of God working in your life and in the world. Christ's journey to the cross and his resurrection were a call to action to love others as you would want to live, to obey Christ's words, “Come, follow me.” Adam Hamilton concludes his book by telling us how he prays every day to be forgiven, transformed, and used as an instrument of healing in God's world. The words of Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ and no longer live, but Christ lives in me,” ring true. Show others how God lives in you, spread the love and light of God within your orbit, and watch that love go out into the world as those you touched do the same. Jesus died because God loves us.

Matthew 25 Sculpture Collection Adult Outing: June 20, 2026



Did you know there is a collection of statues spread throughout the Cleveland area that calls us to think about the less fortunate people in our city? The statues are called the "Matthew 25 Collection." There are 6 statues of Jesus, and each one represents one of the areas called out in the Gospel of Matthew to care for the least of our brothers and sisters in need. We are only the 2nd city in the world to have the

full collection of these bronze figures. Your Christian Education Team would like to invite you to join us on June 20th as we tour the city in search of these sculptures! We will carpool to each statue, spending a bit of time to contemplate and take photos before moving on to the next statue. At the end of the tour, we will meet back at the church for an ice cream treat! The tour will begin at 11 AM. Sign up sheets will be available on the sign-in table in Fellowship Hall. Please indicate if you can be a driver and how many people you can transport.

Here is a link for more information: <https://www.communitywestfoundation.org/matthew-25-collection/>

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: Q1

ANDY WALSH, TREASURER

NOUMC has a generous congregation. Through its regular giving, the congregation donated approximately \$49,000 to support NOUMC during the quarter. In addition to its regular giving, the congregation also donated approximately \$2,600 to specifically targeted global and local ministries. \$1,300 was earned in rental income.

In total, regular offerings were close to the planned amount, above budget by approximately \$1,500 (3%). The budget anticipates drawing \$20,000 from the endowment fund later in the year to offset part of the cost of the pastor's housing allowance.

Total expenses during the quarter were over budget, exceeding it by approximately \$2,900 (5.5%). Expenses for salting the parking lot and heating the building were well above planned amounts for the quarter, due to the colder than anticipated temperatures during the winter. The church security and fire alarm system underwent significant one-time maintenance during the quarter.

The church's parsonage endowment fund fell by approximately \$4,000 (1.5%) for the quarter, due to volatility in the financial markets.

Financial Snapshot - Q1			
North Olmsted United Methodist Church			
For the year ending December 31, 2026			
	Jan thru Mar 2026		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
<i>Revenue and Expenses</i>			
Regular giving and special income	\$ 50,339	\$ 48,625	\$ 1,714
Operating Expenses	56,861	53,929	2,932
	\$ (6,522)	\$ (5,304)	\$ (1,218)
<i>Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)</i>			
Donations	\$ 2,125		
Disbursements	\$ (2,523)		
<i>Cash Balance</i>			
Unrestricted (for operations)	\$ 51,180		
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	49,222		
	\$ 100,402		



BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

1	Sara Bridges
4	Cameron Ressel
7	Jennifer Kearney
9	Carole Andrews
10	Susan Wolter
10	Leslie Dilley
12	Michael Moore
13	Judi Wagner
13	Carolyn Owings
13	Alice Walsh
14	Oriana Brenzo
14	Chris Benko
14	Joel & Deb Chermonte
15	Ed Brewster
15	Anita Bridges
17	Lisa Davison-Stroup
17	Guylene Harold
17	Susan Lancuski
22	Zoe Bridges
22	David & Janis Jarvis
22	Greg and Liz Lavelle
25	Mark Bailey
26	Benjamin Dennis
28	Kathryn Krueger
28	Mike & Tammy Moore
30	Chris & Kelly Benko
30	Shane Mincik

PRAYER LIST

Mely Soto, lifted by Janis Jarvis
 Liz, friend of Janis Jarvis
 Barb Bilas
 Janet, Wendy Cooper's friend
 Bill and Marilyn Ransom
 Debbie, in-law of Janis Jarvis



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 at sundayschool@noumc.org. We will be recognizing your achievements during worship on June 14th.

Free Community Meal
Thursday, April 30, 2026
4:30-5:30pm
Fellowship Hall
Menu TBD

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
05/03/2026	John and Char Vas	Floyd Andrews	Liz Lavelle
05/10/2026	Jim and Ellie Yager	Barb Clough	Barb and Ron Clough
05/17/2026	Barb Andrews	Bev Hixon	Judi Wagner
05/24/2026	Sarah Jackson	Greg Lavelle	Sarah Jackson
05/31/2026	Jean Scothon	John Wolter	Liz Lavelle

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