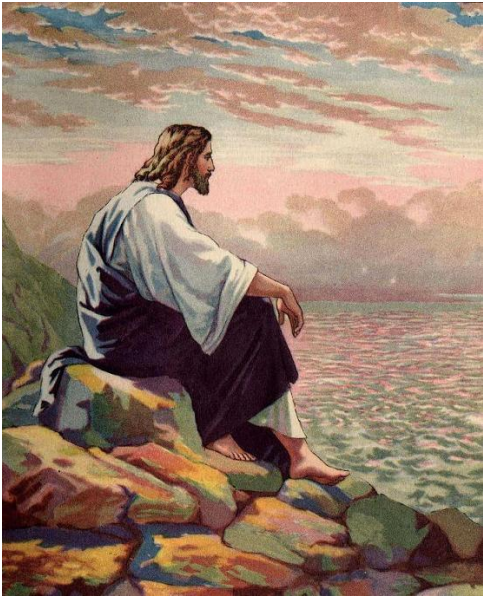


Good News in Ono



*March***2020**

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Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

-John 2. 18- 22 (CEB)

I have been pondering the idea that the Church is the Body of Christ a lot lately. Mostly, I have been thinking about how seriously we should take this concept. For me, it begins with the Jesus and the Temple. The Israelites believed that the temple contained the presence of God. He was contained within the Holy of holies. Therefore, as long as the temple was secured, so was God's presence. Jesus compares Himself to the temple. Clearly, the Jewish leaders and the disciples did not understand this comparison. They worried about the stones that took forty-six years to build. Jesus was pointing out a profound truth- He was God's presence. While they were concerned about the building, Jesus was God's presence right in front of their eyes! They were simply too blind to see God standing right in front of them. Eventually, the disciples would remember this event. They would realize that Jesus was not just a teacher, but God's presence with them- and eventually, within them!

The Church would take up the moniker of the body of Christ. This is because of their understanding of the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit. If God's presence is working within us, then we contain God's presence- much like the Old Testament temple! Even better, we are the work of God's presence in this world! While Jesus no longer physically walks the earth, the Church is called to be His presence- just as He was God's physical presence 2000 years ago! Does that seem crazy? Maybe, but it is how God has chosen to operate. He leads His church so that we can continue His message that the Kingdom of God is at hand! I hope this idea challenges each of us to seek to be His presence in a world desperate to know that God cares about them.

It can be intimidating to think that we are God's representatives on earth. That is why it is so important we understand the power of the Holy Spirit. The early Church never thought that they had the ability to live for God. Instead, they understood that God's presence is what empowers them to seek and work for God's will (Romans 8. 26). That is why it is so important for us to remain focused on God's presence in our lives. Apart from Him, we are spiritually dead. With the leading of the Holy Spirit, we bring God's presence into this world. May God's Holy Spirit be with us all so that His name will be glorified in everything we do!

Pastor Robb

Ono Youth Ministry



2020 is off to great start! This year the youth group has adopted the word "NOW" as our guiding word for 2020 with "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) as a guiding verse. Our desire is to win each day and live one day at a time in the present in the NOW because our youth are not the church of the future...they are the church right NOW!

Our winter retreats were such awesome weekends of fun and growing! The High Schoolers went to Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, PA and spent time understanding how God is part of our Stories. The middle schoolers went to Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon and learned all about our Identity in Christ and who God says we are! Thank you, Ono Church, for supporting these times for our youth to get away and get with God!



Our high school mission team is very excited to be planning and preparing for our summer mission trip to Philadelphia July 12, 17, 2020. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Sweetheart dinner. We raised over \$1000! We will be holding a candy sale over Easter weekend to support our trip, too! Items will be available for donation at the Kids' Egg Hunt on April 11 and at both Easter morning services! Also mark your calendar for our Silent Auction on May 17th.



The Easter Choir has begun practicing to share a cantata on Plan Sunday, April 5. All adults and youth are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 7pm.

All Ono kids are asked to come and use their voices and be a part of the children's Easter Choir. We are practicing on Sunday mornings at 9:30am during KidszPraise and will have a few extra practices on Wednesday evenings and a dress rehearsal on Saturday April 11 after the egg hunt as well! This Children's Easter Choir will sing on Easter Sunday morning at both of morning worship services!



Ono Children's Ministry

Our Children's retreat at Camp Barachel was Awesome. We planted many seeds and had 3 kiddos accept Jesus. How great is That?



We just started to planning for VBS is year. It is Going to be an awesome week to invest into the lives of all the kiddos!

VBS June 14th – 18th (3yrs old – 5th grade)

6:30pm – 8:30pm

I am looking for prizes to put in my Ollar Dollar Store. The Ollar dollar store is a place where the kiddos (5yrs old to 5th grade) earn Ollar Dollars (memorizing verses, answering questions, helping etc) and get to turn them in for prizes at the end of May. If you would like to donate that would be great!

Have a blessed month!

Mr. K



March Adult Sunday Morning Classes: 9:30-10:15am

Main Floor / Rms 22&24: A Study on the book of Ephesians with Dave Hahnlen

Main Floor / Rm 27: Adults Class

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

March Children's Church: 10:30am

Ages 2-3 Teachers: Clay and Leslie George (lower education wing)

Age 4-grade 1 Teachers: Kelly Leiss and helper (meet in room 23)

Grades 2-5 Teachers: Sean Knauff and helper (meet in room 17)

March Nursery

3-1-20	8am	Ilene Schriver	1030am	Melissa Sallada & Ginger Hershey
3-8-20		Shirley Saich and Geri Bashore		Staci Murray & Katie Govern
3-15-20		Vernice Helms and Diane Nichols		Nelson and Jodi Bomgardner
3-22-20		Dale and Audrey Gongloff		Mike and Tammy Long
3-29-20		Joanne Siegrist		Mike and Tammy Long

March Greeters

3-1-20	8am	Kathy Smith	1030am	Jerry, Dawn Fessler & Family
3-8-20		Kathy Smith		Derek, Krystin Blauch & Family
3-15-20		Linda Umbrell		Keith and Tammy Blauch
3-22-20		Bruce and Jeri Peiffer		Dustin, Danielle Blauch & Family
3-29-20		Bruce and Jeri Peiffer		Erin Ulrich, Anna & Sam



March Birthdays!

Celebrating our "over 80" church family members

3/2	Ken Shaud
3/13	Marion Parker
3/14	Leonard McFeaters
3/24	Gladys Hartman
3/31	Shirley Symanski



Thank you Church, for sharing your
special pottery pieces
with us for our Lenten Journey.

*2 Kings 4:3 and Elisha said, "Borrow as
many empty jars as you can from your
friends and neighbors."*

We asked...and y'all were generous!

Art Ministry 2020

Remaining Class dates are:

4th class - 3-10

5th class - 3-17

3rd class - 3-3

6th class - 3-24

Art Show March 31st

Fellowship Hall

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Everyone's invited!



Backpacks of Hope update:



March Collection:

Reading books for all ages and Journals

Donations can be place in the Local Mission Bins

near the elevator.

Thank you!



Brochures for Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center

are available on the table by the Library and in the narthex. Ono Church will pay ½ of your child's camp cost, up to \$200.00.

If yu register your child online, please remember to give the paperwork to the office to receive the credit. We need a copy of the paper showing the camper's name, name of camp and the cost of the camp. Register by March 31st to receive an Early Bird Gift.



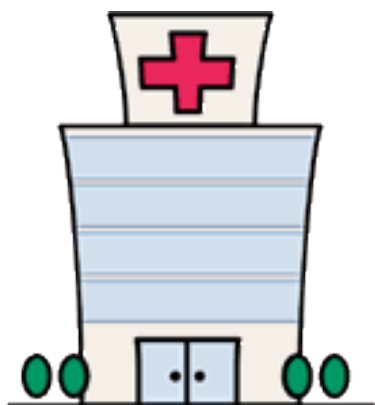
Volleyball is in the air!

Any Youth - minimum age: entering grade 7 in the fall
and adults interested in playing on a team may see or phone

Mike Edris at 717-460-4063

Games are played on Thursdays

(Registration deadline is March 20th)



Hospital Admissions:

Please inform the church office when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility. The federal HIPPA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information without your expressed permission. Not all health care facilities have chaplains on staff to contact us about your admissions. A phone call to the church office at 717-865-7469 will help us to respond to you with pastoral care.



Sunday
3-8 @ 6:30pm

Do your finances reflect your values and priorities?

If you find budgeting and discussing your finances challenging, this workshop is for you!

Attend the **Values-Based Budgeting** education workshop, created by Thrivent. This fast-paced, interactive session is designed to help you create a budget and communicate your strategy to those closest to you. During the workshop, you'll learn:

- How to manage your money as you work toward your goals.
- How to develop a budget.
- Ways to discuss your finances with others.

Where: Ono United Methodist Church

When: 3-22-2020 @ 12noon

Sign up for this free money management workshop today!

To pre-register call Barb at 717-865-7469



2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday

March 28th

1:00pm-3:00pm

Registration information to come!

Gospel Center

3-28-2020

5:30pm

Call Jeannette S. at 717-644-1831



News letter submissions deadline: 3rd Sunday ea. Month

Please email to Dee Faller - deefaller@gmail.com