

Good News in Ono



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You were called to this kind of endurance, because Christ suffered on your behalf. He left you an example so that you might follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, nor did he ever speak in ways meant to deceive. When he was insulted, he did not reply with insults. When he suffered, he did not threaten revenge. Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He carried in his own body on the cross the sins we committed. He did this so that we might live in righteousness, having nothing to do with sin. By his wounds you were healed. Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives.

-1 Peter 2. 21- 25 (CEB)

The example of Christ is an exceptionally difficult one to follow. Christians, however, are given no choice. There is no option of ignoring that example. In baptism, we are to be clothed with Christ (Galatians 3. 27). We are reminded that as we are united with Christ, we are one in spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6. 17). Therefore, we need to look to and follow the example set before us by Christ. We need to accept the truth that this is uniquely different from society and difficult to follow. Peter points out that he did not reply to insults when insulted. He did not threaten revenge, but trusted in God's justice. He did this to set us an example. Even better, His obedience has set us free so that we may be faithful in our obedience. Let us seek to always encourage us to respond as Christ would.

The Special Conference of the United Methodist Church is now completed. The Body decided to maintain our traditional stance on human sexuality and attempt to hold clergy and denominational leaders to higher accountability. My theology and interpretation of Scripture affirms this position. At the same time, my heart breaks. It breaks for the people who have been harmed by the decision. It breaks for the "winners" vs. "losers" mentality that we have established as a Church. I have already heard the insults and degradation over the outcome. I know that no matter what was decided those on the opposite side would probably revert to language that insults and degrades - certainly not language that honors our faith. It is important to me that I do not join in that rhetoric. I remain committed to speaking honestly and without insults. I will not threaten, nor will I seek to degrade those who degrade me or my theological position. I will love because that is what our Savior did for us - even while we were yet far from Him (Romans 5. 8).

So allow me to make my stance exceptionally firm. God loves you. His love is not based on how good you have lived your life. He loves you with every fault you have and every failure that will come. His love surpasses anything in all of Creation (Romans 8. 38- 39). That means God loves you even when you fail to live to the exceptionally difficult standards of Christ. It even means that God loves the LGBTQ+ community that is hurting by the decision and needs to know God loves them. While that community may disagree with my understanding of Scripture and human sexuality, that disagreement will not stop me from loving them to the absolute best of my ability. I will continue to seek to help all people know God's love and that God's Spirit desires to root and grow in their life (Ephesians 3. 17). Ono UMC is not a place where anyone should feel unwelcomed. Ono is a place where all may experience the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Ono UMC is a place where the love of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit will continue to help us to be faithful in our response to God and our obligation to seek His Kingdom and His will above all else. Let us be witnesses to our community and our denomination that love, not matter how hard it is at times, will be our guide. Because our guide is God and God is love (1 John 4.8). I love you all. Thank you for the privilege of being your Pastor.

Pastor Robb



VISION

February was a month of weekends away on retreat for the youth of Ono. The Middle School enjoyed a great weekend at Kenbrook Bible Camp. *Luke Wentling* was our guest speaker and presented great lessons about the gospel. Our kids prepared and shared skits, learned some memory verses and new songs, and played some fun games. They also painted rocks as a project to share kindness with our community. This month we will be distributing the rocks to parks and outdoor areas in the community...be on the lookout for our rocks and let us know if and where you find one and pass it on!

The high school youth group travelled to Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville, Pa. Our theme for the weekend was fearless as we studied great biblical examples like Daniel, Joshua, Esther and Paul. We also learned 2 Timothy 1:7 - For God did not give you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-control. We also had a lot of fun with a game of fear factor and we had groups put together music videos full of a mash up of songs all about fear which included crazy costumes and awesome dance moves! One highlight of the weekend was a visit from *Sean Knauff* and *Mike Agliotta* who demonstrated and show us moves of self-defense - it was so much fun!

In March, we are looking forward to beginning a youth confirmation class on March 10. Any youth grade 6-12 is invited to be a part of this class which will meet during Sunday school for 12 weeks. Youth will hear testimonies from leaders of the church, learn basic Christian theology and help plan the Good Friday service. Then on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, youth will be confirmed and baptized.

Jessica Grimes

Ono Children's Ministry



January and February have been busy Planning all the events coming up. We are so excited for the Children's retreat. We had our slime party and it was awesome!



We had 31 kids and a lot of Slime! (Go Figure)

Kids 4 Jesus is going Great. The kids are doing an awesome job at learning the books of the old testament. We do a bible find drill

where the kids race to look up a bible verse. It is great to see how much faster they are at finding the verses since we have been memorizing the books!

Do you Like Nerf Guns! Would you like to participate in a nerf gun battle? We are having a

Nerf Gun Battle night on March 16th from 4-6pm

at the Church. (2nd through 5th grade)

Please Keep Melissa and I in your prayers as we continue to trust God as He shows us how to direct the children to Jesus.

Many thanks to all our helpers and volunteers who take time to Guide and Direct the Children of the Church and community.

Many Blessings!

Melissa and Kerry



How do I know if I should request a Stephen Minister?

If you're facing a challenge you can't deal with on your own, or if you find yourself wearing out your friends and family with your problems, a Stephen Minister might be right for you. Stephen Ministers are specially equipped to walk with you through problems large and small.

Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastor benefits because caring ministry at Ono is expanded. Most of all, you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it.

Want more information?

Contact Eric Wentling or Sandy Pennycoff, the two Stephen Leaders at Ono UMC.

“SENIOR” SPOTLIGHT: *Lloyd Reigel*

Lloyd was born on April 9, 1929 to Raymond and Bertha while living in Rutherford Heights. In 1931 they moved to the Grantville area and then on to Ono where they ran a dairy farm on Dead End Road. His father worked at Indiantown Gap so Lloyd helped his mother run the farm. Every morning he milked the 9-15 cows before walking about one mile to the one-room school in McGillstown. In the evening, he milked them again. Lloyd had 4 siblings, older sister, Mabel and younger ones Richard, Mary Jane and Janet.

He quit school in his sophomore year because he told his teacher he wanted to be a mechanic. To earn money he trapped muskrats, skunks, opossums and one time he even trapped a fox. He sold them at Sunset. Sometimes his Grandpa would slip him \$10. He bought his first car, a 1927 Chevy, at age 15 for \$100 but he had to rebuild the motor. In 1948 he won a brand-new car for \$1.00 after buying 5 chances for \$1.00 at the Newmanstown Carnival. What a happy day that was! Fords are his favorite vehicles.

On Sunday afternoons they would hitch up the one-horse sleigh to his horse, Scotty, and go for rides. Once during a snowstorm, he loaded up a neighbor girl suffering from appendicitis and took her across the fields to McGillstown to meet the doctor. Art Miller went along walking on one side while Lloyd walked on the other to steady the sleigh.

His family attended Steelstown EC Church and when the boys and girls were old enough to behave, they all sat in the front row of church with the boys on one side and the girls on the other. He had a good SS teacher who sometimes took the class on trips or played games with them. They went sledding, ice skating, and played hockey. He was baptized and became a Christian at the age of 12.

He met the love of his life in 1947 at the Casino Roller Rink in Lebanon. Grace worked there as a soda jerk and she could skate better than him. One night he gave her a ride home and the rest was history! They started dating in January and were married that same year on June 11, 1949 in the Lutheran church in Lebanon. They wanted to get married on roller skates but the pastor wasn't keen on the idea! The reception was held outside and hotdogs were served. They had a small cake that only fed about half the people so some of his friends went and bought more cake.

They bought their home in Ono in 1949. Lloyd worked for Shuey Sales and Service until Jonas Donmoyer offered him a job and when he turned 21, Jonas offered him a truck driving job doing many trips to NY.

When Grace was pregnant and pretty well along, she wanted to go sledding, so Raymond Funck brought along a piece of tin and while going down the hill, they were told to “lean”. Lloyd leaned one way and Grace leaned the other and she caught her foot on the tin and had to be taken to the doctor. At that time the doctor knew she was carrying twins but never told them. What a surprise when in May of 1950 they became the parents of twin girls, Jean and Jane. Their son, Jerry was born a few years later.

Grace had quit school two months before she graduated when her mother passed away. Sometime in the 1950's they both went to Harrisburg to get their GED's. Lloyd passed but Grace did not and she said “It's okay, I don't need that anyway.”

Jonas Donmoyer was building the Texaco station along Route 22 and asked Lloyd to be in charge. He was a good employee and Jonas believed in him. Lloyd operated the station from July 4, 1957 until July 4, 1991. During those years he had many opportunities to help people. He used his wrecker many times at all hours. He even used it to haul an old furnace out of someone's basement. One time the state police called him and he used it to haul a safe that someone had blown up and throw down over an embankment. A black family from MS stopped at his station on their way to NJ in a dilapidated car to attend the funeral of the man's mother. They were out of gas and money and he asked if he could do anything to earn some money. Lloyd noticed 2 small children and a baby in the car. He filled their gas tank, put oil in, and gave them \$20 to get something to eat at Fern's Diner. They must have told Fern that Lloyd gave them the money and she would not accept it. They wanted to return it to Lloyd but he refused and said "what he gives, he doesn't take back." Pastor George Atkins was listening to the exchange of conversation and when the man mentioned that they needed diapers, Pastor George went to the store and came back with a huge carton of diapers. Upon their return trip from NJ, they stopped and asked Lloyd, why he did what he did for them and Lloyd said, "The good Lord must have told me to."

The Jonestown Bible church youth group wanted to go to California and had an old bus. They asked Lloyd if he would "fix it". He tore it all apart, put 2 new tires on the front, replaced the back tires with better ones, replaced the whole exhaust system, installed a larger gas tank, replaced belts and the radiator. He set the governor at 55MPH and said a prayer that they would get to CA. They blew the horn when they passed his station on the way there and again on the way back. They were blessed often. When he went out of business, he gave away most of his tools to employees and family members and only kept a few for himself. He sold the business to Steve Hoerner who had been Lloyd's employee for about 12 years.

He enjoyed bowling and he had a team for 20-25 years. He also enjoyed fishing trips to Canada. He dressed as Santa and used a 2 wheeled cart and pony to go through Ono. He was an organizer of the Ono Fire Company and served about 28 years, some as fire chief. He worked for East Hanover Township as a mechanic and a driver. He and Art Miller ran against each other for township auditor. Just for fun they made a deal that whoever lost would have to push the other one in a wheel barrel through Ono. Art won and Lloyd pushed!

Lloyd served on the board of Trustees at Ono for about 25 years and as President the year they broke ground for the new sanctuary. He asked Rev. Strickler where they would get all the people to fill it and Rev. Strickler said not to worry. He donated his time snow plowing the parking lot for many years. He even tried his hand as the groundskeeper for a year.

His advice to young men would be:

1. Go to church and become a Christian during your teen years.
2. When you meet a good Christian girl, treat her right and make sure you have your life together so you will be able to plan your future.
3. Always ask your wife before you make big purchases..."Happy Wife-Happy Life."

His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd...." He memorized that verse as a little boy in Steelstown. Thank you, Lloyd, for sharing this interview with us! *Lloyd currently resides in Room 12 at Countryside Christian Community.*



EMPTY BOWLS

E V E N T

Lenten Family Night

Sunday, March 10, 2019

----- 6:00 PM -----

RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS

TO ASSIST OUR LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

WITH YOUR DONATION, YOU WILL CHOOSE AN EMPTY BOWL AND FILL IT WITH A WONDERFUL ASSORTMENT OF DELICIOUS HOME-MADE SOUPS.

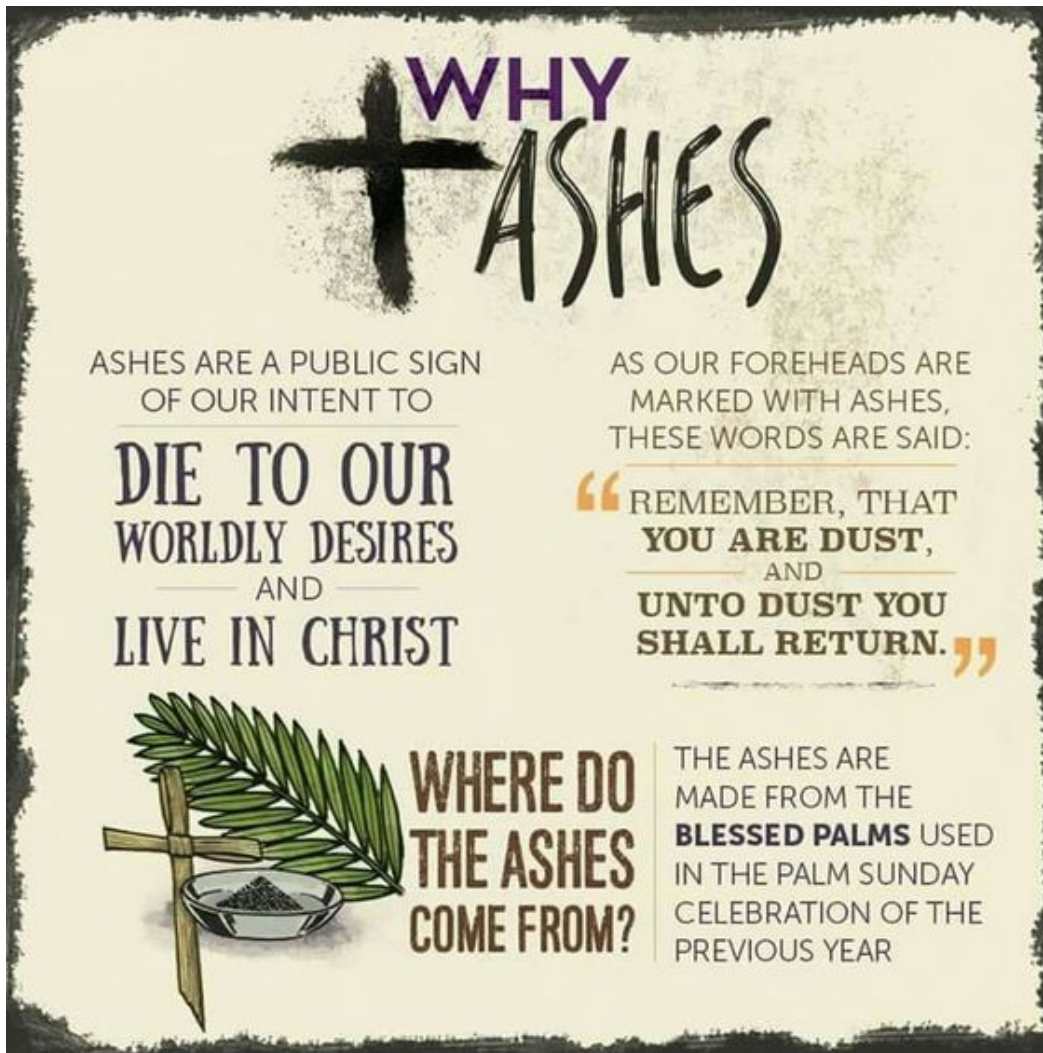
TO MAKE THINGS A LITTLE INTERESTING...

PASTOR ROBB IS SACRIFICING HIS BEARD!

"CUT THE BEARD" OR "KEEP THE BEARD"

\$100.00 = 1 INCH YOU DECIDE!

WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO SOME LOCAL MINISTRIES THAT WORK DIRECTLY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN DISTRESS.



Lent 2019: Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, The evening before Easter (April 20th). Our local churches will be gathering together each Wednesday evening during Lent 2019!

We will begin the evening with a Pot-Luck Dinner

Followed by a time of group study. The whole family is invited!

Meal served at 6:00pm – Transition at 6:45pm – Group Gatherings at 7:00pm

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hosting Church</u>	<u>Topic of Study</u>	<u>Please Bring for Dinner</u>
March 6	Jonestown	Ash Wednesday	Side Dish
March 13	Ono	Worship	Main Dish
March 20	Trinity-Lickdale	Prayer/Fasting	Side Dish
March 27	Fredericksburg	Bible Study	Dessert
April 3	Jonestown	Journaling	Dessert
April 10	Ono	Generosity	Main Dish

March Adult Sunday School Classes:

Main Floor / Rms 22&24: A Study on Biblical Characters with Dave Hahnen

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

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

Ages 2 – 3 Teachers: Brad and Tanya High (meet in lower education wing)

Age 4 – Grade 1 Teachers: Kelly Leiss and helper

Grades 2 – 4 Teacher: Sean Knauff and helper

March Special Birthdays

Our Church Family 80 and over!

3/2 Ken Shaud
3/13 Marion Parker
3/26 Gladys Hartman
3/31 Shirley Symanski

J.O.Y. Pantry Wish List:

Canned Fruits, Noodles, Ramen
Canned Vegetables: Beets, Carrots, Peas, Lima Beans.
Canned Pasta, Baked Beans, Creamed Soups, Vegetable Soup
Instant Potatoes, Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Stews, Spam, Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Dish Detergent, **Thank you!**

LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

February Wish List:

Canned Meats, Beef Stew, Boxes of Instant Potatoes
Boxes of Scallop Potatoes, Canned Chili w beans, Soups
Beef/Chicken Broth, Juices of all kind, Grape and Strawberry Jelly(18&32 oz.)
Creamy Peanut Butter, Spaghetti/Marinara Sauce
Canned Applesauce, Canned Cream Corn, Canned Peaches
Stage 1,2 and 3 Baby Food, **Thank you!**

ONOROBICS

every Monday and Thursday @ 6pm



The Easter Choir has begun! Practice is **Thursday at 7:00pm.** All ages are welcome come be a part of this *intergenerational* choir as we prepare for an Easter celebration performance on *Sunday, April 21st* at both services.

2019 Art Show

- Ono Art Ministry -

It is our pleasure to present, once again
our artists and their works.

March 26th at 7:00 – 8:00pm



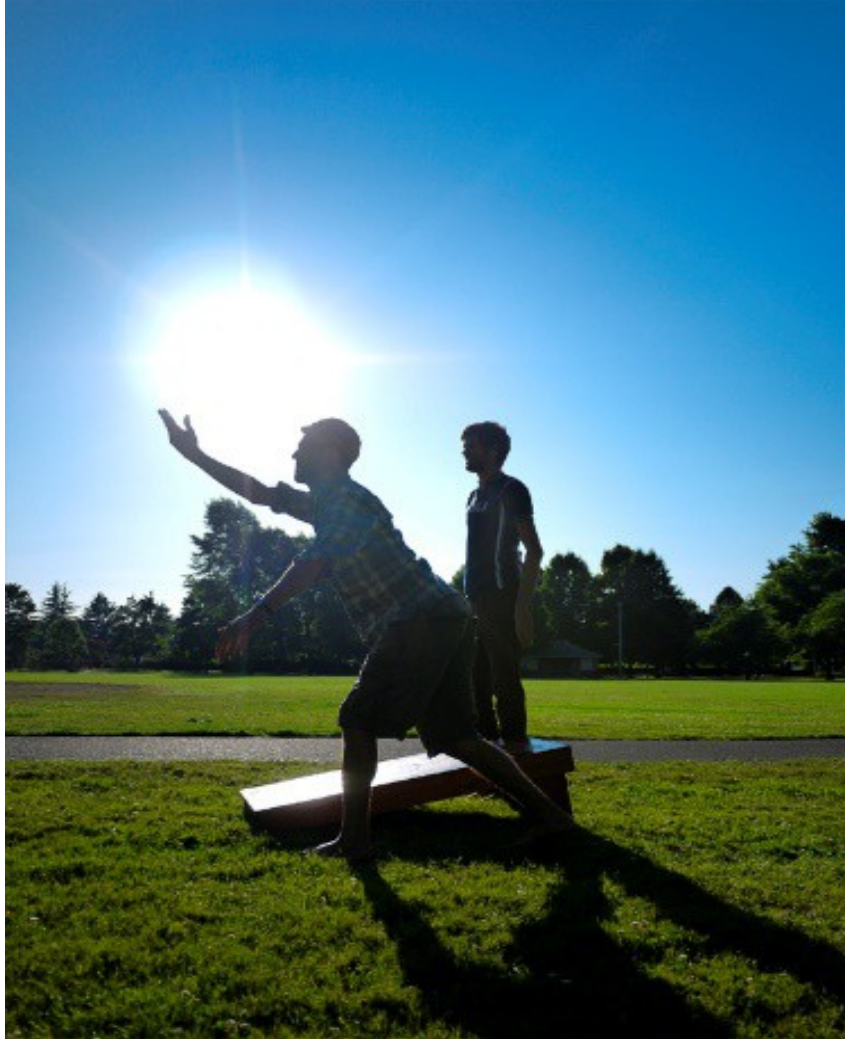
Volleyball is in the Air!

Any youth (minimum age: entering grade 7 in the fall)

or

adults interested in playing on a team may see or phone Mike Edris (717-460-4063). Games are played on Thursdays.

SAVE – THE – DATE



Saturday, March 30th – 1:00pm

Ono is having its first

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!

Age groups will be:

9yrs and under

10-14yrs

15yr - Adult