

GOOD NEWS IN ONO

March 2022



A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

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The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out.

- 1 Corinthians 1. 18 (MSG)



My grandma used to warn me about “silly” behavior. At this point, I don’t even know why, just that she was concerned that I didn’t get caught up in foolishness. I suppose even as a child I thoroughly enjoyed laughing and joking around with people. Grandma must’ve worried that I would get too caught up in it. Now I preach a message of silliness to those who don’t believe in Jesus. And frankly, I get that. As I reflect on the gospel story, it becomes evident that the craziness of the message began before Jesus even died on the cross.

Jesus told his disciples that He must suffer and die (Luke 9. 22, Mark 8.31, Matthew 16, 21 and 17. 22). Peter, who had just declared that Jesus was the Christ, tells Jesus not to say such things. Jesus’ response was to tell Peter to get behind Him (Matthew 16. 22-23)! The disciples saw the Messiah as the victorious King. Victory is not won through death, but through the destruction of their enemies. This is the way of the world. This is the way things have operated from the beginning of history. If you had a better army, if you were stronger than those who oppose you, then you would have victory. To hear the Messiah declare that He would be killed was foolish - silly if you would. Yet Jesus continued to do more than just preach the words, Jesus went to the Cross. He challenged their thinking and expectations, and eventually, they would get it. The way of the cross, silliness to the world, would really be the one path to salvation.

This Lent, we will journey to the Cross. On Sunday mornings we will explore the path to the cross that Jesus walked. From Peter’s confession, through the washing of feet, we will worship the humble Christ who died for us. On Wednesday evenings we will join our brothers and sisters from the other Northern Lebanon United Methodist Churches as we explore the “Journey to the Cross.” My prayer is that through these times of worship, you may come to grow in your love and commitment to our loving Lord.

So I am glad to be foolish by the world’s standards. While they keep fighting and pursuing more stuff and more power, I am obsessed with learning more about the slaughtered lamb. To me, it makes perfect sense. God is perfect. I am not. My presence and His are not compatible until a price is paid. As much as I wish to be able to, I am painfully aware of my inability to pay it. What can I do? Hope that somebody would pay it? Well, that is exactly why the Cross of Christ has so much attraction to me. He has paid the price- not just for my sins, but for everybody’s sins! While some would think that is a foolish idea, I am simply in awe of the great grace of God. “This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out (1 Corinthians 1. 18b (MSG)).”

May that power find us this Lenten season!

Pastor Robb

March 2022 – from Jess Grimes, Director of Youth and Worship

We are so thankful for the wonderful weekend of retreat our youth had in February at Kenbrook Camp. We had a competition going all weekend called *Battle for the Banner* which included lots of games and craziness and in the end, in the spirit of unity the winning team chose to allow both teams to sign the banner. It was a holy moment indeed! We all dressed in silly costumes and performed Mash Up dance routines, we played archery tag in the gym and had a blast shooting soft tip arrows at each other, we gathered around a campfire on a cold February night and poured out our hearts to God in prayer, and most of all we all made for space God in our lives...and He showed up!



It was sooo sweet...sweet fellowship! Thank you to all the couples who came out for the Sweetheart Fundraiser dinner on Feb 20. The table of desserts was overwhelming and delicious! We collected \$1195 that night towards our summer trip and it truly was our pleasure to serve you! Please continue to be in prayer for our High School Youth Summer mission trip to Cape Charles, VA on June 26 -July 1. If anyone is interested in being a prayer partner for any of our team members, please contact Jess Grimes.



EMPTY BOWLS

Hunger Awareness Night – March 13, 6pm



Empty Bowls/ Hunger Awareness Night will be held on March 13th at 6 p.m. Join us for a soup and bread dinner. A representative from Midwest Food Bank will share.

We will continue collecting money for hunger (specifically to Midwest Food Bank). Look for the big soup kettle in the narthex. Watch each week to see the current total of donations collected!

Midwest Food Bank currently distributes over \$32 million worth of food to over 2,000 non-profits each month. We stand ready for disaster relief efforts and can get food-filled relief boxes to those in need, within 24 hours. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the valuable work of our volunteers, and most importantly, the blessings of God, Midwest Food Bank now shares the blessings worldwide. In 2020, we distributed over \$383 million worth of food.



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FOOD BANK®



3/1 Ken Seaman

3/1 Barry Spohn

3/2 Christina Lengle

3/2 Ken Shaud (87th)

3/3 Eve Beamesderfer

3/4 Jalynn Strickler

3/4 Jillian Zechman

3/5 Kevin Atkins

3/5 Hunter Shuey

3/6 Simon Grimes

3/7 Michele Reiber

3/7 Makenna Moyer

3/10 Keith Blauch

3/10 Tina Boyer

3/13 Marion Parker (87th)

3/13 Don Parker

3/13 Mary Ritz

3/14 Leonard McFeaters (84th)

3/14 Lynda Ulrich

3/15 Steve King

3/15 Megan Saich

3/16 Noah Piotrowski

3/17 Ken Hebel

3/16 Kathy Long

3/18 Brennen Hostetter

3/21 Emery Blauch

3/22 Frank Saich

3/23 Clarke Helms

3/23 Della Moyer

3/24 Gladys Hartman (88th)

3/25 Joyce Krouse

3/26 Owen Seibert

3/29 Barb Blauch

3/29 Linda Hetrick

3/30 Amelia Schriver

3/31 Michelle Moore

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

GATHERING AT 9:30 – 10:15 A.M.

- *Class led by Dave Hahnen in Rooms 22/24*
- *Children meet in main hallway in Room 23*
- *Discussion classes in Fellowship Hall*
 - *“The Chosen, season 2” video and ladies discussion group in south end.*
 - *Discussion group in the north end, led by Eric Wentling*
- *Children’s Church is dismissed during the 10:30 service*

WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUPS

Our Northern Lebanon United Methodist Churches will once again come together to worship and study together during this Lenten Season.

“JOURNEY TO THE CROSS”

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM

3-2	JONESTOWN UMC – “THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE”
3-9	TRINITY UMC – “IN THE GARDEN”
3-16	ONO UMC – “DO WHAT YOU CAME FOR, FRIEND”
3-23	EMMANUEL UMC – “TWO DIFFERENT TRIALS”
3-30	BELLEGGROVE UMC – “TO CARRY ANOTHER’S CROSS”
4-6	FREDERICKSBURG – “DEATH OF THE DIVINE”
*4-14	TRINITY UMC – “MAUNDY THURSDAY”

...CONTINUING AT ONO

Youth Production Team in the youth room
-Kids4Jesus in Fellowship Hall

Missions Committee Updates



True Life Youth Ministries (Formerly Lebanon Valley YFC)

We have been supporting True Life Ministries for many years. Some of our groups at church have rented their cabin in the woods located north of Lickdale.

March is a big month each year for True Life. They hold an annual auction to help support their ministry. This year the auction takes place on March 18 and 19 at the Lebanon Expo Center.

Opportunities exist to volunteer for work leading up to and during the weekend of the auction. (717) 272-5106 is the phone number to call if interested.

Below is a summary of the mission of True Life Youth Ministries of Lebanon.

Founded in 1945, True Life Youth Ministries reaches the youth of our community. Our leadership team consists of a board of directors comprised of local business and community leaders who work closely with the executive director, who in turn oversees our staff.

Originally organized to provide evangelistic, Saturday night youth rallies for teenagers across Lebanon County, True Life Youth Ministries began a transition in 1992 of reaching the youth living in Lebanon city. Since that time God has transitioned us into a dynamic urban ministry reaching children and teenagers from some of the most neglected neighborhoods in our community.

Ono Pre-School
now accepting
applications for
22-23 fall enrollment!
For more info, call
717-865-1333.



*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

onochurch@gmail.com

Thank you!

Update on the Gospel Center – Local Ministry to our community



On Saturday, March 12th, 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 Kim Moyer at 717-926-5077 if interested.



Easter Cantata Rehearsal on:

Thursday evenings

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

All are welcome to join in song!!

Gather small
Love Deep
ordinary moments matter!



BACKPACKS OF HOPE



A backpack full of thanks!

Ono's *Backpacks of Hope* ministry would not be able to continue to bless Lebanon County foster kids and families were it not for all the wonderful donations you and some local organizations provide us with.

Please be on the look out for a "donation of the month" which will offer us the opportunity to be ready when called for a BP.

We're continuing bath and personal care items for infants and the young child for March. Please place your donation in the crate provided at the Mission Collection Corner, by the elevator.

Thank you!

The Easter Story



Most of the crowd spread their coats on the road ahead of Jesus, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
John 19:2



Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.
Matthew 26:14-15



As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it and eat it; for this is my body."
Matthew 26:26



Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will." "Peter," Jesus replied, "the truth is, this very night before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."
Matthew 26:33-34



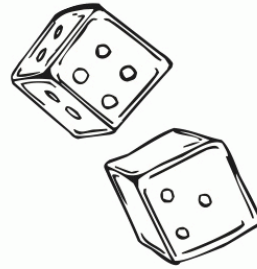
He went on a little farther and fell face down on the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."
Matthew 26:39



Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross.
Mark 15:24a



The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and they put a royal purple robe on him.
John 19:2



They gambled for his clothes, throwing dice to decide who would get them.
Mark 15:24b



Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance as he left.
Matthew 27:59-60



He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.
Matthew 28:6



St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, his family home was attacked, and he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave.

After about 10 years, he escaped, but returned after having a dream that the Irish people were begging him to come back! And so, he did. In 432, he stepped into his call to share Christ and convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools.

Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Thank you, St. Patrick!



Saturday, April 16th, 10 a.m. at the Church – Toddler – 5th Grade

Donations of wrapped candy and small prizes are needed.

Please see Loretta Longenecker if you have questions.

Egg-fill night is Monday, April 4th beginning at 6:45pm.

All are welcome to help!