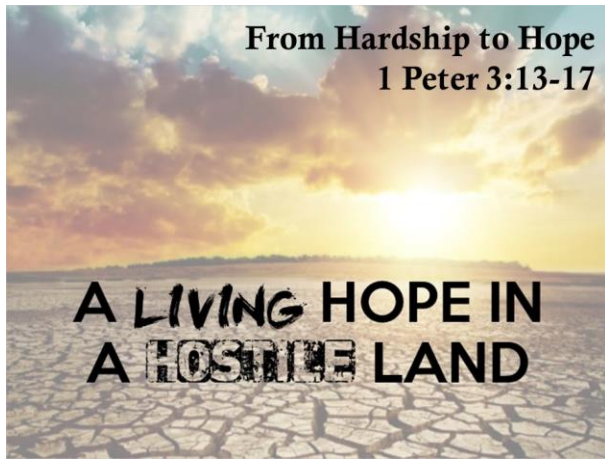


Good News in Ono



July 2020

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Who will harm you if you are zealous for good? But happy are you, even if you suffer because of righteousness! Don't be terrified or upset by them. Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience. Act in this way so that those who malign your good lifestyle in Christ may be ashamed when they slander you. It is better to suffer for doing good (if this could possibly be God's will) than for doing evil-

1 Peter 3. 13- 17 (CEB)

The early church would have understood suffering. Even if society did not stand against them, they would have experienced a life that would be incomprehensible to modern Americans. Death was a frequent visitor and people rarely made it to old age. Food would not have been so readily available year-round- most foods were only available while in season! In the midst of that difficult life, early Christians also experienced the pain of being looked down upon. They became easy scape-goats when things were not going well. In spite of these difficulties, the Church grew and expanded throughout the Mediterranean world.

Perhaps we can read the early Church letters with better vision now. Peter was asking the people of God to remain righteous even if those around them were not! He expected them to potentially suffer for doing the right thing, but he still expected it! Jesus had set a remarkable example. When He was wronged, He did not seek vengeance. Instead, even while on the cross, Jesus willingly forgave those who wronged Him. Peter will remind the early Church that Jesus has given us that example. That suffering for righteousness is simply part of the deal. Regardless, we have hope. Hope that God will deliver us. Hope that our suffering would not be in vain. Hope that when people mock our good lifestyle, God will use that to speak to them. Let us live in that hope, still today.

Peter even reminds them to be prepared to explain your hope. Make sure you can tell people why you believe in Him. Let people know that you will not repay evil with evil because of the hope you have in Jesus. Note, however, that even here Peter expects humility! Defend your beliefs- not with angry rhetoric, hurtful memes or defensive statements. Instead, make sure your heart and words remain pure in God's sight. Our ultimate accountability is not to those around us- it is to our Lord and Savior. Plus, Peter understood that when we speak in a way that dishonors God, then we might bear some responsibility for our suffering. Peter wants the Church to be a model of maturity to the world. A model that will make others wonder what we have that is so special. A model that makes people desire a relationship with Jesus.

In a world full of anger, hatred, misinformation and disinformation, let us be models on how to dialog. Let us be faithful witnesses who can talk about our beliefs with humility. I pray that when people see Ono UMC that they see people who are defined by love and grace. That our witness would make them wonder why we have such great hope. This can only be accomplished through our faithful words and deeds. So let us use this summer to point others to Him so that they too would have hope in Jesus Christ!



I can hardly believe it is July already – halfway through 2020!! How is that possible? The first half of 2020 has certainly been one for the record books and one we certainly won't ever forget. But through it all, God has been faithful and true just like promised in His word. I am so grateful to serve a Savior who is constant and steady and never changes!

We enjoyed some beautiful times of worship outside in June together as a

congregation. God certainly gave gorgeous days to come back together after the quarantine. We will continue to stream our services for those who still are not comfortable coming to the church.

Our youth ministry has enjoyed being back together in June for our LifeClasses. Each night the youth could pick one of the three courses we offered in June which were Cooking, Painting, or Outdoor Survival Skills. We also have been studying and learning about the Armor of God from Ephesians 6 before each class. Each piece of armor is symbolic for us a Christian to “wear” so we can stand up against the devil and walk with confidence of Christ in us!



...more Ono Youth Ministry Activities



Ono Children's Ministry

We are living in changing times but God is the same today,
tomorrow and forever.

The last day for VBS signup is Friday July 3rd.

Discovering the difference between FAITH and HOPE.

Uncovering the truth about God's LOVE.

Spy Gear Pickup is July 31st 6-8pm or August 1st 10-12 at the church.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!



We are having an Ice Cream drive through at the church for the
kiddos and their families July 17th between 6-7p.m.

Parking Lot Ministry

Every Tuesday 7-8p.m. until August 11th at the church.

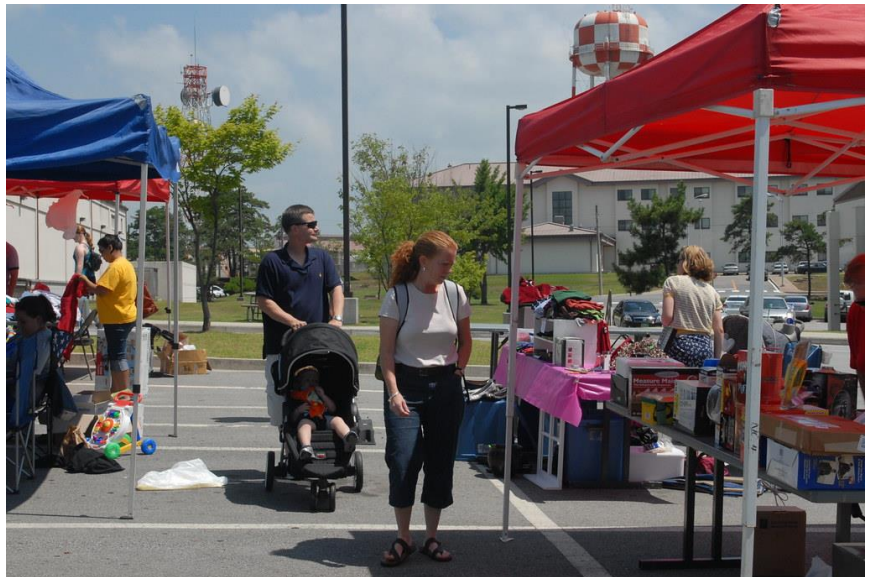
Who likes Movies and Popcorn?



We will be having a movie night for the kiddos and their families
in August before school starts. Keep tuned for more details.

Ono Annual Yard Sale

Saturday
July 18th, 2020
7am-2pm



This year, all participants will need to take the balance of their goods back with them. Thank you!

Sunday morning is looking a bit different these days!

Starting July 5th, 2020

8:00am Worship Service

We will remain inside while live streaming on YouTube
Sunday School for all ages temporarily suspended

10:00am Worship Service (not 10:30)

We will worship outside (weather permitting)
while live streaming on YouTube.

Please wear a mask if you are able, while observing
safe social distancing.

Connect with us on line at: onochurch.org

To accommodate our Young Families while Worshiping at Ono on Sunday mornings, we've made a few changes in our Nursery Room during Covid19 days.

Please take a moment to review.

- The Nursery will be referred to as Family Room 1 and 2.
- We ask that you bring a few of your children's toys from home, but have included a container of toys for infants and toddlers.
- The Family Room will not be staffed, a family member should stay with your child.
- One family unit for each room.
- The changing table will remain open, we do ask that you observe the cleaning procedure.

There will be a few extra details that are explained further once you arrive in the Family Room.

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"Bethany's Busy Bags" are here!

Some wonderful quiet activities for your preschoolers to enjoy during worship.



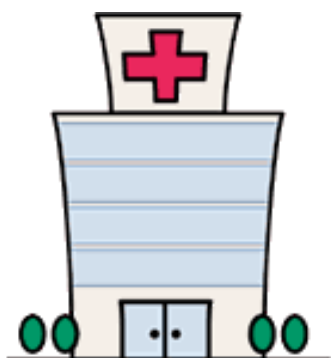
Tuesday Morning Gatherings

Join us on Tuesday mornings @ 9am

We will gather at the Faller's Fire Circle (weather permitting, raining – at the church)

... for a gentle time of prayer and encouragement.

Bring your coffee or tea, a chair, and an open and willing heart.



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.

SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms* can include

FEVER



COUGH



***Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.**

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH



Happy Birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

7/1	Nita Grubb	7/10	Brenda Miller
7/2	Bob Adams	7/10	Peighton Moyer
7/3	Bob Long	7/12	Karen Wentling
7/3	Tracy Gomez	7/12	Cathryn Diamond
7/5	Anna Gongloff	7/13	Ken Moyer
7/5	Jaxon Gongloff	7/13	Mason Hostetter
7/6	Jeanna Seyfert	7/14	Joyce Zeigler
7/6	Jaden Gerber	7/16	Janet Hahnen
7/7	Kristopher Frazier	7/16	Andreanna Davis
7/7	Lindsay Wentz	7/19	Grace Hostetter
7/7	Danielle Blauch	7/19	Carlie Zechman
7/7	Aiden Crawford	7/24	Avery Stoner
7/8	Violet Taylor	7/26	Russ Diamond
7/8	Karen Fuhrman	7/28	Kevin Helms
7/9	Toni Diamond	7/28	Brett Kveragas
7/9	Ilene Schriver	7/29	Laura Wiest
7/9	Lori Kimmel	7/29	Alaina Lauver
7/9	Rick Wise	7/29	Mason Moyer
7/9	Justin Helms		


We sure hope we didn't miss anyone, but if we did, would you mind notifying us in the office so we can update our file? Email: onochurch@gmail.com or phone: 717-865-7469.

Mike Edris

One of Ono's unsung servant leaders.
Thank you for your humble service
as our
Church
Treasurer!



Thank you!



FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED
TO LIVE IN FREEDOM...USE
YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE ONE
ANOTHER IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13

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HEAVENLY FATHER, AS WE CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE, WOULD YOU FILL OUR HEARTS AND HOMES
WITH YOUR GRACE AND PEACE. AMEN

News letter submissions

deadline: 3rd Sunday ea. Month

Please email to Dee Faller - deefaller@gmail.com

Or

The Office – onochurch@gmail.com

Loving Lord

We pray for your love and compassion to abound
as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load
of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness
and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable
to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed
that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide,
may we also approach each day in faith and peace,
trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

Amen

Prayer: Mothers' Union

Image: Elizabeth Perry