

Good News in Ono



May 2020

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.



-1 Timothy 6. 17- 19 (CEB)

I have lived a life of relative certainty. I grew up in the same house that my parents still live in at the bottom of a small cul-de-sac. With six children, every family on the block had at least one child in the same grade as a sibling, so we were close knit circle. We all played together, bounced from yard to yard, lea by a variety of parents, but always returning home for the evening meal and bed time. Every summer, I spent a week out with my grandparents in Pittsburgh and a week up at the farm near Scranton. I enjoyed those weeks, but I always knew that when the time was done, I could return home. The familiar sounds, sights and smells were also there to greet me. It took an entire semester living in South Chicago for me to realize how blessed I truly was. Months of being hyper aware of my surroundings and having to figure out where my next meal would come from was very eye opening. All that seemed certain at home, it was not in the Olive Branch Mission where I resided. Life there was uncertain. The streets seemed different every day. I had to be alert to my surroundings to ensure my safety. That uncertainty was draining!

Paul was writing to his mentee, Timothy. He used an illustration that we could still remind ourselves of today. Hope can be placed in a lot of things here on earth. Many of us place our hope on money or maybe the security of our job or profession. It only takes one event to remind us of how uncertain those things can be. I have concluded that we typically think things are more certain than they are. Perhaps it is our own way to feel secure. Perhaps it helps us to not be nervous about the frailty of life. Regardless of the reasons, our certainty is often found misplaced! Paul reminds us that there is one thing we can be certain of- our hope rests in God! While all the other things can fail, it is against God's nature to fail. God might not always grant us our hearts desires, but He does always grant us the love and grace we need. Paul will remind us that true life comes when we realize what is truly important in life. That is faithful service in Jesus Christ. While everything we trust here on earth can fail, praise God that His grace is worthy of our hope!

This past month has been challenging and rewarding for me. I was always certain that we would be able to worship together. I had never even pondered what life would be like if we could not come together as a church on Sunday mornings! Yet, after months of only gathering in Spirit and online, I still know that God's grace is with us all! I have seen the joy of people's faces as they receive unexpected "gifts" from the church (baked goods, candy-filled eggs, cookies, cards, etc.). I have seen the joy on people's faces as they drop off or pick up face masks. I have seen the joy on people's faces as they hand out boxes of food and as they have received them! I have felt the joy of people realizing that even though life has been different, God's presence has remained! Be encouraged! Take heart! God is still offering us hope, love and grace even when the world seems like it is falling apart! When it is all said and done, may this time remind us where we really need to put our hope. The things of this world can and will pass away- there is no doubt about it. But our trust is not in this world. Our hope is in Christ alone! May that hope empower us to be His presence in a world desperate to know there is hope!

Pastor Robb



Youth May 2020

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Risen Savior! I feel a bit like the Apostle Paul having to use letters writing as a primary form of communication with our church family. I truly miss times of handshakes and hugs with everyone – and mostly I just miss people! But we continue pressing on in ministry as we wait out this pandemic.

The youth of the church have been meeting on Wednesday and Sunday evenings “as normal” except via Zoom. We have been doing short bible studies/discussions times together and always end with prayer time for any needs people have. I try to also include some fun games to get everyone engaged. One week we did a virtual scavenger hunt and the winner won a pizza delivered to their house. Our winner was Amelia Schriver (shown below). Congrats! Also we have over 20 youth participating in a devotional challenge for 4 weeks. Each week students work through the weekly readings and then on Monday nights we meet on Zoom to go over things and point out the highlights. I am excited for how God will use His word and times of study/discussion to grow the faith of these young people! Can you be praying for them as well?



YOUTH SUNDAY 2020 is going to happen! On Sunday, May 17 the youth will be leading our worship services on Youtube. We are looking forward to their leadership and empowering our young people as part of the church of today!

As things go on longer than we expected, please let me know if you or your family needs anything. Being isolated can make us struggle emotionally as well. If you ever need someone to just talk to and listen, you can always call me or we can set up a socially distant visit. You are loved by our awesome God and by me! **-Jess Grimes**

Ono Children's Ministry

Hello All.

I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe. This has been a very challenging time trying to do online ministry.

I have been praying that God will show me different ways to reach out to the kiddos. I am a person who likes to go against the grain and do stuff different than other people. Now I understand why God gave me the imagination that I have. Maybe that is why Melissa tells me I am the biggest kid she knows.

Challenges are just ways for us to grow our faith in Christ. They are not always easy but God sees the bigger Picture. Our House is crazy with a 4-year-old boy who likes to rough house and a 5th grader who has hours of homework every day. Did I say our kids always get along (Yeah Right)? A wife who changed shifts at work and fulltime ministry. And we all are on a lockdown (Fun Times).

Times right now might be rough, but make me realize that I am so Blessed as a Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Friend and Children's Pastor. I am realizing even more that the things that we think are important are not as important as we think.

I have been doing a lot of praying and Listening to God. I must admit it is not always easy. I was just pouring out my heart telling him that I feel like an animal in a cage with a muzzle on. God kept telling me one word.

Obedience

Mr. K



Blessings of Hope Food Share

Wednesday, May 6th

4:30-5:30pm

@ Ono UMC

Pass the word!!

 Bulletin

Capital Campaign

April Good News

Prayer Request Wall

Fill out the form and we will put your request on the prayer wall. Know that God always hears your prayers.



Our YouTube Page

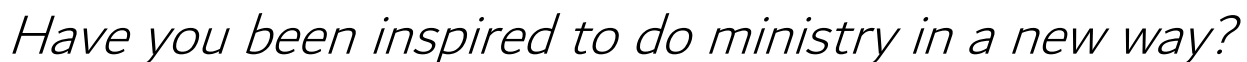
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Connect with us on line at:

onochurch.org



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.

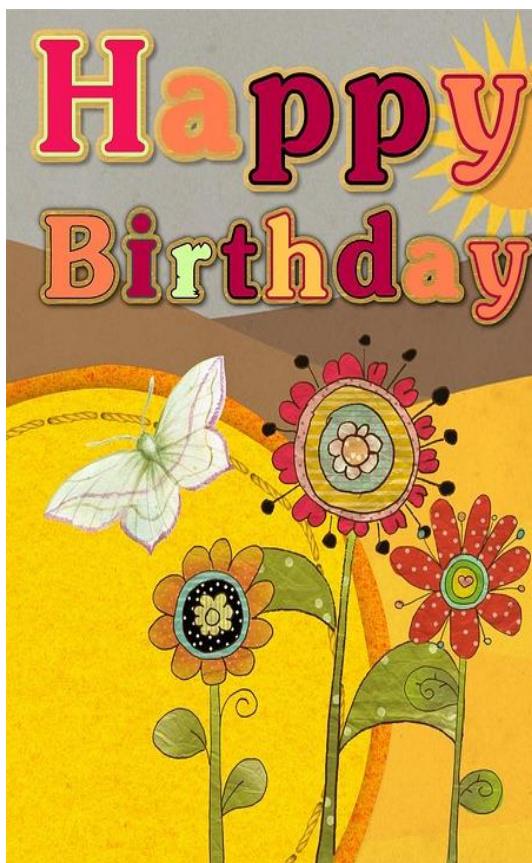


Do you need help getting started?

Let us help you, help others!

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

5/1 Jodi Bomgardner
 5/2 Sally Boyer
 5/2 Bret Wiest
 5/3 Mathew Meyer
 5/3 Jenna Reiber
 5/4 Madison Pho
 5/5 Payton Artley
 5/6 Sean Knauff
 5/6 Kelly Leiss
 5/7 Lisa Diamond
 5/7 Cale Shuey
 5/8 Matt Schneider
 5/8 Tugger Dresch
 5/9 June Forney
 5/9 Miles Wiest
 5/11 Rachel Walker
 5/11 Mark Eisenhour
 5/11 Andrew Diamond
 5/11 Kyle Moore
 5/11 Adam Davis
 5/11 Aubrey Pinegar
 5/12 Leslie George
 5/13 Doug Blauch
 5/13 Dennis College
 5/13 Clay George
 5/15 John Moore
 5/16 Jessica Moyer



5/ 17 Jazlyn Weidman
 5/17 Stu Zeigler
 5/19 Paul Snyder
 5/20 Dottie Allison
 5/20 Erin Ulrich
 5/20 Katriel Peiffer
 5/21 Jane Emrich
 5/21 Jean Richard
 5/21 Laura Moyer
 5/23 Ashton Davis
 5/24 Katie Marinkov
 5/25 Krista Ditzler
 5/25 Rick Murray
 5/25 Ava Wiest
 5/25 Grady Wiest
 5/27 Dave Hahnlen
 5/27 Missy Sallada
 5/28 Charlie Miller
 5/28 Kerry Ollar
 5/28 Bethany Snyder
 5/29 Carolyn Meyer
 5/29 Nelson Bomgardner
 5/30 Ashley Adams
 5/30 Kadence Shuey
 5/31 Rich Soliday

*We sure hope we didn't mess anyone, but if we did, would you mind notifying us in the office so we can update our file? By the way ... **Happy Birthday!***

Following is a letter from Dee. Updated directories are available in the church narthex. Please take a moment to check your contact information. If there are any changes, please call/text me at 717-571-1078

Thanks! ~Barb



Hello Church!

I received the sweetest note in the mail today. It brought so much sun shine in my heart...especially with it raining outside! So, as I was thanking God for this sister in Christ ... He swirled this thought into words to share with you.

We have this beautiful, colorful church directory sitting on our side table. And I hope you do too! Would you be willing

to send a note to the person after your name in that directory? Something encouraging, bright, uplifting? Realizing that you may not know that person, you can take this opportunity to introduce yourself to them!

If your address has changed since the directory's publication, please consider sending the person before you with your new info. but also...send your note to the person after you as well. I know, some of us don't "do snail mail", well... would you consider it now?

(And if you have extra stamps, think about including one in your letter.)

It can be a challenge to stay optimistic during this "stay at home" directive. Some of us are enjoying the down time, while some of us are genuinely missing community... Some of us continue to work, while others are caught in a business that has closed or is downsizing. Here is a chance to connect gently with our sisters and brothers at Ono and encourage them.

Remember too, to pray for that family you are connecting with.

Be encouraged church family! God is with us! He has promised He will never leave us! No matter what!

Love to you... Dee

A special thanks to a crew of wonderful seamstresses! They have tirelessly been cutting and sewing a variety of face masks for some of our local senior communities, neighbors and church family! Thank you too, to the many folks that have donated raw materials needed! We will continue making them as long as there is a need.

Are you in need of a face mask? Call Dee at 484-620-6726 or swing by the church to pick yours up!

Mother's Day

In honor of Mothers day this year, we hope you enjoy a few recipes from two very special Ono Moms.

Anna Albert's Sugar Cakes

2 C. Light brown sugar
2 C. sugar
1lb. margarine
2 eggs
2 tsp. baking soda
4 tsp. baking powder
2 C. thick milk (2 Tbsp vinegar & 2 C. Regular milk) Leave set ½ minute
9 C. Flour

Cream margarine and sugars. Add eggs. Add Soda and baking powder. Add flour and thick milk, alternating and mix well. Chill overnight. Roll (Don't roll too thin) and use cookie cutter to cut shapes. Sprinkle with colored sugar. Bake 375 degrees 10 to 15 minutes

Mil Emrich's Lemon Sponge Pie

1 9" pie crust shell

2 TBLS softened butter
1 cup sugar
3 TBLS all purpose flour
3 large eggs, separated
½ tsp salt
Juice and grated zest from one lemon
1 ½ cups hot water
Whipped cream (optional)
Sliced lemons (optional)

In a bowl, cream butter, sugar, flour and egg yolks, beat well. Add salt, lemon juice, zest and hot water. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites till stiff. Fold into mixture. Bake. Finish with whipped cream and lemon slices if desired.

Bake at 350 degrees 45mins or till set





Ono will not be hosting packing parties, but we hope you continue to make boxes for the kids!
We will let you know when the Collection days are.

Mothers would really appreciate on Mother's Day is the chance to let their children get to know them so that their relationship can grow and their bond can get stronger.

1. How did you meet Dad, and how did you know he was The One?
2. Who was your first boyfriend? What was he like?
3. What is the most rebellious thing you ever did in high school?
4. Have you ever been on a mission trip or gone over seas?
5. What is one thing about our relationship you wish you could change?
6. What question do you wish you could ask your mom?
7. If you had all the money to do one thing right now, what would you do?
8. What is a goal you want to achieve in the next 5 or 10 years?
9. What's the hardest thing about being a mom? What's the best thing?
10. What was your dream job when you were younger?
11. If you could go back in time to one moment, what would it be?
12. What do you wish you did differently when you were a new mom?
13. What do you miss the most about being a kid?
14. If we could do anything together, what would you want it to be?
15. What was your life like before you had kids?
16. How has Jesus affected your life?

30 Questions to ask your child to get to know their heart.



1. Who is your favorite superhero and why?
2. What is your favorite season?
3. If you could choose another name for yourself what would it be?
4. What superhero power do you wish you had?
5. What is your favorite Bible Story and why?
6. Who is your favorite Bible hero?
7. What is your favorite Disney movie?
8. What is your favorite song?
9. Do you have a favorite TV show? Why is it your favorite?
10. What is your favorite color?
11. What is something you thank Jesus for?
12. What is the best thing about your life?
13. What is your happiest memory?
14. What is your saddest memory?
15. What can Mommy do to be a better mom to you?
16. What can you do to be a better child?
17. What is your biggest strength?
18. What is your biggest weakness?
19. What do you want to be when you grow up?
20. What is your greatest wish?
21. Are you afraid of anything?
22. If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be?
23. Which is better - swimming in a pool or the ocean?
24. What do you want to be when you grow up?
25. What was the best day of your life?
26. What was the worst day of your life?
27. Do you want to grow up and get married? Why or why not?
28. What is God's greatest creation?
29. What is your favorite Holiday?
30. Are you excited to live your life?

The Felicity Bee

News letter submissions

deadline: 3rd Sunday ea. Month

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