

Good News in Ono



November2020

And when the rotting body has been clothed in what can't decay, and the dying body has been clothed in what can't die, then this statement in scripture will happen:



Death has been swallowed up by a victory.

Where is your victory, Death?

Where is your sting, Death?

(Death's sting is sin, and the power of sin is the Law.) Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

-1 Corinthians 15. 54- 57 (CEB)

Over two-hundred times I have shared these words with grieving families. I have learned a lot about death over my twenty-one years in ministry. Every death is tragic. I have been with a young couple whose child never left NICU. I have been with a family whose teenage son was shot. A young man who choked in his sleep and was discovered by his mom as she tried to wake him up for college. A late nineties woman whose kids were all in their seventies. I have led my family for 2 grandparents, both of Dee's parents, my brother and my brother-in-law. In every case, there has been a profound sense of loss and a wonderment as to how life would go forward. In each case, I was able to share the words of the apostle Paul in the hopes that the gospel message would bring some sense of relief and solace. It is a solemn privilege.

Paul reminds Christians to bear each other's burdens in order to fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6. 2). Times of death are precisely those occasions. Frequently, we struggle because we do not know what to do or to say. I hear people stumble over words and offer ideas that I struggle to hear- such as, God must've needed another angel. I simply remind people to be available. Be present. Be willing to listen and allow for emotions without judgment. Times of grief are never easy, but those are the times when we need community the most. We need to be reminded that we do not walk alone, nor do we walk without hope. It is my hope that the ekklesia will be a sanctuary for those who are traveling those difficult paths.

November 1st is All-Saints day. It is a solemn day for the church. It affords us the opportunity to be with brothers and sisters who have recently lost a loved one and celebrate their life that in Christ's love will never end. While I have a particular fondness for this service, it was extra special for me when I had the opportunity to witness my parents lighting the candle for my brother. Being surrounded by a community of faith was uplifting and encouraging. Knowing that my parents, Dee and myself were lifted up by the whole in the midst of grief was comforting. Let us always remind ourselves of the grief of death and the greatness of our salvation message. As we gather once again with brothers and sisters in the midst of grief, may we proclaim that Scripture: Where, O death is your victory, where, O death is your sting (Hosea 14. 3), but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Corinthians 15. 57). May we celebrate this victory while acknowledging our grief together this All-Saints day and every day!

Pastor Robb

Weekly Gatherings

All weekly gatherings postponed till further notice.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have had more confirmed COVID-19 cases from Ono over the past few days. Therefore, we have decided to suspend all services and activities until we can be more assured of the health and welfare of our congregation and our community. In Philippians 2. 3, Paul reminds us that Christians are to consider others above themselves. That reputation was developed in the early church even during times of great persecution. Ono should be a model and example to our community of our compassionate care to those around us. We will continue to live-stream the 8:00am and 10:30am services and I will continue to post devotions and Bible Studies online. On November 17, there will be a Church Council meeting to decide how to proceed safely in gathering back for worship. Please be praying for our leaders.

Let us not forget as well to pray for all those impacted physically by COVID-19. Let us continue to hold them and their families up in prayer and seek to be a loving community for them. The impact of illness can go beyond physical if we empower a social stigma. Let us be the compassionate community who simply prays and seeks for the health and welfare of all people around us. We know that God is still on His throne and we see us to better days! May God's Blessings rain down upon you, His face shine upon you and grant you peace.

Love & Peace Always,

Robb E. Faller, Eric Wentling (*Lay Leader*), Kim Moyer (*Council Chair*), Gene Ulrich (*SPR Chair*)





11/1	Jamie Knauff	11/14	Diane Nichols
11/1	Brooke Beamesderfer	11/14	Anita Barr
11/2	Ken Eisenhour	11/14	Jamie Warner
11/2	Andrew Davis	11/17	Owen Blauch
11/3	Eric Brummer	11/18	Laureli Stoner
11/3	Claire Schneider	11/19	Pat Helsel
11/3	Halle Schneider	11/19	Judy Seaman
11/4	Ernest Miller	11/20	Tanya High
11/4	Charlie Miller	11/23	Alva George
11/5	Haley Blauch	11/25	Betsy Mease
11/6	Bev Ulrich	11/25	Maggie Ulrich
11/6	Chris Peiffer	11/25	Rowan Ulrich
11/7	Audrey Gongloff	11/26	Donald Moyer
11/8	Debbie George	11/26	Seth Barnhart
11/8	Gail Wise	11/27	Christa Light
11/9	Tom Seaman	11/27	Donna Walmer
11/9	Anna Crawford	11/29	Brooke Crawford
11/9	Derrike Saich	11/29	Carson Spohn
11/11	Harold Bates	11/30	Christine Daub
11/11	Barry College	11/30	Cindy Funck
11/11	Mike Reiber	11/30	Shannon Spohn
11/12	Geri Bashore	11/30	Tighe Eshleman
11/13	Gene Ulrich	11/30	Amber Blair

November Volunteer Spotlight

Joyce Zeigler



Thanks so much for scheduling the greeters each month! Joyce has made a lot of phone calls over the years so that we see a smiling face at the door when we enter our church.

Stay alert for any updates.



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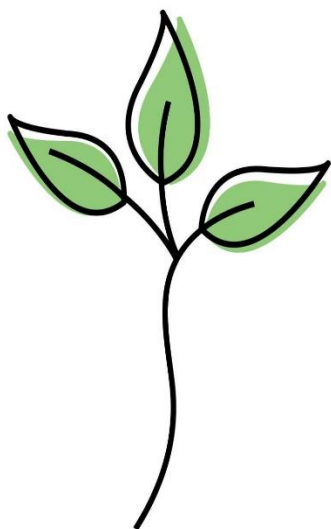
Collection Sunday is Nov. 15th!
Drop off week Monday 16th thru
Sunday 22nd. You still have time
to pack a box to be used as a tool,
somewhere in the world, to reach a
child with the Gospel. Shoebox

gifts are used by local Christians as a strategy for evangelism, discipleship and the multiplication of believers and churches in their communities. More important than the items inside the shoebox, the gifts are an opportunity to share God's love – and the good news of Jesus Christ – with children in need. Remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift and include the \$9.00 cost for shipping and literature.

As a reminder, Ono UMC **is not** hosting a packing party this year,
we **are** hosting the OCC Collection Week!



BACKPACKS OF HOPE



We're so thankful to share with you that our storage space (room 25) is almost complete! We've had generous donations of time, talent and items to make it easier to fulfil emergency backpack requests and make them more specific to each child! We continue to be in need of P.J.'s, so if you run into a sale, please keep us in mind!

Thank you!

DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

The following information is provided by the
**Center of Disease Control.
(CDC)**

Caution: Gaiters & Face Shields



Evaluation is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time



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Special Situations: Children



If you are able, find a mask that is made for children



If you can't find a mask made for children, check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin



Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

When to seek emergency medical attention

Look for **emergency warning signs*** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately**:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

We hope that this information helps you and your loved ones during the challenging days ahead. If you have more questions and or concerns, please contact your health provider and/or go to [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more guidance.

Don't go thru this alone! Your church family is here, ready and wanting to help you and your family in any way we can.

Be sure to reach out to your neighbors...

Reach out to your elders...



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.



A Thanksgiving Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace in our hearts
Peace in our school
Peace in our world

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for lessons
Turnip on time
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience; cultivate with love.

There is abundance in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:

Thyme for study
Thyme for friends
Thyme for family!



God of faith and science, we turn to you in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, because we trust you. We trust you because you listen to our prayers. We trust you because you act in our lives and our history for our welfare. We trust you because we know you as a God of revelation in faith and science.

God of knowledge and wisdom, we ask that you would dwell with all the scientists who are working daily to develop an effective and safe vaccine to combat this virus. Help them to collate current knowledge and be conduits of new knowledge regarding the secrets of the COVID-19 virus. Grant them the wisdom to unlock the keys that will provide helpful COVID-19 therapies and vaccines.

God of curiosity and wonder, grant the scientists the inquisitiveness of George Washington Carver who combined his love of God and his love of science in his quest to unlock hidden agricultural secrets. As the God of the sweet potato, the peanut and the soybean, you enabled Carver to discover their secrets as he united faith and science, wisdom and knowledge, curiosity and wonder.

God of all creation, in this time before Advent, we pray for all coronavirus patients, their doctors and their nurses. We ask that you be a fence around all healthcare workers, first responders, and their families. Expand our faith and buoy our hope as we shelter in place. Lord, teach us how to wait, for you are an on-time God!

Amen

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