

# **November 2021**

## **Good News in Ono**



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*After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name.*

-Acts 5.40- 41 (CSB)



Christianity has long considered suffering as a part of the redemptive process for humanity. This is most clearly seen at the cross with Jesus. Isaiah 53 paints the picture of a suffering servant that was punished for our faults and failures (Isaiah 53. 6). When we look at the scene of the cross, we see the torment He bore. The psychological torment of false accusations. The emotional torment of being insulted by those who surrounded Him. The physical torment of scourging and being killed on

the cross. The Church has always understood that this suffering was necessary in order to appease the justice of God so that the faults of creation could be restored to the perfection God desires for it. While I understand that is hard for some people to grasp, the early church never strayed from this understanding.

It is because of this understanding that the early disciples rejoiced at their flogging. For them, this was simply a sign that God considered them worthy to be treated as His Son was. What an amazing and difficult perspective to have. Paul would reiterate this by stating that the sufferings of this present world are not worth comparing to the joy that is to come (Romans 8. 18). He would go on to state that he bears the marks of Jesus on his body (Galatians 6. 17). Paul understood that suffering in this world was temporary and could be used to gain an understanding of Christ that we do not get without suffering. Jesus even states that we should expect persecution since He was persecuted in the world as well (John 15. 18- 25).

As someone who has experienced pretty minor inconveniences, I find it difficult to connect with these concepts. There is a part of me that wants to understand suffering better. In a strange twist of reason, I was intrigued when the doctor told me I would feel like I was hit by a bus when I wake up from surgery. A part of me is truly excited. I believe that God can work all things to empower our understanding of faith and life (Romans 8. 28). That part of my brain is looking forward to drawing nearer to this idea of suffering and how it is redemptive. While I would never wish suffering upon any of God's creatures- especially a fellow human, I look forward to it myself. I have even taken note that they will pierce my side just as my Savior's side was pierced. I trust that God will speak to me so I can better speak to you about the redemptive qualities of suffering.

Therefore, my prayer is for a quick recovery, not because it will remove suffering from me, but because it will empower me to serve better. I have truly grown in my understanding of, for me to live is Christ (faithful service to God even when it is difficult) and to die is gain (after all, I get to experience Jesus face to face!) (Philippians 1. 21). I look forward to returning to faithful service for as long as God desires to use this faulty and frail body. I look forward to how God will use this experience to speak His love and grace to others. Especially, I look forward to the time when I can worship with the Church Triumphant that we will celebrate on November 7th together. In all things, may God be praised!

*Pastor Robb*

## Youth and Worship news by Jessica Grimes

The Ono Youth came Wednesday October 27 in costume and headed out through the streets of Ono to do reverse trick or treating! Instead of taking candy from our neighbors, we gave them goodie bags full of treats, a Life Book, and an invitation to Christmas at Uncle Phil's Diner!



### Worship Team News:

## **CHRISTMAS AT UNCLE PHIL'S DINER!!!!**

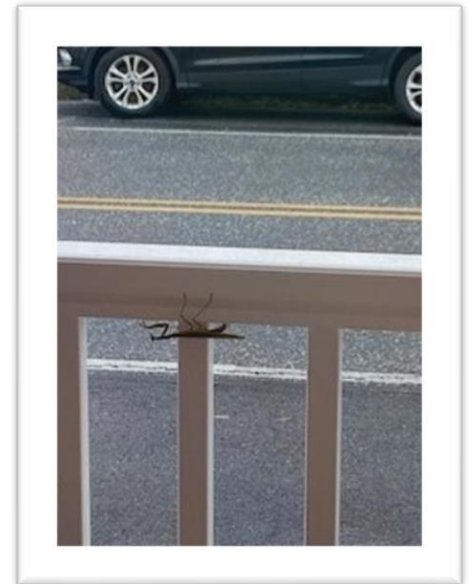
CHRISTMAS AT UNCLE PHIL'S DINER!!! We are very excited to begin ticket reservations! Check your calendars... and reserve your tickets now! There will be someone at the Ticket Counter each Sunday after 8 a.m. service and before 10:30 a.m. service. Ya can't miss us! If you're not able to meet us there, feel free to call Barb in the office. She can take your reservation, too!

**And remember, tickets are FREE, but don't forget your non-perishable food donation!**



## Are you just holding on?

One morning I was having coffee (actually hot apple cider because I don't like coffee) at a coffee shop with a friend. As we talked and I listened to her struggles, I noticed this praying mantis hanging upside down on the railing outside the window. The praying mantis looked to be just hanging on for dear life and praying, of course, because isn't that what they do? Why wasn't it flipping itself around and getting on the right (easy) side of the railing? And the similarities with my friend hit me!



So often we are just holding on for dear life...others look at our struggles and think, why don't you just flip/change to the easy side...Oh if it was only that easy! Life gives us so many battles and struggles. During our women's retreat, we spent the weekend focused on winning the battle of the mind and not letting our minds spiral to bad places, but using the weapons God has given us to spiral our thoughts and actions toward God.

One thing is for sure, I have no idea why the praying mantis was in that position and I do not know the struggles you are pressing through right now, but I do know that our God is loving and faithful. He never leaves us. He walks with us every day through all situations...even when we are holding on for dear life!

~Jessica Grimes

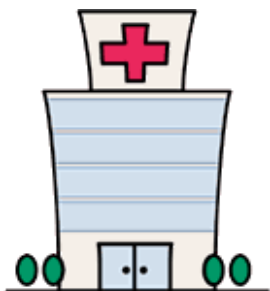


**Fun facts:** A praying mantis has a very big appetite, so it's fortunate that it is also an accomplished hunter. These magnificent insects help **farmers and gardeners** by eating moths, mosquitoes, roaches, flies and aphids, as well as small rodents in their fields and gardens.



11/1 Jamie Knauff  
11/1 Brooke Beamesderfer  
11/2 Ken Eisenhower  
11/2 Andrew Davis  
11/3 Eric Brummer  
11/3 Claire Schneider  
11/3 Halle Schneider  
11/4 Ernest Miller  
11/4 Charlie Miller  
11/5 Haley Blauch  
11/6 Bev Ulrich  
11/6 Chris Peiffer  
11/7 Audrey Gongloff  
11/8 Debbie George  
11/8 Gail Wise  
11/9 Derrike Saich  
11/11 Harold Bates – 94<sup>th</sup>  
11/11 Barry College  
11/11 Mike Reiber  
11/12 Geri Bashore  
11/13 Gene Ulrich

11/14 Anita Barr  
11/14 Diane Nichols  
11/14 Jamie Warner  
11/17 Owen Blauch  
11/18 Laureli Stoner  
11/19 Pat Helsel  
11/19 Judy Seaman  
11/20 Tanya High  
11/23 Alva George – 87<sup>th</sup>  
11/25 Betsy Mease – 82<sup>nd</sup>  
11/25 Maggie Ulrich  
11/25 Rowan Ulrich  
11/26 Donald Moyer  
11/27 Christa Light – 84<sup>th</sup>  
11/29 Carson Spohn  
11/30 Christine Daub – 93<sup>rd</sup>  
11/30 Cindy Funck  
11/30 Shannon Spohn  
11/30 Tighe Eshleman  
11/30 Amber Blair



### Hospital Admissions:

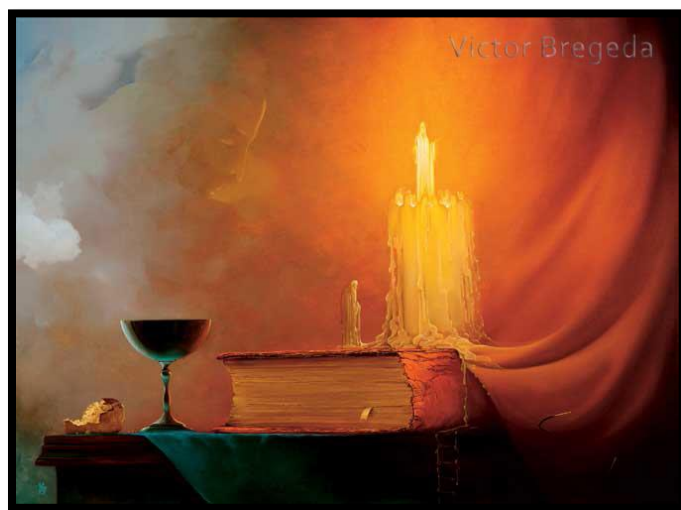
Please inform the church office when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility. The federal HIPPA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information without your expressed permission. Not all health care facilities have chaplains on 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, November 7th

And so,  
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.**



It's time to start shopping 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. Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> will be collection day! That's only 2 weeks away!

Shoe boxes and a few goodies are available in the Narthex for those who need an empty box. Brochures with the label and postage paid envelopes are included for you to mail the \$9.00 for shipping and materials. Samaritan's Pure is now preferring that the \$9.00 is mailed to them to avoid any money or checks left in a shoe box gift. You can still pay online and follow your shoe box!

## **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief)**

UMCOR is still working to assist refugees from Afghanistan 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.



You will have the opportunity once again to bless a child or youth through our Giving Tree. Beginning on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be "Angle Tags" available for you to take.

The tag will include the name, age and suggestion of a toy, game, books, clothes etc that the individual child (or caseworker) has requested. We receive the list through Children and Youth Services, Lebanon Co. This ministry was started by Ruth Jones any years ago. Look for the Giving Tree in the Narthex on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Gifts will be due back by December 12<sup>th</sup>. For any questions, please contact Barb Blauch or Laurie Shuey.

Thanks!

## **SUNDAY EVENING**

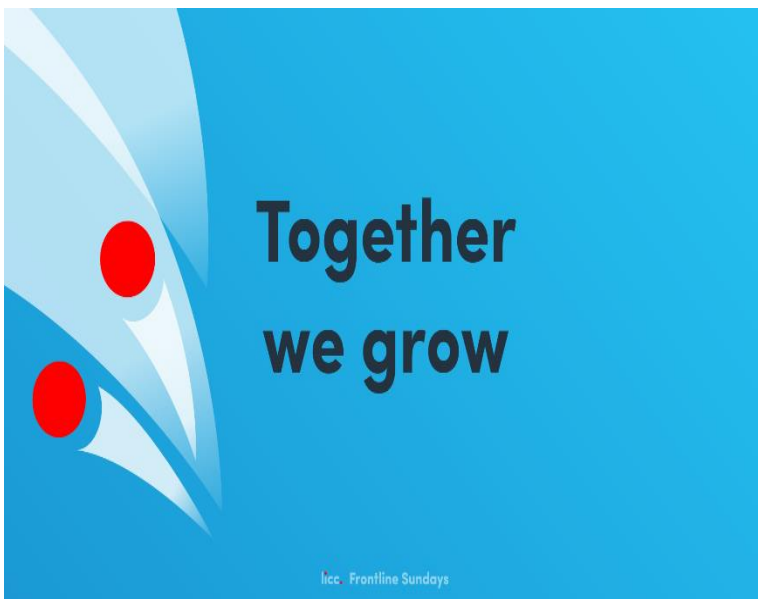
### **GROUPS:**

7pm - groups will be held for:  
Adults, Youth and Children.  
Uncle Phil's Diner rehearsal

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

### **GROUPS:**

7pm – groups will be held for:  
Adults, Youth Production  
and Kids4Jesus





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

**Capital Campaign Committee:** Charlie Miller, Ken Moyer, Lorraine LaPorte, JoLynn Brummer.

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



Gather your trivia team for a fun night of questions on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Once you have your team of 6-8 people (all ages!) sign up is in the Narthex. Food and fellowship begins at 6:30pm and Trivia Fun begins at 7pm!

Updated Church Directories are available in the narthex. Please let the office know of any changes to your information by calling 717-865-7469 or email at [onochurch@gmail.com](mailto:onochurch@gmail.com)

*Thank you!*



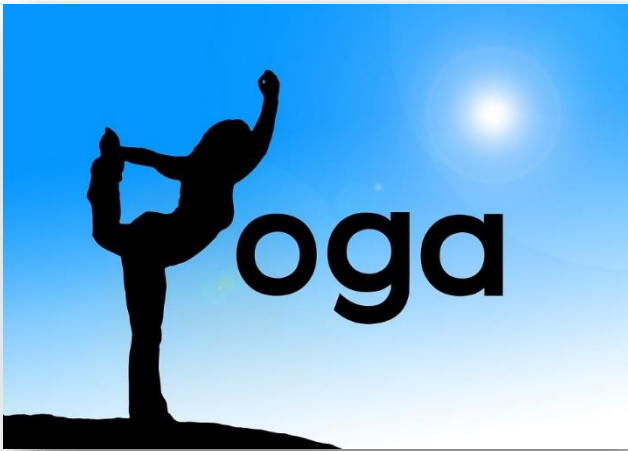




Update on the Gospel Center – Local Ministry to our community

On Saturday, October 23, a group from Ono was blessed to once again share worship and a meal with the folks at the Gospel Center. After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Gospel Center began serving the Saturday evening free meal again in October. Our great team at Ono was excited to resume this ministry. Ono is scheduled to lead the short worship service and share a meal again on Saturday, November 20. The worship service starts at 4:00 and the meal is served at 4:30. There are many

ways you can share in this ministry – donations of food, money or gift cards, bake a dessert, help to serve the meal, share a musical talent during the worship service or share a testimony. Please contact Jeannette Shuey at 717-644-1831 if interested.



*It's back!*  
*Join us Monday*  
*evenings. 5:45-6:45*

*Any and all levels*  
*welcome!*

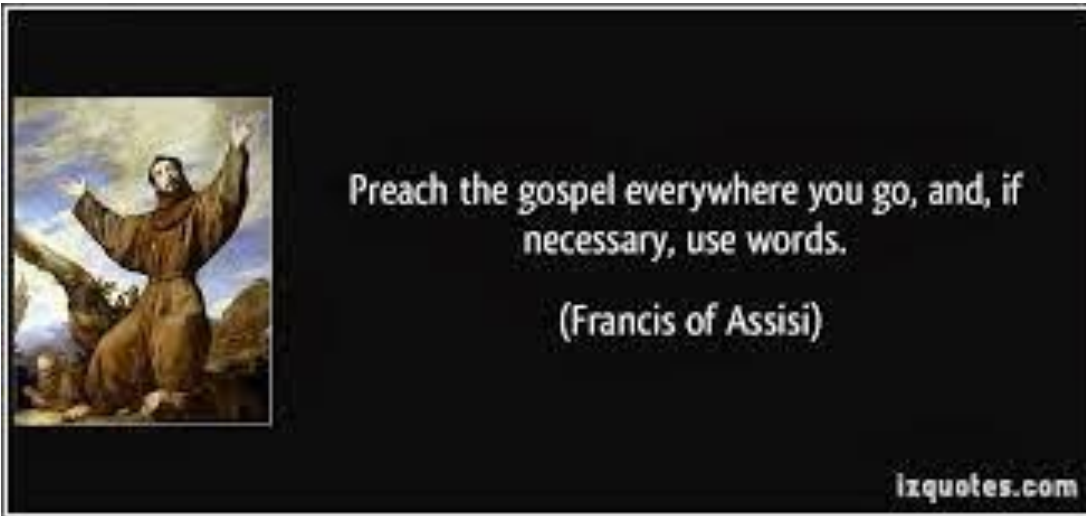
**Christmas Cantata  
Rehearsal**

**Thursday's @  
7:15pm**



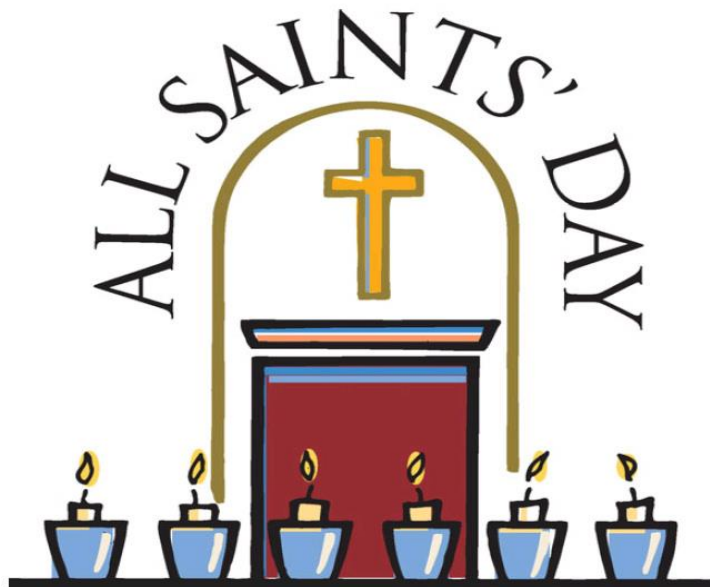
*Sounds  
of The  
Season*

*We Welcome Pastor Britto Joseph to Ono on Sunday, 10.31*



Pastor Britto Joseph is the founder of Independent Church in India. He oversees a network of over 160 indigenous missionaries in India. The Lord has used Pastor

Britto to preach the Gospel and lead thousands of Hindus and other non-Christians to Jesus in India, plant churches and hope groups, start two orphanages and a home for leprosy victims and a Bible college! He has personally witnessed thousands of lives transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ!



Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

Why do we celebrate All Saints Day?

We celebrate All Saints' Day because we believe that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant"). On this day, we commemorate all those who have attained the beautiful vision of Christ in Heaven.

We wish you and yours a very blessed Thanksgiving celebration.

Whether you are with family, friends, strangers or alone... God has given us a message of hope and gratefulness! May you share your hope with someone that needs to hear it, with God's guidance and peace.

We are so thankful for you!



~Pastor Robb and Dee



*First Sunday in Advent 2021, November 28th*