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From Pastor Robb

We who are powerful need to be patient with the weakness of those who don't have power, and not please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good in order to build them up. Christ didn't please himself, but, as it is written, *the insults of those who insulted you fell on me*. Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice.



-Romans 15. 1-6 (CEB)

Certain times I have failed remain powerful in my memories. Could I share one with you... I had just finished moving all my stuff into my dorm at Asbury when I heard a knock on the door. I thought it was odd, because I had only spent one semester on campus before doing a semester in Chicago so I didn't know many people. The young man at my door had a simple request. An incoming student was down in the common room debating the other student. He wanted me

to come down and put him in his place. Without much thought, I obliged and entered the fray of a theological debate. I won. I usually did. The new student left defeated and agitated and my fellow classmates cheered my victory. I returned to my room again without much thought. I had completed my mission and simply kept going on in life. It never dawned on me that being the guy to "put others in their place" is not a compliment.

I never really got to know that other student- I don't think I ever knew his name. I rarely saw him in the common area after that. Eventually, I noticed he was working in the cafeteria, but he always seemed to avert his eyes. I was blessed enough that I never had to work while attending school. I could stay focused on school work. I won the debate, but I began to wonder what the real cost was. I never had the courage to walk up and try and correct our relationship. I never had a chance to talk to others present in the room that day to express my remorse. Years later, I wish I could go back and put myself in my place. I wish I could remind him that winning a debate is not the goal of Christ. Redeeming people is.

The United Methodist Church is in the middle of a debate. Years ago, I would have focused on how to win - and I believe that I could win the debate. Winning, however, seems more like losing to me now. When the church is arguing, there are no winners. I am not denying that there are not significant theological differences. There definitively are. However, I recognize that in the midst of those differences we share a lot of common desires. We all think we are being genuine to Scripture. We all believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. We all say that we are seeking the presence of the same Holy Spirit. Regardless, our differences remain and we need to find a solution. I am not saying that I understand how to build up my neighbor in this situation. I am frustrated and hurt by my fellow clergy. I am frustrated and hurt by the bitterness of the debate and the focus everyone seems to have on "winning." I am exasperated by the realization that I do not know if there is a solution apart from a movement of the Spirit. Perhaps that is precisely where God needs us. On September 13th at 7pm at Ono, we are hosting a prayer meeting with the Northern Lebanon Mission Connection. Let us approach this not desiring to win, but praying for a great movement of the Holy Spirit. May our prayers be focused on the idea that God wants His Church to be unified. May our prayers be for those who seem to be against us that together we can move forward as the body of Christ. I encourage you to pray for the delegates and process of the Special Conference scheduled from February 23rd to the 26th. Let us trust that God is still in control and that His Holy Spirit can lead us down His righteous paths so that the world will know we are Christians by our love for one another.

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ONO YOUTH

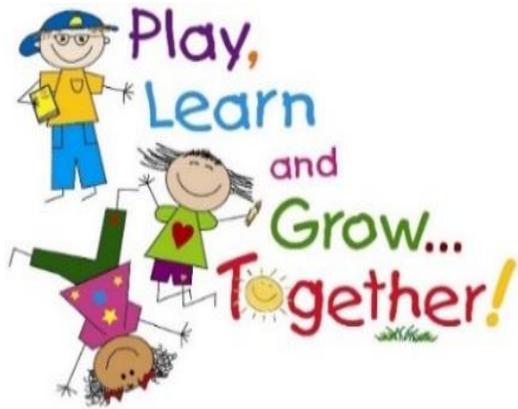
By: Jessica Grimes
Youth Ministry News



It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone! But, what an awesome summer we had with the teens of Ono Church. We were able to have many great times of learning paired with some fun with our summer bible studies. Our middle schoolers met for DUBS (Destination Unknown Bible Study). They would arrive and we would travel to an unknown destination and have our bible study based on the location. Also, this summer the middle schoolers worked to memorize 10 bible verses as part of our curriculum. The high schoolers were blessed with a summer of TBS (Traveling Bible Study). Six very gracious hosts welcomed us to their homes/pools for a time of study and fun! We worked through a book called OWN IT -where the teens were challenged to own their faith and make it their own.

We also had so many great opportunities for mission work this summer. Our middle schoolers served locally at many ministries. Our high schoolers travelled to Rainelle, WV and had a terrific experience serving flood victims and the hurting of that area. God has truly given Ono a core group of teens with hearts for service and Him. May we as a church continue to do all that we can to encourage, come along side, and support our teens as they seek to serve, grow and be challenged in their faith.

As we start back up with school, and all the "stuff" that comes with it, let's all recommit to our faith with our presence. We count it a privilege to have the chance to share Christ with each of our teens...at youth group...at youth activities...and at worship...See you at Ono!



Ono Children's Ministry

God was great this summer!!! Melissa and I are looking forward to see what God has in store for us In Fall...

The last Day of Parking Lot Ministry went very well. We had a great time with the Bike Obstacle Course and with Trooper Kelly coming in and talking with the Kids about bike safety.



---Our crew for the Bike Obstacle Course!



Our prize winners!---

Day Camp went well with about fifty kids attending. We talked about letting *our light shine* before men. It was a crazy day with the Heat and Rain. But by the end the rained stopped and we had an awesome day.

Kids4Jesus is starting up on September 5th and we'll be learning the books of the Bible. Stay tuned to see what the reward will be if the kids can memorize the books. What crazy thing will Mr. K do next?

Ono Preschool 2018-2019

Starting a new school year with a new school sign!



We are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Susan King, one of the founding members of our board of directors and a strong advocate for children.

We have established a memorial fund from the gifts we have received in her honor. With these gifts, we have created a reading nook for the children to promote the love for books and reading. We have also

removed our computers and purchased *Kindle Tablets* which the children are already familiar in using. For our curriculum, we have purchased new games that our children are sure to enjoy.

Classes will begin September 5 and 6 for our new year. We are excited to welcome back returning students and meet new friends! Our grandma volunteers are returning as well and we appreciate their extra hands in the classroom!

***We have some special
birthdays in September!***

Our Church Family - 80+ years young!

14th – Arlene Miller

16th – Shirley Boyer

22nd – Leroy Felty

28th – Mil Emrich

Our missionaries:

8th – David Vrzheshch

17th – Terri Fisher



Sunday - SEPT. 2ND - 6:30PM
PARENT/YOUTH BASH AT THE GRIMES!

Women with Whimsy

Sat. September 8th

9am-11:30am

A perfect event to bring a friend!

\$10.00 per container

All supplies, light refreshments
and A Steeped Tea Sampling
are included.

sign up in the Narthex by the flower chart



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Sunday Evening Kick Off Event!



Fun for the whole family!

Won't ya join us as we gather together celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of our Fall Schedule Programs!

Bring a snack to share during our game of **Charades !!**



From February 23rd to February 26th, United Methodists from around the world will be holding a conference to determine a Way Forward. I ask everyone to join in prayer for the unity and direction of our denomination. Bishop Johnson has encouraged us to use the time from 2:23 – 2:26 am and/or pm everyday as a focused time of prayer.

In addition, Ono will host the Northern Lebanon Cluster to come and pray and converse about the process on Thursday, September 13th. We will start at 7pm. Please join us as we pray and discuss the direction of the U.M.C.

2018 Ono Fall Festival

Once again, Ono will be transformed into the

“Wild West”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

4PM – THE END OF THE CAMPFIRE

Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex,
and we need many! Play games,
serve refreshments, help clean up,
meet and greet our community
and have fun with your friends and family
as we share the love of Christ!

Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, Sept. 23rd



Join us for the *10:30 Outdoor Worship Service*
and the *noon picnic* in Fellowship Hall!

Remember to bring your lawn chairs. Sunday School will not be held on this day so, if your attending early Worship, won't you plan on staying and visiting with one another...and invite a friend!

ATTENTION LADIES!



Mark your calendars for the
2018 Women's Retreat!

When: October 19 – 21, 2018

Where: Gretna Glen Retreat Lodge

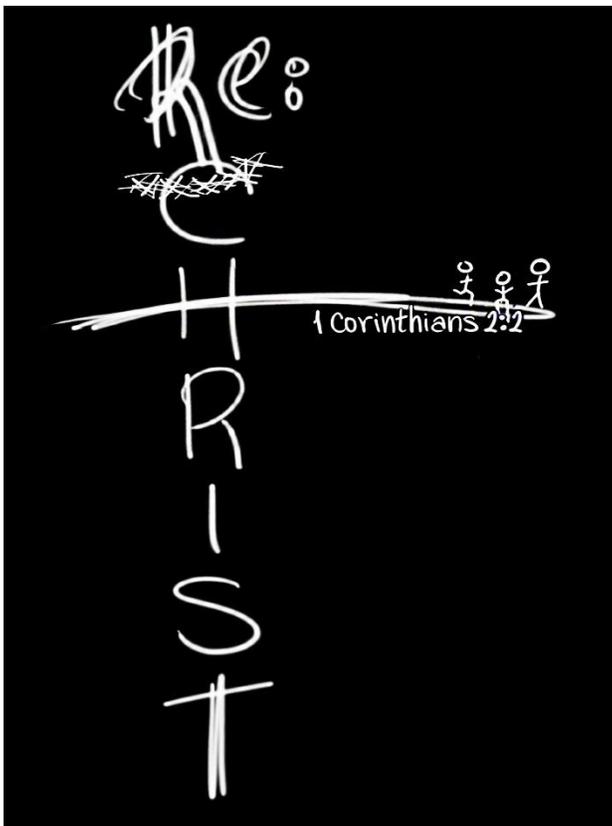
Who: Gwen Jackson

Theme: "Unforced Rhythms"

Gwen wrote the book "*Unforced Rhythms*"
which will be the talking points of the retreat.

Cost: \$120.00 *(balance due September 23rd)* to reserve your spot.

September Sermon Topics



9: Encounter Christ: Called

16: Encounter Christ: Forgiven

23: Encounter Christ: Healing

30: Fifth Sunday Question