



in **ONO**

October 2018

ONO United Methodist Church
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From Pastor Robb

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave himself for our sins, so he could deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. To God be the glory forever and always! Amen.

I'm amazed that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ to follow another gospel. It's not really another gospel, but certain people are confusing you and they want to change the gospel of Christ. However, even if we ourselves or a heavenly angel should ever preach anything different from what we preached to you, they should be under a curse. I'm repeating what we've said before: if anyone preaches something different from what you received, they should be under a curse!



-Galatians 1. 3- 9

I have been concerned about many conversations I have heard lately. I frequently hear people say, "Who am I to judge." I have heard a fellow clergy indicate he was unsure as to whether something was sinful or not. I have heard people dismiss poor choices as simply being human or indicate that the passage of time has removed the consequence. I suppose I could just ignore it, but at their heart, all of these perspectives are an insult to the Gospel. Why? At the heart of the Gospel message are the concepts of sin (fault) and redemption (correction). When we take faults lightly, we diminish the power and grace of the cross. We imply that faults are not a big deal and therefore can be dealt with lightly. The message of Christ is that faults lead us to hell, but God dealt with them greatly through Jesus Christ (Romans 8. 3- 4). If God could have simply excused faults through time or disregard them as typical human behavior, then there would be no need for a cross. Thank God that instead he gave himself for our sins to deliver (redeem) us from this present age. If we fail to acknowledge this, then we have failed to uphold the Gospel.

Redemption begins with a payment for faults. Perhaps our fear is that we recognize that we cannot possibly repay all the things we have done wrong. Perhaps we defend other's faults because we fear our own. Regardless, let us hold fast to the grace that Christ proclaims! The Gospel of Christ is particularly in reminding us that God has paid the price that we could not! Forgiveness might be free to us, but we need to remember that it cost God the life of Jesus Christ. We should never take that lightly or simply. We should acknowledge it with great joy because it should prevent us from being fearful that our faults define us. They do not! We can be redefined by Christ (Romans 13. 14). While the cross might seem like foolishness to some, we need to remind the world that it is the power to save (1 Corinthians 1. 18). Let us never waver to point to this power. Let us hold fast to the confession that Jesus came to save sinners and that He didn't regard faults as things to ignore, but paid the price to set us free!

Redemption concludes with the restoration of relationship. Now that Christ has paid the price, we can have a renewed relationship with God (James 4. 8). It is this renewed relationship that allows us to be unafraid of our pasts- not to rejoice in our wrongdoing, but to point to the saving power of Christ! Not to minimize the effects of our faults on relationships, but to remind people that relationships can be restored! If the Church ever loses this focus, then we have lost a message. Our message does not minimize faults, it maximizes the grace of Jesus Christ. Our message does not tell people they will remain stuck with their struggles, but that God wants to live and dwell within them (John 15. 5). Now is the perfect time for us to faithfully proclaim this message. The door has been opened to the conversation. Let us unwaveringly walk through that door to proclaim the power of faults and the greater power of the Cross of Jesus Christ!

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ONE YOUTH

By: Jessica Grimes
Youth Ministry News

Another year of youth ministry is off to a great start – school is back in session and so is youth group! We have had a great September getting back into the swing of things and learning about God and our faith! Our middle schoolers have been doing a study on TRUTH while the high schoolers have been looking what the **GOOD LIFE** is through a biblical worldview. On Wednesday evenings we have been having a great time with devotions and prayer. Last week we took time to write letters to our Compassion Child, Deberi! We worked in groups and shared with him things about our life, our youth group and of course about God!

We are excited for a busy October! The youth have been planning for a special event on **Saturday, October 27 @ 6pm**. We will be having the HIS HANDS Puppets here to share their awesome show full of puppets, black lights and music! After the show, all the kids are going to be trick or treating door to door through the church. The youth group has been busy planning on how to decorate doors and what treats they want to hand out to the kids who coming aknockin!



On Saturday October 13, the Braggs are welcoming the youth group to their house for a fun fall party with a campfire, pumpkin carving and of course lots of food!

And we will be ending the month with a trip to ***Hersheypark in the Dark*** on **Sunday October 28**.



Ono Children's Ministry

Fall is starting and New things are taking root at Ono. The Kiddos are learning the New Testament Books of the Bible at Kids4Jesus. Can you name them all? They are doing great. If they can memorize the New Testament Books, I will be getting my hair dyed. Oh boy, This could be a little crazy. I also challenged each child to bring in one friend. If this HAPPENS, can you say

Human Taco or Human Hot Dog!



We will Be having a Guys night out playing Laser Tag at the Laser Factory on October 12th from 6p.m. till? Ages 6-99 are welcome if you dare.

Video Game Night on November 17th at the church from 8p.m. (Parents and Children from k-5th are invited.) showoff your video Game skills!



6 p.m. till
Come

Melissa and I are praying that God will continue to change lives and bring new families to Ono. Will you please pray ALONG with us?

Kerry & Melissa Ollar

We have some special birthday's in October!

Our Church Family - 80+ years young!

3rd – Dave Barr
4th – Norm Mack
9th – Ron Miller
12th – Amos Soliday
15th – Nancy Shuey



College Student:

14th – Jenna Wentling

Our missionaries:

9th – LeRoy Whitman
10th – Ben Kies
19th – Heidi Whitman

2018 Ono Fall Festival

Thank you volunteers! Once again, Ono members arrived with smiles and welcoming hearts as our community joined us for delicious food, games and prizes, “YEE HAW” yelling contests, yummy “sweets walks”, funny painted faces, Bingo Bonanza, spring pony round ups and just plain fun in the cool day sun! A crackling campfire ended the night as we sat, sang and shared the love of Christ!

Saturday Evening Family Night!



Fun for the whole family!

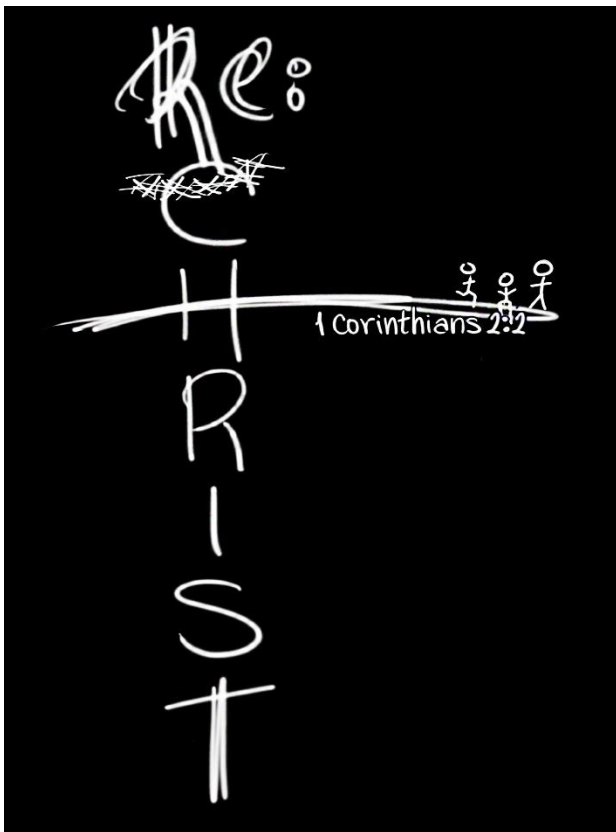
October 27th - doors open at 5:45pm/show begins at 6:00pm

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy the puppet show presented by HIS HANDS PUPPETS! Then walk through our church knocking on *decorated doors* to receive lots of **trick-or-treat goodies** from the Ono Youth Group! Finally, hang out with friends and family upstairs in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments!



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.

October Sermon Topics



- 7: Encounter Christ: **Healing** (*emotional/ Leper*)**
- 14: Encounter Christ: **Teacher** (*Nicodemus*)**
- 21: Encounter Christ: **Lord** (*over Creation/ Peter walking on water*)**
- 28: Encounter Christ: **Victor** (*Lazarus*)**



10-19 /10-21 “UNFORCED RHYTHMS”

Why daily devotions aren't for all of us

Plan on arriving by 7pm on Friday – Finishing on Sunday by 11am

A few things to bring along:

Do you have a favorite saying? Bring it along – a yummy snack to share – your comfy warm clothes (a sweater for our campfire and nature walk (optional) - Pack *all* your bedding for a twin bed - towels and *all* personal bathroom supplies - Your bible and writing tools – do you have a favorite game? Why not bring it for free time!

ONO UMC

**Women's 2018
Week-end Retreat**

A time to worship!
A time to play!
A TIME TO SING!
A time to learn!
This is our time to retreat!

**Finding the spiritual
beat that matches the
rhythm of your soul!**

...learning the
unforced rhythms
of grace...

**MT. GRETN A GLEN
RETREAT CENTER
LEBANON COUNTY, PA**



See you soon!

It's that time again!!! Ono Living Nativity!!

Friday December 14th

Saturday December 15th

Inclement Weather Date – Sunday December 16th

Keep your eyes and ears open for team members as they reach out for volunteers!



A reminder to continue bringing in your glossy magazines and soda tabs. Please place them in the containers on the collection corner table (at the elevator). Magazines and Soda Tabs are sold for recycling and the proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, visit their website at: rmhc-centralpa.org

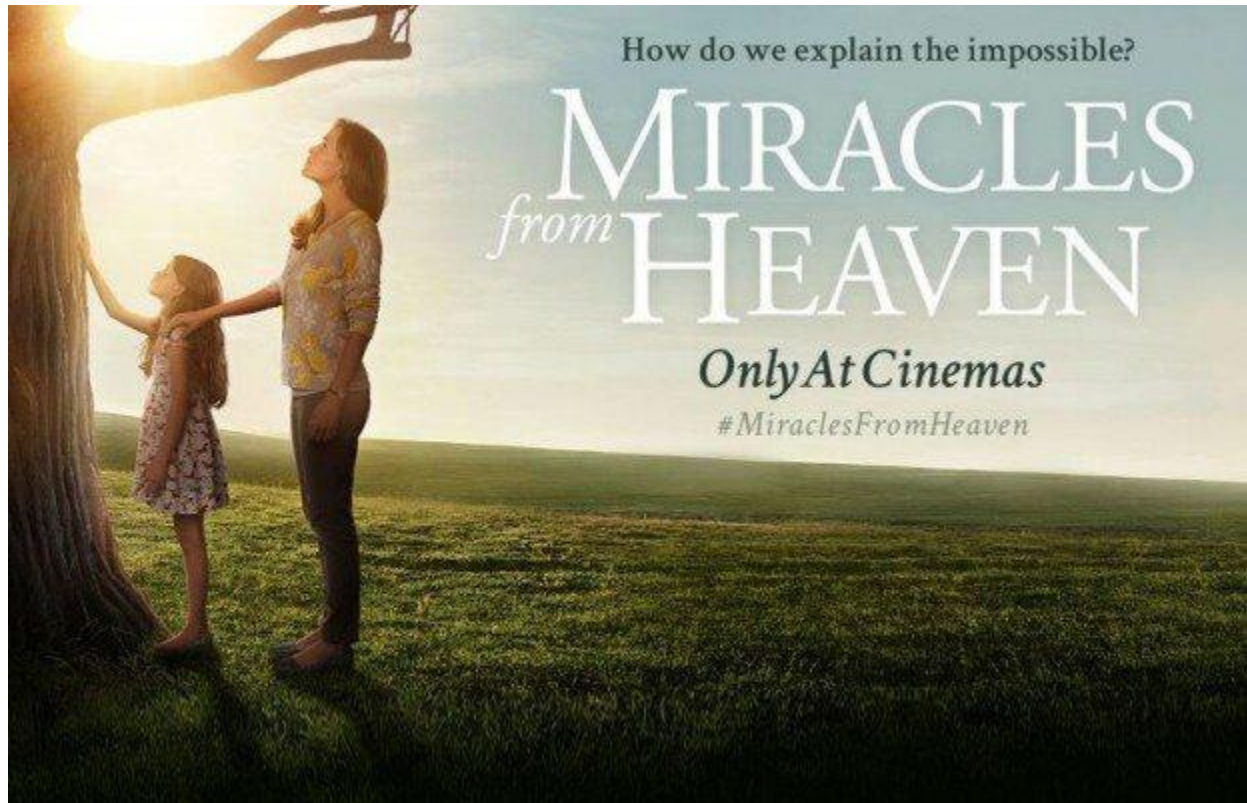
Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

PACKING PARTY – 8AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

All Church Movie Night!

October 14th at 7pm



Bring the whole family!

Looking ahead in 2019



Mission Trip Opportunity:

The Missions Commission is gathering interest in a one-week mission trip to Falfurrias, Texas to work with Don and Lucinda Anderson the week on March 3, 2019. Adults and students 9th grade or higher. If there are enough people interested we will plan a trip. Please talk to Eric Wentling, Natalie Snyder, Donna

Walmer or Charlie Grimes if interested!