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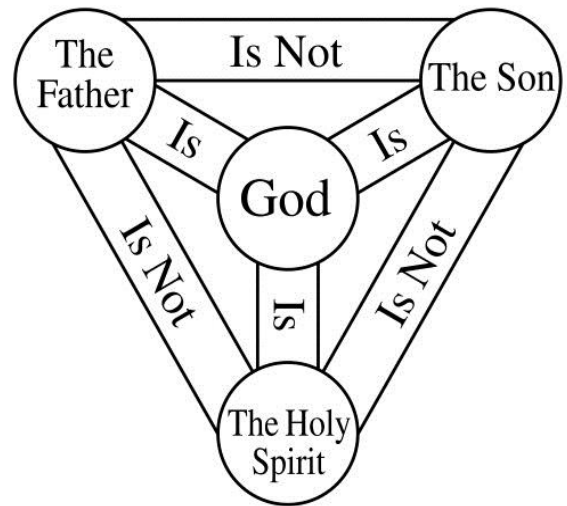
May 2018

ONO United Methodist Church
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From Pastor Robb

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

-John 20. 19-23



It is common for people to believe that there is a Creator who made everything that we see. Most people will concur with the idea that the universe is not simply happenstance. This concept of God might make people ponder His vastness and wonder about His properties, but it falls painfully short of the wonders of the God we serve. We serve a God who revealed Himself in the fullness of the Trinity. We serve a God who did not simply create and leave us to our own devices. He did not allow us to wallow in our own faults and failures, but instead He came down as a human to deliver us from the power of sin. Our God created and redeemed! But there is one other aspect that we must not lose sight of- our God sustains us as well! He did not leave us here to be orphaned or abandoned, but He sent His Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. We cannot lose sight of the power of this wonder!

As a parent, there are times when we see our children struggling and we wish we could just make their decisions for them. We can feel helpless as we see our children suffer emotional and sometimes physical harm by persisting in poor decisions. If we could, we would enter into their minds and guide them down better paths. The amazing thing is our heavenly Father has made this offer! The Holy Spirit was sent to guide and lead us down the paths God would have us walk if we would only receive Him! Yet, we still frequently wallow in our own choices, paying the consequences and complaining to God about why He didn't protect us. The real issue is why didn't we seek Him first! I used to work with a man who would always ask me why God doesn't like him because life was so hard. After numerous conversations, I finally asked if he ever included God in the decision process. When he answered no, I blurted out (not so pastorally a thing to do), then how can you blame Him? If we do not allow God's presence to guide our every decision and thought, then we cannot fault God for the outcome.

In the gospel of John, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit in chapter 14 and delivers that promise in chapter 20. The promise is fundamental because it completes the work of the Trinity in the disciple's lives. The Father created, the Son redeemed and the Spirit sustains. However, this isn't just a simple sustenance. It is one of power and authority. This power and authority is so pervasive that the disciples are even given the power to forgive sins! Why would we have that power? Because if the Spirit is God's presence within us, then we have that capability as God's children and joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Romans 8). It is with the gift of the Holy Spirit that I think Jesus' promise of abundant life (John 10. 10) comes to fruition. We no longer need to trust in our own understanding. We no longer need to be held down by our inadequacies or past histories. Instead, we have been set free by the Holy Presence of God in order to faithfully serve Him- if only we willingly receive this gift that He so freely offers! May we receive this gift together as Ono UMC moves into the future as God's presence in the Northern Lebanon community.

HOT 18

ONO YOUTH

By: Jessica Grimes


Our high school mission team has been very busy preparing for our summer trip to Appalachia! We are thankful for the many opportunities we have had to use our HotHands for service to the members of our congregation. We also are grateful for a time to serve a meal and share in worship with the Gospel Center in Lebanon on April 21.



The youth ministry is gearing up for the summer. We will end the school year with a celebration worship on Sunday, June 3 where the youth will lead our worship. Also, we invite the congregation to join us for breakfast at 9am on June 3rd for a time of fellowship together between services. Then in the evening, everyone is invited to join us for a good old fashion *Car Hop* on the church parking lot where teens will serve you in your car...maybe even on roller-skates!

Take time to congratulate our 11 high school graduates by writing them words of encouragement and adding it to their envelope on the graduate bulletin board! They are Travis Kveragas, Kaleb Longenecker, Ryan Walker, Muriah Pennycoff, Haley Blauch, Jasmine Cuadras, Wyatt Schriver, Mykka Keller, Jenna Wentling, Cassiah Ray and Taylor Kapp.



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.



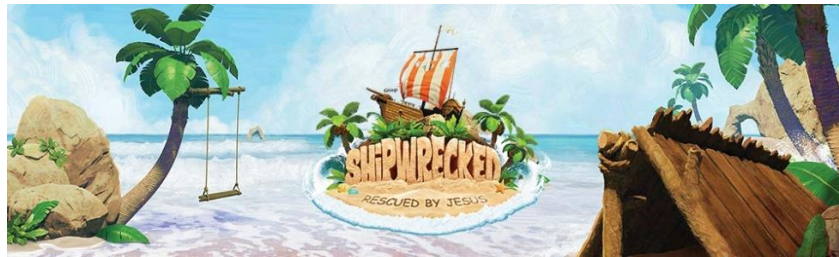
VBS 2018

June 17th - June 21st

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

“Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus.”

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



The month of May is going to be a Busy month as we plan for the summer. We will be starting the **Parking Lot Ministry** in June and will be having a few local mission trips to Countryside and Lebanon Valley Homes throughout the summer.

Come join us on **May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** for mini golf at Pine Meadows! Do you need a ride? We will be leaving the church at 6:10 p.m. with the church bus.

Can anyone beat Pastor Robb?



He doesn't think so!

*The kids4Jesus kiddos are working hard on learning the **Fruits of the Spirit**. If the kids can learn them I will be Wearing a costume of their choice to do a children's moment in the sanctuary. What do you think I will be dressed as?*

- a. Baby
- b. Princess
- c. Superhero
- d. Pastor Robb

Women with Whimsy

*Your invited to join us as we create beautiful
Leaf Cement Casting!*

on

Friday, May 25th @ 6:30pm

Do you have a special leaf in your garden? Bring it!

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

Each project will be \$15.00 for supplies and ice cream!



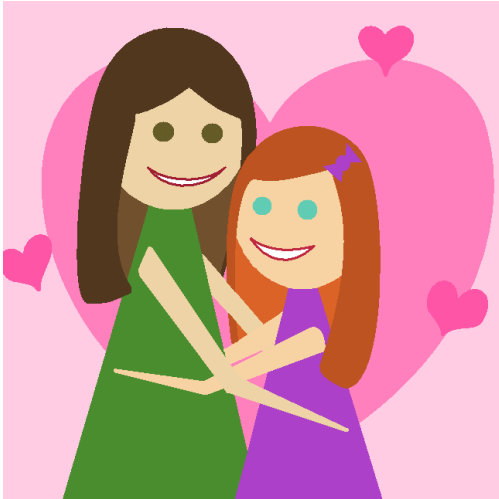
This will be our last gathering till September!

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

Women's Ministry

ONOROBICS!

Still meeting Monday and Thursday evenings @ 6pm!



*A special thank you to Ilene Shriver, Lorretta LaPorte and their team for putting together this year's Mother/Daughter Social!
Thank you gentlemen... your part in the evening was appreciated more than you know!*

NEW MEMBERS CLASS !



May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
9:30am

(between worship services)

- Meeting next to the Library -

Have you been thinking about joining Ono but have a question or two? Bring your questions along!





It's Volleyball time

May 10th @ 7pm!

See Jessica Grimes for details!



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!



Adult Sunday School Class Electives:

Rms 22+24: A Biblical study of the life of Solomon. Dave Hahnlen leads

Ed./Fellowship Hall (S): Bible Study – Reflections – A Journey through the Old Testament. Roy Pennycoff leads

Ed./Fellowship Hall (N): Discussion Class

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.



May Children's Church (10:30am):

Ages 2-3 Teacher: Becky Atkins and helper (meet in lower ed. Wing)

Age 4-grade 1 Teacher: Staci Murray and helper

Grades 2-4 Teachers: Ken and Kim Moyer

We have some special birthday's in May! **Our Church Family - 80+ years young!**

9th – June Forney

17th – Stue Zeigler

20th – Dottie Allison

26th – Carrie Meyerhoffer

29th – Joyce Miller

Our missionaries:

17th – David Whitman

31st – Shirley Hicks



ONO *Preschool*

will soon be finishing another busy year! Our children have enjoyed learning about colors, food, transportation, plants and animals. To make our sessions more interesting, we sometimes had visits from the Dairy Misses and "Grandma" Susie Hazel and "Grandma" Vernice Helms to help with a special planting activity. Miss Cindy and Miss Sheila from the local libraries brought special activities to share with our students too! We will finish our school year with family picnics at Levitz Park.

We are excited to see many of our present and past students at our Easter Egg Hunt. Our preschool is successful because of the support and prayers of our congregation... we need to say a special

Big Thank You to our Grandma Volunteers who have faithfully helped us every week this school year.

These special ladies are Jeanne Hauck, Gail Wise, Jane Emrich, Joyce Zeigler, Mary Bitzer, Arlene Dove and Laurie Shuey. You are all an enormous help!!

Openings are still available in our two-day classes. Pls help us spread the word to any families you may know looking for a preschool program. Our preschool number is 717-865-1333. You may also contact Jean Richard at 717-865-0524 or Loretta Longenecker at 717-865-0159.



Trustees are excited about the updated look of the fellowship hall, children's choir room and adult Sunday school room. A fresh coat of paint and new blinds have really brightened things! Be sure to check it out.

Thank you to all the workers that came out on Saturday, May 5 for our **All Church Work Day!** Many hands made for lighter work!

You will find a small garden bed out by the sheds that Mr. Kerry will be using as a learning project for this summer's parking lot ministry. Check it out!



My name is Linda (Gingrich) Whitman.

I grew up on a large farm north of Palmyra. I graduated from Northern Lebanon HS. I enjoy reading, cooking, camping and going to Disney World with my family! I am married to Aaron Whitman for 43 yrs! We have four adult children, Jason, Melissa, Andrew and Laura. Daughter-in-law Cathy, son-in-law Kuchands and two

wonderful grandchildren. Cody a sophomore at Liberty University and Lily a freshman at Lancaster Mennonite Christian School, Hershey Campus. And 3 "grand" dogs and 2 "grand" cats – that completes the family! Our family has really enjoyed living in Ono for 40 yrs. We used to hand deliver the Lebanon Daily News and got to know all of the wonderful folks in our town. I also cleaned the Ono post office for many hears and enjoyed working there. Three of our children and both of our grandchildren all attended "ONO" preschool! What a wonderful program! Our family has also enjoyed the "Fall Festival" for many years.

I want to say thank you for all the hello and welcomes I have received...what a caring church you are!

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 May 29th - 5pm
Restaurant to be announced!