September Good News in Ono



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Some take pride in chariots, and others in horses, but we take pride in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand firm.

-Psalm 20. 7-8 (CSB)

It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since the terrorist attacks on 9-11. I will never forget that day. I was still young in ministry serving as an Associate Pastor in a large church outside of Philadelphia. The Senior Pastor was on vacation and I was on my way to visit a shut-in when the news broke on the radio. I had no idea what to do next. After my visit, I proceeded to the church and hastily made a sign to indicate that we would have an open prayer meeting for the community and placed it outside. When the time came, hundreds of people poured in-I don't think I recognized a single one. They were simply hurt, bewildered and desiring to connect to a greater power in the midst of tragedy. They were not necessarily Christian, many confessed to me upon departure how they hadn't thought about God in years. But we spent over an hour together. In that area many people had friends and families who worked and lived in New York. We prayed, we cried, we implored God to grant us understanding. Eventually, we hugged and went about our lives even though they would never be quite the same.

My sister called. She's a doer. She kept asking me what can I do? Praying felt so shallow, but there was little that could be done. The disruption was because we are used to being safe and comfortable. The attacks changed that perception. That Sunday, church was packed! People were still reaching for something firm to grasp in the midst of a life that seemed so unsure. The powers of this world seemed to have failed and so we looked for a power that would not. I find it fascinating, that overwhelmingly, people knew in their hearts that that power was God. The next week, attendance was still high. By the third week, we had "returned" to normal. I wondered what had happened.

We might not like to admit it, but we are good at trusting our own powers. It is easy for me to trust God for my daily bread- I have only known a lack by my own choice. It is easy for me to trust God for my housing- I have never known a life without it. Events like 9-11 are tragic teachers. They remind us that life is more fragile and less controlled than we think and feel. They should remind us that our focus on God is vital because He is the only one who will not fail. The week of 9-11, Dee and I will be exploring our history at Williamsburg. I look forward to that journey. The journey is not always easy or without it's struggles, but we remain focused on the One who does not fail. May all of our hearts seek the trust in the Lord more each day.

Youth and Worship news by Jessica Grimes



What a summer! We are so thankful for all the opportunities we had this summer to "be" with our awesome Ono teens! Our high schoolers traveled to many gracious hosts this summer to hang out by the pool and have a bible study together! Each night we looked at one way to not waste your summer and challenge the youth to get into the Word of God each day! We ended our summer with a great day at Camel Beach Waterpark!

Our middle schoolers spent the summer doing DUBS (Destination Unknown Bible Study) which led us to pools, bridges, gardens, Walmart and Ice Cream shops! Each night we had a bible study and learned a memory verse! We ended our

summer with a fun day at Gretna Glen doing high ropes, trust walk and swimming! Our middle schoolers also had the privilege of presenting the Ono gift of \$2365.67 to Gretna Glen! They were so very thankful for the gift and are excited about what God's is doing through the camping ministry!

As the students go back to school, let's be in prayer for each one of them! For them to feel and know God's presence...for them to be bold for Jesus in their schools, teams and friend groups...for God to protect them and keep they safe and healthy...and for the Light of Jesus to shine through each of them!

Worship News:

CHRISTMAS AT UNCLE PHILS DINER!!!!

We are very excited to begin the planning and preparing for this fun outreach dinner theater event on <u>Dec. 9,10, 11!</u>
Tickets reservations will be available starting Oct 31st. A casting call will be taking place on October 3 at 6pm. We are looking for as many of our young people to help fill the cast and help be servers/busers in the "restaurant'! We will also need lots of adults to help with food, set, music, sound, tickets, etc! How would you like to be a part? See Jess Grimes to find your spot!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All singers are invited to join us for our Christmas Choir. We will be preparing a short cantata to share with the congregation for the Christmas holiday! Practice will begin on *Thursday evenings in October*.

Ono Children's Ministry



VBS



Thank You to all who helped make VBS an exciting time. We learned that we are all created in the image of God and had one kid accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Parenting Sunday School Class Starting September 5th







Do you have kids or would like to have kids one day? This might be the class for you. We will be going through the book, <u>5 Love Languages of Children</u>. This class will not only inspire you, but will help you realize that you are not the only one struggling with raising kids in our society.

We are starting to work on the new Kid's Ministry Room.

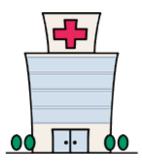
Only Authorized individuals



with Hard Hats may enter!!

Keep tuned for more events coming soon!!!!!!!

Thank You all for Your support!



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. *Thank you!*

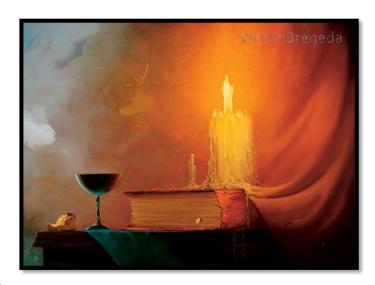
Holy Communion

Sunday, September 5th

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in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

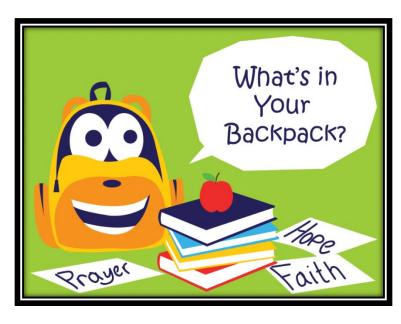
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Samaritanish

It's not too early to start looking for items to pack in a shoe box to bless a child this year! While our church is not doing a collective packing party, we would still encourage you to pack your own shoe boxes. Ono UMC will again be a relay center for shoe box collections this fall. November 14th is collection Sunday.



Backpacks Of Hope

We're so thankful for our Ono Family for your donation of school supplies to the Lebanon County area Foster Kids. We delivered 28 backpacks and all the supplies to the Children and Youth department in 2 separate groups. The case workers wanted to be sure to let you all know how much this is appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support, as we continue to give hope to our most vulnerable children.

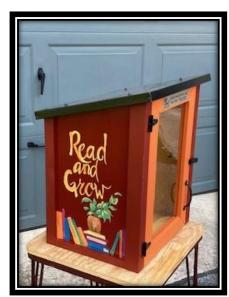
Ono UMC Free Little Library!

Located near the Ono Preschool entrance, you will find a beautifully decorated box filled with books to borrow, lend, share and most especially...read!

Our Little Library is open and ready for you to enjoy a book, share a book and read a book at your convenience! Bring your kids, your grandkids, your neighbors or just come on over by yourself! Books for all ages! Books for all seasons!

Come on over and check us out!!!









At the last Ad Council Meeting, a decision was made to temporarily suspend the Building and Capital Campaign Committees. For information, questions or concerns, please contact one of these committee members:

<u>Capital Campaign Committee:</u> Charlie Miller, Ken Moyer, Lorraine LaPorte, JoLynn Brummer.

Building Study Committee: Leann Snyder, Jim Bragg, Ken Eisenhour and Jeannette Shuey

Thank You



Congregational Hymn Sing!

Come and join in an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 12th at 7pm for our fellowship night at the church. This is a great time to worship together in song!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RETURN

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2021

Kids4Jesus, Youth Fellowship and Adult Bible Study will all meet at 7pm.

Ono United Methodist Church

Offering the Way
Teaching the Truth
Living the Life through Jesus Christ

The mission of our church is to be fellowship intent on BEING and MAKING disciples of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY EVENING GROUPS:

Beginning September 19th at 7pm, groups will be held for Adults, Youth and Children.



Please see the below listed ways to help in Global Needs.



The United Methodist Committee on Relief is currently beginning to work to assist refugees through Church World Service. If you would like to donate specifically to that cause, you can use a special offering envelope and place Afghanistan on the envelope or check. Thank you.

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The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is a nonprofit helping to resettle Afghan allies and refugees. As the US government evacuates thousands from Kabul, LIRS expects an increased need for community support. LIRS President and CEO: "If you have room in your heart to help these families start over from scratch, now is the time to make a difference."

Pastor Robb has indicated we might be able to assist with setting up apartments or driving refugees from the airport to new homes. He and Dee have also indicated they would be willing to host a family or an unaccompanied minor in their home. If you would be willing to assist in anyway, please contact Pastor Robb via email or text. (robbfaller@gmail.com – 484-686-1778)

Sunday, September 12, 2021



Fredericksburg Lions Park

(124 Lions Drive, Fredericksburg, Pa)

Outdoor Worship at 10:30am

(Bring your lawn chairs or blanket)

Picnic Lunch immediately following

Please order your family's pre-made bagged lunches by returning an order form (located in Sunday's bulletin) to the basket in the narthex by Sept. 5th.

See ya there!



An Evening at Uncle Phil's Diner:

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 25th 4pm – 7pm

As we continue the Ono Tradition of food, fun and fellowship while we welcome our local community to our back yard!

We're going to need you to help us here and there.

So, we put together a list of activities planned for the day. Would you check it out and let us know where you can pitch in. It is conveniently located in the church narthex with a handy pen attached

Thank you!

Your Outreach Team



- 9/2 Rhett Walker
- 9/2 Kensley Leiss
- 9/3 Wyatt Schriver
- 9/7 Sylvia Lentz
- 9/7 Jean Bragg
- 9/7 Scott Piotrowski
- 9/8 Shirley Saich
- 9/9 Daniel Shuey
- 9/12 Braelyn Stoner
- 9/14 Arlene Miller 88th
- 9/15 Christian Vander-Heyden
- 9/16 Shirley Boyer 85th
- 9/17 Krystin Blauch
- 9/18 Kiley Longenecker
- 9/19 Todd Diamond
- 9/19 Mia Rock
- 9/19 Daniel George
- 9/22 Leroy Felty 93rd
- 9/22 Bonnie Gibble
- 9/25 Trey Moyer
- 9/26 Mary Evans
- 9/29 Karen Grubb
- 9/30 Paige Linton



"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy,
we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."
—Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2002



9/6/21 America celebrates all her workers! Past and Present!