AGAPE..Greek for "Love Without Limits" **August 2026**

August Events

4 - Bread on Bridge, 12pm, Nehemiah

5 - UWF Lunch, 12pm, TBD

8 - UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Canary's

9 - Birthday Reception, 12pm, FH

12 - UWF Lunch, 12pm, TBD

18 - Book Bank, 1pm, Cleveland Book Bank

19 - UWF Lunch, 12pm, TBD

20 - Christian Ed Meeting, 6:30pm, CR 7

23 - Lake Erie Crushers Game, 1pm, Avon

26 - UWF Lunch, 12pm, TBD

27 - Community Meal, 4:30pm, FH

30 - Kris Hipple/Ryan Starr Shower, 12pm, FH

Rally Day Christian Ed, Missions and Ministry Teams Fair

Are you wondering what each of the committees on our Missions Ministry Team does? Maybe you are feeling called to serve somewhere and would like to see your options? Are you interested in seeing what the Christian Education Team will be doing this Fall? Are you thinking of getting involved in an Adult Bible Study or want to come to our Adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings? Join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 13th, before and after worship for our Missions & Ministry Fair! Information, materials, and sign up sheets will be available, and team members will be present for you to speak with for further information or questions.

Mission News from Barb Andrews

In June, 45 canned fruits and vegetables were donated to the Oxcart Pantry. In July, we concentrated on school supplies, and in August it will be school snacks. Some ideas of things to bring are cookies, chips, pudding, etc. Summer months at the Pantry are for the kids.

UWF News from Barb Andrews

In August, we will continue our lunches every Wednesday at noon and work at the church as needed. Come join us! Our first meeting in the fall is September 2nd. Thank you to all who took part in our "Dine to Donate" at Red Robin.

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Adult Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 PM, and Thursday, September 17th at 11 AM. Please see future bulletins for further information!

Matthew 25 Sculpture Tour Adult Outing: On September 26th we will meet at the church and carpool to each statue. More information to come!

INTERGENERATIONAL VBS

This year our children and their grandparents were transported back in time to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth, where they spent time with Jesus' mother Mary, learning that Jesus was a child just like them...that He had a family, He was given a special name, He had a home, He went to church, and He served others. The children learned that nothing is impossible with God as they heard the stories of Jesus' miraculous birth and the angel who came to tell Mary and Joseph that they would be the parents of the Messiah, they learned all about the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus, they were told all about the Holy Family's escape through the desert from King Herod to Egypt, they heard the stories of Jesus' dedication at the Temple and how He stayed behind talking to the religious leaders when His family left Jerusalem after the Passover celebration. The kids also learned that Jesus taught that serving others was the best way to show love and kindness, and they heard the stories of how He turned water into wine to help His friends salvage their wedding reception...and how He washed the feet of His disciples. The kids and their grandparents sang and danced, played games, made crafts, did yoga, and ate lots of yummy food! A great time was had by all, and the children had a blast! Thank you to all who shared your precious grandchildren with us and many thanks for the hard work and dedication of our Christian Education Team and all who helped make our Summer Intergen VBS a success this year! Thank you to Pastor Tennille, Chris Byrns, Claudia Taller, Colette Diddle, Barb Clough, Jennifer Gaydos, Sarah Jackson, Carolyn Bernard, Tammy Moore, Jean Scothon, Kristi (Sarah Jackson's daughter) and Greyson (Tammy Moore's neighbor)!

From Our Treasurer, Andrew Walsh

Financial Snapshot - Q2

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North Olmsted United Methodist Church
For the year ending December 31, 2026

	Jan thru Jun 2026		
	Actual	*Budget*	*Variance*
Revenue and Expenses			
Regular giving and special income	98,526)	97,250)	1,276)
Operating Expenses	112,794)	107,850)	4,944)
	(14,268)	(10,600)	(3,668)

Ministries funded through targeted donations (not included in operations)	
Donations	5,408)
Disbursements	(9,535)
Cash Balance	
Unrestricted (for operations)	38,205)
Restricted (for targeted ministries)	45,493)
	83,698)

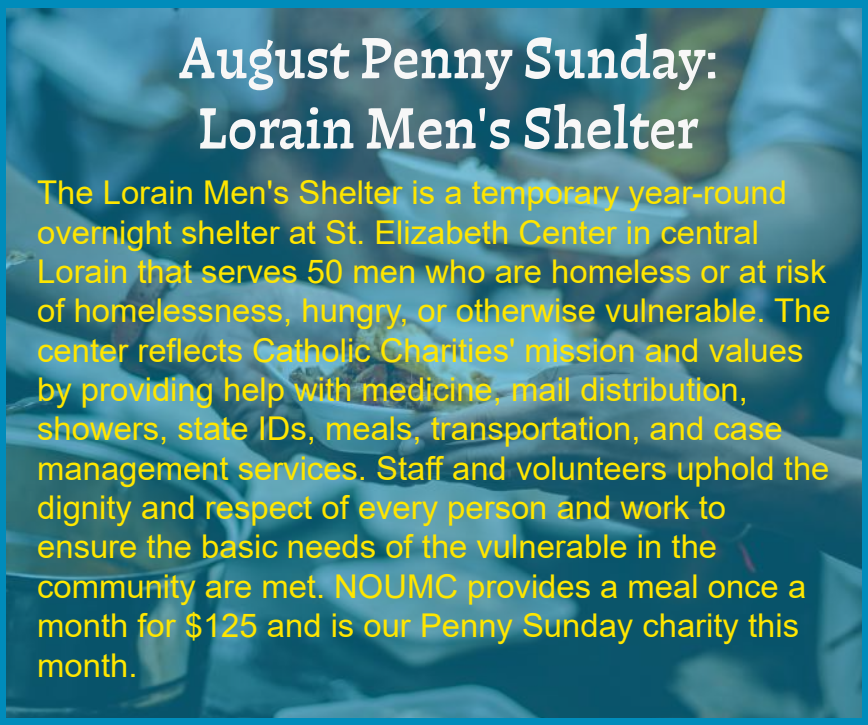
NOUMC has a generous congregation. Through its regular giving, the congregation donated approximately $94,800 to support NOUMC during the half, almost exactly in line with expectations. In addition to its regular giving, the congregation also donated approximately $6,100 to specifically targeted global and local ministries. $2,700 was earned in rental income.

Total expenses during the half exceeded the budget by approximately $3,700 (3.5%). The largest variance was for extensive repairs needed to the building's alarm system. In addition, expenses for salting the parking lot and heating the building during the early part of the year were higher than expected due to the cold temperatures, and insurance costs continue to rise. These overages were somewhat offset by the East Ohio Conference billing us less than planned for the pastor's pension costs.

The church's parsonage endowment fund increased by approximately $21,600 (8.0%) for the half. 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.

BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

3	Barb Brewster
3	Shawn & Christine Mincik
4	Barb Bilas
4	Mary Best
6	Liam Mahoney
8	Bill Cooper
11	Emily Krueger
15	Jane Hildebrand
15	Bill Ransom
16	Whitaker Ressel
22	Craig Mueller
24	Fran Nine
26	Bob Nupp
27	Marilyn Ransom
29	CJ Cornell
31	David Linton



PRAYER LIST

Barb Schurr

Michelle Wolter

Barb Bilas

Bill and Marilyn Ransom

Family of Norma Wilhelm,
Hoyte Wilhelm's mother

Joann, our custodian

Free Community Meal
Thursday, August 27, 2026
4:30-5:30pm
Fellowship Hall
TBD

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

DATE	GREETER(S)	LITURGIST	USHER(S)
8/2/2026	Sarah Jackson	Miichelle Wolter	Barb and Ron Clough
8/9/2026	Jean Scothon	Chris Byrns	Judi Wagner
8/16/2026	John and Char Vas	Bev Hixon	Liz Lavelle
8/23/2026	Jim and Ellie Yager	Floyd Andrews	Liz Lavelle
8/30/2026	Barb Andrews	John Vas	Sarah Jackson