



# **Good News in Ono**

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**Ono United Methodist Church**

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*And they sang a new song:  
You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slaughtered,  
and you purchased people  
for God by your blood  
from every tribe and language  
and people and nation.  
You made them a kingdom  
and priests to our God,  
and they will reign on the earth.*

*-Revelation 5. 9- 10 (CSB)*



I thoroughly enjoy the excitement that comes with New Year's Eve. People get together and celebrate with great joy the opportunities a new year will present. Typically, we focus on the chance to do better. We will commit to healthier lifestyles- healthier eating, going to the gym, reading more, sitting less, etc. We optimistically expect to fulfil these new goals and the celebration reiterates the possibilities. After all, new possibilities are generally exciting!

"The Book of Revelation" has challenged Christians for almost two-thousand years now. The extravagant descriptions of dragons, horses and lakes of fire strike fear in our imaginations. However, when you read through it, you quickly realize it is overwhelmingly a book of worship. Not just any worship, but worshiping God in the fullness of His presence on the throne of heaven. That is an image that I truly rejoice in! Worshiping Jesus without the veil of this life preventing us from fully engaging with Him. Truly that is something that we can rejoice in during good times and bad.

People wonder a lot about the end of times. Every generation seems convinced this is it. Jesus reminds us that no one knows the day or the hour (Matthew 24. 36). Plus, I do not think Revelation is really focused so much on the 'when' and the 'how' of the end of time, but on the gospel truth that God has the victory. This truth should uplift and sustain us at all times. John was writing to a truly oppressed people. They would have wondered where the justice of God was. Why were they suffering so and would it be worth it? Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the joy that is to come. John reminds the people that the Lamb of God was slain and He is worthy. He is worthy of a new song, He is worthy of our praise!

The next few months, we will be looking into "The Book of Revelation." I trust that this will help us to take courage in the difficult moments of life. I expect that it will help remind us that Jesus has the victory and has granted us that very same victory. I hope that we can rejoice in these gospel truths at all times. May God Bless our worship throughout 2022 as we constantly remind ourselves that Jesus has paid the price and offers us to join the unending hymn of the saints: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty! Hallelujah! Amen!

*Pastor Robb*

## Youth and Worship news by Jessica Grimes

What a joyous and fun Christmas season it was at Ono Church! We journeyed together through Advent as we looked at the scenes from the manger and the attitudes of the heart they call us to. Thank you to the Christmas choir for their uplifting songs of praise they shared on Dec 19 for both services. And what a joy it was to deliver all the Giving Tree gifts (a bus full!) to the county courthouse to be handed out to the foster kids of Lebanon County.

A small but mighty group of carolers sang our way through Ono to remind our neighbors of Jesus this season and handed out treats.

The staff was blessed to visit one-on-one with our limited mobility church members and share a small gift of pumpkin bread and wish them a very merry Christmas!



We enjoyed three terrific nights of dinner theater at Uncle Phil's Diner. Each audience did a great job participating and having fun and we are thankful for the food donations we can share with JOY food pantry. This production truly was such a beautiful picture of what the Body of Christ looks like. Each one sharing and serving with their giftedness for God's

glory. We also prayed that it would be a fun and light-hearted event for people to enjoy fellowship together after the difficult season of life we have all been through in the past few years.



High School Youth Summer Mission Trip to Cape Charles, VA – We are excited to announce our plans for summer mission trip on June 26 – July 1st. This part of the Eastern Shore is where Luke Wentling is serving with Young Life. We will be helping a local church there provide a summer camp called *Splash Camp*, for the kids of the community who cannot afford daycare. In the morning we will be running a VBS program for them and in the

afternoon planning field trips to take them on each day. In addition, we will be sending out work groups to the community to assist some of the needy people in the area with home projects.



*Thank you* for participating in the

2021 Giving Tree Ministry! We receive the list through Children and Youth Services of Lebanon Co. and rely on the generosity of our Ono Church Family. As you can see, Ono delivered! This ministry was started by Ruth Jones many years ago.

## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS GATHERING AT 9:30 – 10:15 A.M.**

- *Class led by Dave Hahnen in Rooms 22/24*
- *Class led by Kerry Ollar meets in Room 27*
- *Discussion classes in Fellowship Hall*
  - *“The Chosen” video, ladies discussion group in south end.*  
led by Dee Faller
  - *Discussion group in the north end.*  
led by Eric Wentling

## **SUNDAY and WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUPS**

Back in session! See your sunday bulliten for details!

# January Birthdays

1/2 Dale Gongloff  
1/2 Linda Saich  
1/3 Elizabeth Piotrowski  
1/5 Blake Sallada  
1/8 Janel Weaber  
1/8 Emily Marinkov  
1/9 Margaret Bomgardner  
1/9 Jared George  
1/10 Marie Warner  
1/11 Dee Faller  
1/11 Jim Edris  
1/11 Richard Grubb  
1/11 Miya Broughton  
1/12 Bruce Peiffer  
1/14 Mike Wiest  
1/14 Michael Meyer  
1/15 Paul Wentling (91<sup>st</sup>!)  
1/17 Tom Zeigler  
1/17 Mitchell Edris  
1/18 Mitch Walker  
1/19 Dennis Hetrick  
1/19 Maya Harmon  
1/21 Eva McFeathers (81<sup>st</sup>!)  
1/22 Megan Atkins  
1/23 Daryl Emrich  
1/25 Kaleb Ollar  
1/27 Mary Ulrich (93<sup>rd</sup>!)  
1/27 Linda Umbrell  
1/27 Steve Schriver  
1/28 Rodney Meyer  
1/28 Misty Edris  
1/30 Rhoda Lauver  
1/31 Mark Nichols  
1/31 Joan Parker



Have you moved or gotten a new phone number? Please let the office know of any changes to your information by calling 717-865-7469 or email at

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*Thank you!*

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Update on the Gospel Center – Local Ministry to our community

On Saturday, Jan. 15th, a group from Ono will once again share worship and a meal with the folks at the Gospel Center. 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.



*Happy New Year Church!*

With visions of Christmas joy in our rear-view mirror and new dreams and hopes for 2022 in front of us, we are excited and ready to enter into the plans

God has set before us!

Pastor Robb and Dee

