

# Good News in Ono



**December**2019



*I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.*

*-Romans 8. 18- 25*

I find it amusing how life changes things. As a child, I loved this time of year. I would wait with breathless anticipation for the presents that I would receive. I loved all of the candy, cookies and cakes that would inevitably be a part of the dining experience- we did not have deserts on an average night! My family would drive around in the dark with no head lights as we looked at the luminaries lining the street and that one family who over did their house for Christmas (that family still does!). I even got to sleep by the tree some nights when my parents made me give up my bed to older visiting relatives. It felt like indoor camping! Then I got older. The season seems more stressful than other seasons. I am not particularly fond of Christmas music. The magic I once sensed now seems blasé. People probably think I am a real grinch- and sometimes I feel the part!

While I might not enjoy everything about the season, from the Church's perspective, Advent is about the anticipation of the coming Christ. While we frequently think of that as the child, the word derives from the coming of Christ to fully redeem us all- commonly called the Second Coming. Yes, the Church is not simply remembering His birth from two-thousand years ago, the Church joins my childlike anticipation for the greatest gift we can receive- the complete freedom from slavery to decay and into the glorious freedom of God's children!

Paul is talking about this moment in Romans 8. I like the imagery of groaning as we wait to be set free! In the Faller house the children could not wake up the parents until 6 AM. My youngest sister would wake me up super early and we would encamp at the top of the steps and outside their bedroom door. It was agonizing! After waiting for what seemed like an eternity, we would recheck the clock. Five minutes have passed. Arghhhh. Then the time would come and we would be set free to enter my parent's room. Dad would go make coffee and ensure that Santa had come. Again, it felt like forever (it did take a while because he was actually putting out the presents for 6 children!). Finally, we would see his form at the bottom of the steps and be given permission to go down and join the celebration! What joy it was!

As I age, I look forward to when Jesus calls me into His presence. My heart, mind and soul ache to be set free from this life of decay. While some will ask me if I think Jesus will return before I die, I simply respond either way it doesn't matter. Some day He will come for me. Advent is a time to anticipate that coming. I love Paul's words- the suffering for this time is not worth comparing to the joy that is to come. May we, like children, wait with gleeful anticipation for the coming of our Lord and Savior to set us free and bring us into His glorious presence.

*Pastor Robb*

# Ono Youth Ministry



November is a great time to pause and be grateful. We also always enjoy our time shopping and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We pray God will use each gift to bless the lives of many children. Our high schoolers held an overnighter on a cold November night. Together we did a night hike and camp fire and then came back to the church for lots of food, fun and fellowship! The middle schoolers enjoyed a scavenger hunt and some glow in -the- dark wiffle ball games at a local park.



At our November Sweet Hour of Prayer, the youth talked about being grateful for the people of the church who do many jobs that go unnoticed and/or unappreciated. The Apostle Paul was so thankful for the role the local church played in his life and he prayed often for them. We did the same for the many, many volunteers at Ono church with little game of “Whodunit?” and a time of prayer for them. Can you name the individual(s) who serve the church below? PS—This list is not exhaustive and we

apologize if your name/service didn't make the list this time.

1. Who prepares the communion elements for worship?
2. Who changes the sign in the front of the building?
3. Who types and print the bulletin each week?
4. Who helps fold the bulletins every Thursday?
5. Who runs the over 80's group?
6. Who puts together the monthly newsletter?
7. Who buys drinks for almost every church event?
8. Who pays the bills for the church?
9. Who cleans the toilets?
10. Who takes care of the all the clearances for teachers?
11. Who mows the grass at the church?
12. Who updates the website on a regular basis?
13. Who organizes the Operation Christmas Child drive each year?
14. Who schedules the nursery volunteers?
15. Who schedules the greeters for Sunday morning worship?
16. Who is responsible for people coming to know Jesus?

# ***Ono Children's Ministry***

## **Manger Tales**

Come support the kiddos as they present the Christmas Play On December 8th from 7 till 8pm

Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall

Kids retreat will be *Februaury 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>*

The theme is "How sweet is God"

Camp Barachel (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

\$20 per child

As Kids4Jesus comes to an end for 2019, we have been so blessed to have a few new kiddos. We have a very young class who are hungry for the word of God.

We are looking forward to our trip to **sweet Lights** on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. Hoping for a fun and relaxing time enjoying the lights at Hershey.

Thanks for all the support and prayers for 2019. Praying that 2020 will be a year of growth and understanding of god and his word.

***Have a Merry Christmas***

The Ollar's





**A heartfelt Thank you to our Emergency Crews and their families as they worship and work among us! Thank you to all who donated for the snack drive!**

**One small way we can show we care!**



## **Save-A-Tape**

Just a reminder to continue saving your Redner's grocery tapes. Our church receives 1% of the total receipts, which goes into the Building Fund. To be eligible, the tapes must have "save a tape" information printed at the bottom of the receipt. If it doesn't, please do not submit that tape. Please do not submit torn off or partial receipts. Tapes can be dropped off in the Redner's basket on the Collection Corner table at the elevator.

If you have any questions, please contact Nita Grubb.

*Thank You!*

# Everybody's Birthday Party!

We all had so much fun celebrating everybody's birthday in style! A big Birthday  
Thank you to each of our host's and all those that shared a sweet talent for our  
entertainment! `



Surprise visit from Santa and one of his merry elves!



Staff Parish Relation Committee received Donna Walmer's  
resignation on 11/18/19 as Ono's Membership Secretary.  
We would like to take this moment to  
thank her for all that she's done  
to contribute to God's Kingdom!





## December Adult Sunday Morning Classes: 9:30-10:15am

**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; The Armor of God - Bible Study book more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory. "An action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. Author: Priscilla Shirer; led by Karen Fuhrman and Steph Dissinger

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## December Children's Church: 10:30am

**Ages 2-3 Teachers:** Linda Edris and Della Moyer (lower education wing)

**Age 4-grade 1 Teachers:** Staci Murray and helper (meet in fellowship hall)

**Grades 2-5 Teachers:** Eric and Karen Wentling (meet in room 17)

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## December Nursery

12-1	8am	Ilene Schriver	1030am	Derek and Krystin Blauch
12-8		Shirley Saich and Geri Bashore		Dale and Audrey Gongloff
12-15		Vernice Helms and Diane Nichols		Melissa Sallada & Ginger Hershey
12-22				Mark and Cathy Boyanowski
12-29		Joanne Siegrist and helper		Mark and Cathy Boyanowski

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## December Greeters

12-1	8am	Lou and Mary Evans	1030am	Len, Tammy & family Crawford
12-8		Lou and Mary Evans		Rick, Robin and family Rollman
12-15		Lou and Mary Evans		Brent, Michelle & family Seifert
12-22		Lou and Mary Evans		Jim, Leann & Bethany Snyder
12-29		Lou and Mary Evans		Jean and Larry Richard

## December Birthdays!

Celebrating our "over 80" church family members



12/1	Lois Gringrich
12/4	George Miller
12/6	Jeanne Hauck
12/10	Florence Tashima
12/25	Happy Birthday Jesus

# ONOROBICS

every monday and thursday @ 6pm

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When you walk  
into the ministry  
God has called  
you to...this  
happens! We are  
so thankful for  
Barry and Mary  
College for their  
tireless years of  
service.

Another successful season for operation Christmas Child here at Ono. Official totals are 1,481 boxes. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project by packing a box, donating items or helping at the packing party.

Also thank you to all the helpers during collection week and those who donated their time and trailers to get our cartons to the collection center. Totals for Lancaster Lebanon Counties will be around 30,00 with those official totals later.

Girls - 2-4...270, 5-9...304, 10-14...266 total of 840

Boys - 2-4...188, 5-9...215, 10-14...238 total of 641

In the 8 years of the drop-off location 26,075 shoe box gifts have been collected here at Ono. Praise God for what he has done in and through you as the hands and feet of Jesus.

*"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3*

Thank you for the recognition you have given to me for my involvement in OCC these past years with this wonderful congregation. I have enjoyed all these opportunities of sharing the love of God with all these children around the world. My heart is still with the project but I pray God will lead someone new to be the driving force for OCC in the future.

Thank you,  
Mary College



# Faith & Fellowship

*is not gathering this month. We're looking forward to hearing your family stories in January!*

## Women With Whimsy water color with Tanya High



Thank you Tanya, for teaching us the gift of letting go and letting God take over. Oh how we've grown...fearlessly putting paint to paper. Keep your eyes open for new crafting in the New Year!



## Ono UMC Preschool!

November was a busy time for our preschoolers! We invited everyone's mother to join us for the classes and created special invitations to invite grandparents in December. The teachers enjoyed chatting with the moms. During our curriculum unit on dairy food, we enjoyed visiting with the Dairy Princess and Dairy Misses from Lebanon County!

In December we will decorate a bulletin board in our church hall way to celebrate Christmas. Another special ornament the children will make is to decorate the

Ono Post Office Christmas tree. On Grandparents Day, we will be very busy making ornaments for their Christmas trees. Our last session before our winter holiday vacation, we will meet with Pastor Robb and Dee in the Sanctuary to hear the Christmas Story



## Service Opportunity!

The Gospel Center on N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. in Lebanon serves a free meal every Saturday evening.

Ono church has offered to provide and serve the meal on **Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. You can help in a variety of ways: donations, preparing food or serving food! A worship service is held at 5:30pm and the meal is served at 6:00pm.

We will be leading the worship service (singing/prayer time/short message). If you are interested in helping with this ministry or would like more information, pls contact Jeannette Shuey at 717-644-1831(phone or text) or [m4shuey@comcast.net](mailto:m4shuey@comcast.net)



Ladies Share Group  
Celebrating on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am



## ***It's Christmas Music Night!***

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm**

Every year we are so blessed by many who share their talents through music. Will you consider being a special part of this year's program? Sing, Dance, Read, Act, Play...we can't wait to see what you can do to help us celebrate Christmas together! See Jess Grimes to reserve your spot!



The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone.

**Blue Christmas**  
is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration.

**Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
7:00pm**



## Ono Giving Tree news!

Ono UMC has traditionally offered Angel Tags for her members to purchase Christmas gifts for Lebanon County's Children and Youth Agency. Over the last year, the Outreach Committee has been working toward a project of reaching out to touch the lives of our local foster kids in a new way. That goal led us to this Initiative. We are pleased to announce that Ono UMC is



Lebanon County's new representative for *The Backpacks of Hope* Initiative! A ministry that works to give each child in Lebanon County (*and the surrounding counties*) transitioning into foster care, a backpack containing a few essential items for their first night in care. Our goal *this year*, is to give a pack to each child already in care and to have a supply of bags for future needs as they arise. Our tree has special tags with guidelines for age and gender of each pack. When you choose a tag, know that you can fill it to any degree, filled or partial. Or, you may choose to bring in packing items for our collection

basket. You are invited to our 1<sup>st</sup> ***"Packing Party" on Jan. 11.<sup>th</sup>*** There we will have opportunity to make sure each back pack is filled to the brim with love and goodies. We will also be meeting Cindy King, the creator of BOH. There is a display of an infant's Backpack in the west Narthex along with flyers sharing information about this ministry. Still have questions? Please see Jodi Bomgardner or Dee Faller.

Thank you, everyone...for considering this truly important ministry!

*Our Fathers Hope is the non-profit agency of which Backpacks of Hope is a part of.*

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*We hope you enjoy the simple posts and lanterns in our altar area this year. Lanterns have always been used to lead the way, light our paths and welcome travelers home.*

*As you prepare your hearts and homes for celebration, our hope is that you would see Jesus leading your family in hope, peace, joy and love!*

*Welcome home friends!*

*We're so glad you're here...*

### *Ono Worship Team*

*You will notice some beautifully painted windows down the main hall. If you begin in the west Narthex, they will tell you the Christmas Story!*

*We would like to thank Tanya High for sharing her talent with us. They are perfect!*



## “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”



Charles Wesley

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.*

## Advent 2019 . . . our devotions for the lighting of our Advent Wreath.

### Week 1: Rising Light

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of advent

Join us for our Advent worship series, Arise and Shine. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives. In our worship for the first week in Advent we will celebrate the rising light. Repenting of our sins, we put away the works of darkness and dress in the armor of light.

### Week 2: Reflected Light

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of advent

In our worship for the second week in Advent we will celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world and how we reflect his light in our daily lives.

### Week 3: Healing Light

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of advent

In our worship for the third week in Advent we anticipate with repentant joy the birth of our Savior, listen to his Word and seek to live according to it until he comes again.

### Week 4: Eternal Light

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of advent

In our worship for the fourth week in Advent we look forward to Jesus' Second Advent, when we will be raised in glory to live in his presence and shine like stars forever

# *Advent 2019 Celebration Calendar*

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Communion

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

Children's Christmas Program

7:00pm

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Music Night

7:00pm

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Cantata

8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services

Blue Christmas Service

7:00pm

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm Kid Friendly Service

7:00pm Family Service with candle lighting

10:00pm Worship and Communion Service

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

