



But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** of great joy that will be for all the people...”

Good News in Ono

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The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation,

Because all things were created by him: both in the heavens and on the earth, the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.

Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him.

He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him.

He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and he reconciled all things to himself through him—whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

-Colossians 1. 15- 20 (CEB)



New Years can present new opportunities. Usually, this thought comes with a lot of excitement. We anticipate the changes will be good and life will get better. Sometimes, this is frightening. We are unsure of what the future holds and concerned that it will not be for the good. The future is never completely certain and that can be intimidating. Early Christians had good reason to be concerned about their future. They often felt at enmity with the world. It is in this environment that they would have written this hymn that

Paul is quoting in Colossians. This hymn should continue to encourage us through our years here on earth as well.

At the heart of these verses is the supremacy of Jesus Christ. When the world might seem uncertain, there is one thing we can always rest our heads on- Jesus reigns! He reigned before time began, He is reigning now, and He will reign for all eternity. I take great comfort in this realization. Fundamentally, this empowers how we should view the world. All things are held together in him! Not some things, not most things, not church things nor government things- all things are held together by Christ! Whenever you begin to wonder about what will happen in the future, remind yourself that Jesus is already there. He is already holding your future in His hands. There can be no greater comfort than in knowing that the Creator and Sustainer of all things loves and cares for you.

I also love the fullness of redemption here. It does not say that Jesus died so humans could be reconciled. Sometimes we forget that the Fall affected the whole of creation. In other words, all of creation needs reconciled to God. The great news is Jesus does precisely that. He redeemed everything! Faults and failures can no longer define who we are or what creation is. Instead, Jesus has paid the fullest of penalties. The whole of creation can now rejoice as we recognize that God's love is so profound that He redeems everything! This should help us to be bold in our proclamation! While some people may think they are too far from God or incapable of being reconciled to Him, we know the Truth. The price has been paid. Nothing can separate them from the great love and redemption of our loving Savior Jesus Christ. It is the Church's responsibility to proclaim this gospel message so that people will hear the good news and give their hearts and lives to Christ. Let us begin the New Year by proclaiming the greatness of Jesus Christ!

He Is Good!

Pastor Robb

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Ono Children's Ministry



2018 is over and 2019 is starting. Melissa and I are looking forward to a new year with excitement and faith to see what God has in store.

Our Sleepover on December 7th went well. We had about 23 kids. The theme was Superhero's.



Girls Superhero

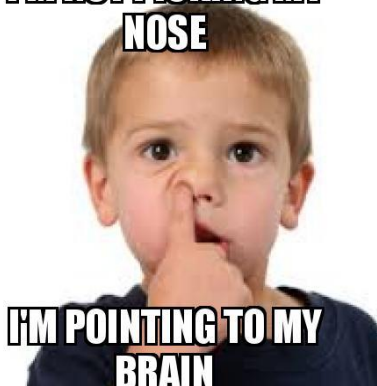


Boys Superhero

We started Planning the kids Retreat on Feb 22nd through the 24th. We are going to be digging in deep on the subject of

"Who is Jesus"

I'M NOT PICKING MY NOSE



Digging Deep

Using our Brains

ONO YOUTH - Jessica Grimes

Our fall youth group series concluded with a trip to Get Air, a trampoline park in Harrisburg. Each youth who attended 6 or more youth groups this fall was treated to a night out of fun! The high school and middle school groups both had Christmas parties in December as well. The middle school group had a great time bowling and doing a gift exchange at Fredericksburg Bowling Center while the high school meet at Jess Grimes' house for a Top Chef Christmas party! We were definitely treated by all of the delicious food each of our teens cooked up! In the end, Teresa Helms, Bethany Snyder and Anna Kolacek were crowned Top Chefs!

As we welcome in 2019, we are excited for what a new year will hold for the youth ministry of Ono Church. In January we will take a night to go ice skating at Klick Lewis Arena. In February we are looking forward to our winter retreats at Kenbrook and Black Rock Retreat. Retreats are always a great time away from the busy schedules and demands of life and a chance to spend some quality time as a group and with God.



January Adult Sunday School Classes:

Main Floor / Rms 22&24: A Biblical study of the book of Ecclesiastes with Dave Hahnlen

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

Ed. / Fellowship Hall(N): Discussion Class

Ed. / Fellowship Hall(E): Ladies Class, Book study; Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life. Authors: Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend; led by Karen Fuhrman and Steph Dissinger

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

Ages 2 – 3 Teachers: Bret and Laura Wiest (meet in lower education wing)

Age 4 – Grade 1 Teachers: Mike and Sherry Wiest

Grades 2 – 4 Teacher: Carolyn Meyer

January Special Birthdays

Our Church Family 80 and over!

1/15 Paul Wentling
1/19 Henry Shuey
1/27 Warren Miller
1/27 Mary Ulrich

Our Missionaries

1/18 Evan Whitman
1/18 Jane Kies
1/23 Daina Datwyler
1/25 Jim Ramsay
1/30 Don Anderson

J.O.Y. *Pantry Wish List:*

Canned Fruits,

Canned Vegetables: Beets, Carrots, Peas, Lima Beans.

Canned Pasta

Baked Beans

Creamed Soups

Vegetable Soup

Instant Potatoes

Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Spam.

Toilet Paper

Laundry Detergent.

Thank you!

LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

January Wish List:

Canned Meats

Beef Stew

Boxes of Instant Potatoes

Boxes of Scallop Potatoes

Canned Chili

Soups

Beef/Chicken Broth

Juices of all kind

Grape and Strawberry Jelly

Creamy Peanut Butter

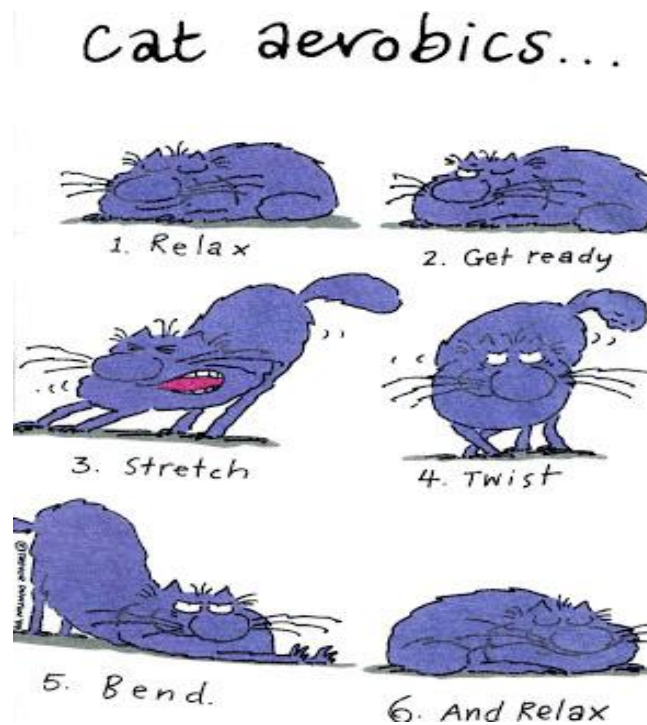
Spaghetti/Marinara Sauce

2019 Ono Art Classes!

Be sure to check out the sign-up sheet
located in our Main Narthex.

1st Class is Tuesday, Feb. 5th!

Class size is limited, don't delay!



ONOROBICS

every monday and thursday @ 6pm

Have you heard about
Ono?



nights in

There's something for everyone!

For the kids - Kids 4 Jesus

Teens - Youth Production Team

Adults - Bible Study

With nursery care!

We hope you've had a chance to drive by the church in the evening this Christmas time! It's beautiful!



Our 2018 Living Nativity moved inside! The weather didn't cooperate for the traditional outside program, but that didn't put a damper on the joy that filled our hall ways!
We all got cozy in our sanctuary where a stable appeared with few shepherds, wise men and angels shining bright!

Thank you volunteers!!!

**Cookie bakers, costume makers
Decorations hung, lights up and strung.
Shepherds watching, Wise men wandering
Cars a parking, stars a sparkling.
Visitors welcomed, vacuums running.**

This couldn't have happened without every single one of you!

