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Holy Week

By: Pastor Robb

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While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, many believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs that he did. But Jesus didn't trust himself to them because he knew all people. He didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature, for he knew what human nature was.

-John 2. 23- 25 (CEB)

One of my favorite parts about reading the Bible is how often something appears new to me. A few days ago, I was reading the Common English Bible on the elliptical and came across this verse. While I am sure I have read it in the past, it struck me anew. Perhaps it is my Lenten mind that is thinking of the faults and failures of people (especially my own). I had never really thought of the fact that Jesus fully understands human nature. He did not need a class in psychology. He did not need to do research. Instead, Jesus, being both fully human and fully divine, understood far greater than people what their nature was.

First, human nature is very temperamental. Notice this passage begins with many people believed because of the signs he did. In other words, Jesus did miracles, people were amazed and people desired to "follow" him. Jesus knew that in a few short years, this crowd that would follow him amazed by His miracles would forsake Him at the

cross. What kind of testimony would that be about Him. No, Jesus could not trust himself to these people, because they were yet unredeemed. Their "faith" was not in His actual presence or words, but their "faith" was in the miracles that He performed. As long as Jesus kept performing, they would keep following. Jesus was not about to entrust His testimony with such fickle people.

The next scene brings great light to the situation. Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, comes to talk to Jesus. This is where Jesus will tell him that you must be born again (John 3. 3). This baffles Nicodemus. Nicodemus was so focused on human realities that he could not comprehend what Jesus was referring to. Jesus understood that the key to faith is denying our human nature and being born anew with the Holy Spirit. This contrast is striking. Jesus does not want the testimony of those who simply stood in awe of the miracles. He wants the testimony of lives that have been born anew into His presence. Jesus did not come into the world to perform. Jesus came into the world that we could be transformed and inherit everlasting life (John 3. 16).

Lent is a great time to remind ourselves that we need to deny our earthly natures daily and take up our crosses and follow Christ (Luke 9. 23). The real miracle of faith is that God changes hearts and minds. Jesus does not want followers who simply want to be in awe of performances. Jesus wants followers who have committed their lives to being renewed by Him! This is why Paul reminds us that we need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12. 2). Faith is not about empowering our earthly nature, it is about casting it off and embracing our new nature in Christ. It is only then that we can testify about Jesus. Let us testify about His transforming grace this Lenten season comes to a close!



ON O YOUTH

By: Jessica Grimes

April 2018

Youth Summer Mission Team Easter Candy Sale

**Don't miss out on getting some of our yummy sweet treats Easter Weekend
at the**

**Good Friday service, The Hunt for Easter Egg Hunt
and of course, Easter Celebration Morning.**

By donation only!

Confessions of The Youth Pastor...

As the high school winter retreat approached a few weeks ago, I was very discouraged at the number of youth we had signed up to attend. It seemed like I picked a bad weekend and/or our teens are just so busy with full calendars and some just didn't seem interested in going on the retreat. I asked to adult helpers to pray and we encouraged those who were going to bring friend. My heart worried (a lot!) because I knew the church would lose money since we already made the commitment to camp to be there and I mostly just want every youth to be there so God has a chance to work in their lives... time away with God is always powerful. We ended up having a total of 21 teens and adult helpers for the weekend. (On our new bus, too! - which was very exciting!) The weekend was filled with great teaching on **Revelation 3:15-16**, worship, Onolympic games, skits, rock climbing, communion, 4-on-a-couch and much more but there was one moment that was special to me. Saturday night in our bunks one very, thoughtful young lady said, "Jess, I know you wanted more youth to be here and that you wanted us to bring friends, but this smaller group has been really cool and it has been great getting to know everyone better." Wow! She was absolutely spot on and God convicted me tremendously in that moment. God had the youth there who He wanted there. God was at work in His perfect ways and timing! I need to surrender my plans to His will and let Him move! Forgive me, God and forgive me, Ono Youth, for my lack of faith and worry!

God is good...all the time!



Check out the bulletin board featuring the Summer Team to Appalachia. Team members are available to serve you as needs come up...snow removal, cleaning windows, housework, food prep, yard work, etc. If you would desire to "employ" a small team of youth workers,

please contact Jess Grimes at 717-877-0506.

Ono Children's Ministry



THE HUNT FOR EASTER!

Saturday, March 31st 10am!

Our kiddos having a great time after memorizing "The Armor of God".
Don't forget to memorize "The Fruits of The Spirits"

VBS 2018

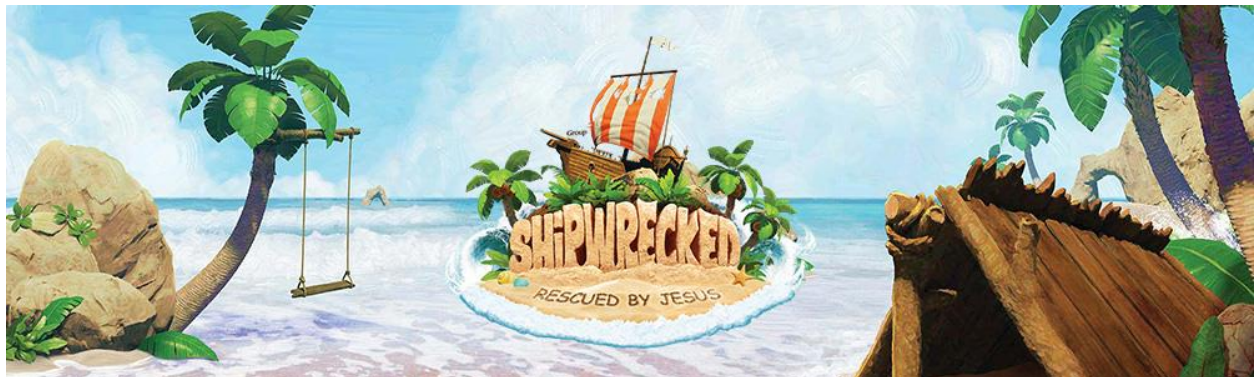
June 17th - June 21st

6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Our theme is

Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus.

You can register your children @
ONOCURCH.ORG under the
Children's Ministry page or the flyer
located at each Narthex. Interested
in helping? Please see me or contact
me at kmkollar@comcast.net
or 717-228-9719.



Kids4Jesus will be starting back up on April 4th. We will be starting where we left off with the *Fruit of the Spirit*. A reminder to my kiddos... You need to memorize the Fruit of the Spirit by the end of May if you would like to see me Dress in a funny outfit in front of the church on a Sunday morning. Can you do it? We will See!

Mr. K

Women with Whimsy

*Your invited to join us as we create beautiful
Painted Stones!*

on

Saturday, April 14 @ 9:30am

Do you have a special stone at home? Bring it!

No special stone? *No problem* ... we will have a variety of shapes and sizes.

Each project will be \$5.00 for supplies and light refreshments.



You can sign up in the West Narthex. Invite your friends ladies!

Women's Ministry

ONOROBICS!

Still meeting Monday and Thursday evenings @ 6pm!

As Lent 2018 comes to a close...

We hope you and your family have had a meaningful journey and have been changed by God's "HOT" love for you!

Our local U.M. Churches have been gathering together each Wednesday evening during Lent!

March 28th will be our last Pot-Luck Dinner

And we are meeting here at ONO UMC.
followed by a time of music and a time of group study.
Adult, Teen, Elementary and Infant & Pre-school Care!

Can't make the meal time? Not a problem! Join us for group time!

Please bring a dessert of your choice to share with our guests!

It's been great getting to know each other and our neighbors!

Meal served at 6:00pm

Transition at 6:45pm

Group Gatherings at 7:00pm.



Also during Lent this year... "GOT STUFF!" During the Lenten season, many people give up chocolate, soda, meat etc., this Lent, we extended a challenge to our ONO church family to give up some of your "stuff". Your "stuff" was sorted and donated to local charities and service agencies.

Thank you for coming together and accepting the challenge!

EASTER CANTATA!



April 1st

8am and 10:30am
worship services.



April 4th @ 6:30pm

We welcome Jim Woodford to Ono. He will be sharing his personal experience with heaven, angels and the afterlife.

Won't you join us!

Ono Evangelism Committee.

April 8th @ 7:00pm

Maranatha Productions! They will present "Blind Bartimaeus", a drama about Jesus's miracle work and of his reaching out to those in need.



Ono Worship Team.

Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center

Brochures are available on the table by the Library and in the west narthex. Ono Church will pay ½ of your child's camp cost (up to \$195.00). If you register your child online, please remember to give the paperwork to the church office in order to receive the credit!

April Adult Sunday School Class Electives:

Rms 22+24: A Biblical study of the life of Solomon. Dave Hahnen leads
Ed./Fellowship Hall (S): Bible Study – The life of Jesus. Roy Pennycoff leads
Ed./Fellowship Hall (N): Discussion Class – Gene Ulrich current leader
Ed./Fellowship Hall (E): Ladies Class – Boundaries: When to say Yes, How to say No.
(to take control of your life) Authors: Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend.
Karen Fuhrman and Steph Dissinger lead

April Children's Church (10:30am)

April 1st – children age 4 – 4th grade will remain in the sanctuary to enjoy the Cantata with their families!

Nursery (8am and 10:30am) will be provided

Children's Church for ages 2 and 3 will be provide at 10:30am

Ages 2-3: Dustin and Danielle Blauch (meet in lower education wing)

Ages 4-grade 1: Gail Wise and helper

Grades 2-4: Bonnie Gibble and helper

ONO *Preschool* is collecting used greeting cards for

all occasions! There is a box by the Library for your donations.



Annville Free Library is having a Blood Drive.
Tuesday, April 3rd, 3:00pm-7:00pm.
All donors receive 2 free vouchers to a
Harrisburg Comedy Zone Show and a
Papa John's Free Large Pizza coupon!

NEEDED: We are looking for a donation of a dependable vehicle for a longtime friend of the Gongloffs, Allison and Reigels. This person is seeking employment and is in need of a vehicle. Please see Pastor Robb if you have one to donate! Thank you!

ATTENTION LADIES!

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Women's Retreat!

When: October 19 – 21, 2018

Where: Gretna Glen Retreat Lodge

Who: Gwen Jackson (daughter of Nita Grubb, sister to Dennis Grubb and aunt to Staci Murray. Gwen wrote a book "Unforced Rhythms" which she will be talking about during the retreat.

Cost: \$120.00 (\$60.00 by May 20th with balance by Sept. 9th) to reserve your spot.

Faith Fellowship meets on April 24th - 5pm
at Esther's Restaurant

An expression of thanks: Thank you for cards and prayers for Romaine Shuey. Your faithfulness is much appreciated. We have moved Mother to Londonderry Village, Tranquil Terrace, Room 401. Visitors are always welcome. Cards can still be sent to 323 Coachman Lane, Palmyra, Pa. We will read them to her and enjoy them with her. ~ Rod and Shirley Bucks

