

# Good News in Ono



*July* 2022



*Jesus said to him, "Your repentance shows that today life has come to you and your household, and that you are a true son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to seek out and to give life to those who are lost."*

*-Luke 19. 9- 10 (TPT)*

The story of Jesus and Zacchaeus teaches us some very valuable lessons. First, Jesus pursues us. Jesus did not simply set up a synagogue somewhere and expect people to come find Him. Instead, Jesus went through the towns, into the wilderness, wherever He needed to go in order to engage people with His presence. His presence was so powerful that people actively sought Him out and crowds seemed to form wherever He went. Even in those crowds, Jesus knows people's hearts and He pursues those who need Him. He could have simply walked by Zacchaeus and anticipated that Zacchaeus would listen and learn from afar. Jesus did not do this. He engaged in a personal invitation. This should set up a model for us- we should seek to engage people in the message of Christ. We need to be willing to initiate engagement with those around us in order to shine the light of Christ into this world.

Second, the message of Christ is one of repentance and salvation. Zacchaeus had to acknowledge his faults and desire for Jesus to be present in his house in order to correct any wrongs to the best of his abilities. Upon doing so, Jesus declares that salvation has arrived in Zacchaeus' household. While I think the Bible makes caring for the physical needs of people an important way to serve Him, salvation remains the goal of service. Feeding physical bodies while their souls are perishing is a futile task. We can never lose sight of the vital importance that salvation plays in our dying world.

Third, we are Zacchaeus first. It is easy to think about how others need to correct their behaviors and allow Jesus into their homes while neglecting that we need to do that as well. The story of our leading others always needs to start with our being led. At some point in our lives, we too welcomed Jesus into the home of our heart. We need to allow His presence to guide and direct us so that our actions would honor Him. Just as Zacchaeus was willing to right his faults, we need to be willing to engage in that sometimes difficult process so that Jesus' words can speak into our hearts that rejoicing message of salvation. It is only after we have received this message that we can effectively proclaim the message. However, we may never take credit for the message- it must always remain in our hearts and minds that we were once the lost. Thank God we have been found and saved!

Finally, once we realize that our need for Jesus has been filled, we need to allow the message to flow from us into others. The Church should never be focused on us. It should always be focused on the lost. Once you have become a member of the family of God, you should be an active, effective member of the body of Christ. The intimacy of that relationship is what should drive us to be focused as Jesus was on seeking and saving the lost. The difference between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea is stark. The Sea of Galilee is full of life and lush. Water flows in and out of it to keep it fresh and vibrant. The Dead Sea has water flow in, but it ends there. Because of that, minerals build up and nothing can live there. It is a desolate wilderness. May we receive the freshness of Christ so that He could pour out of us!

*Pastor Robb*



## *Ono's 2022 Vacation Bible School*

### **Food Truck Party!**



**Check out Ono's facebook page for some great photos of the week!**

*A note from our top chef, Leann Snyder!*

*Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School* rolled into Ono UMC for four days in June. Children aged 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade were "On a Roll with God" as they sang, crafted, played, prayed and learned about how God provides.

The theme of food and the promises of God's provision were highlighted as children learned the Bible stories of manna and the quail, the widow and the never-ending oil, Daniel eating the good food, and Jesus feeding the 5,000. Each night the characters, Top Chef and DJ Cupcake, helped children focus on the verse, "Give us today our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11) as they prepared menus for the grand opening of a new food truck. Silly food jokes, wacky costumes, and the sounds of children singing made for a memorable VBS!

The 49 children who attended VBS also learned that God provides when we love others. Over 81 pounds of food were collected and delivered to the JOY food pantry as part of our mission to love others.

The planning group was unsure whether there would be enough helpers, enough time, or even enough children to hold a meaningful VBS this year. Trust prevailed as God always provides and it was a wonderful time of growing, learning, and loving. We are so grateful for all the amazing volunteers who shared their gifts and made VBS possible.



## *Introducing, Bethany Snyder*

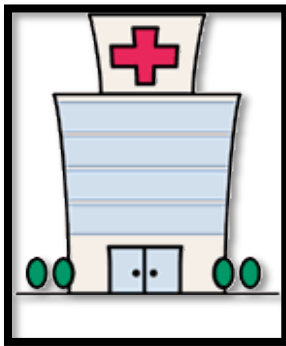
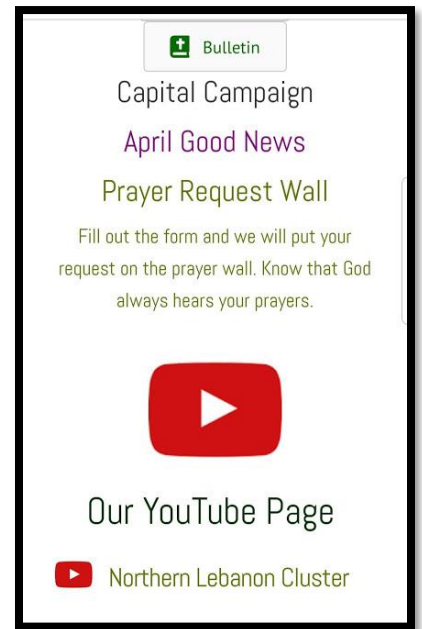
Nineteen years. That's my answer when anyone ever asks why I took this summer intern position. I've loved the community at Ono United Methodist for nineteen years. Growing up, I always looked for an excuse to spend more time at church. I loved everything that church had to offer. This opportunity that has been given to me this summer has truly been a blessing to me as I struggle through an unknown time in my life. My friends' and family's support has meant so much and the support I've been receiving from the congregation has meant even more. But the most rewarding support is every child's smile that I get to see on Sunday morning. I've always enjoyed the children. They truly are a gift from God. Whenever I doubt myself and my abilities, I'm reassured by every hug and precious moment I'm given with the kids. Their loving ways is what sets them apart; they have no fear of being 100% themselves. That's what I want to embrace with open arms this summer is that unconditional, loving way of life they bring with them everywhere they go. I want to embrace their differences while also embracing their unity in Jesus. My goal this summer is to make sure every child I come across truly knows their worth in Christ. After my time on summer staff is complete, I have full confidence in this congregation's support of the children of this community and this church. You know what they say, the children are the future. Not just of this church, but of this world. So let us make disciples of all sizes and ages this summer as we love on our youngest brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Bethany Snyder :)*

Summer Intern 2022

***"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"***

***Matthew 19:14***



## 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.



**Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>**

# Happy Birthday!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS!

7/2 Bob Adams

7/3 Bob Long

7/3 Tracy Gomez

7/5 Anna Gongloff

7/5 Jaxon Gongloff

7/6 Jeanna Seyfert

7/6 Jaden Gerber

7/7 Danielle Blauch

7/7 Aiden Crawford

7/7 Kristopher Frazier

7/9 Toni Diamond 83<sup>rd</sup>

7/9 Ilene Schriver 80<sup>th</sup>

7/9 Justin Helms

7/9 Lori Kimmel

7/9 Rick Wise

7/10 Peighton Moyer

7/12 Karen Wentling

7/13 Ken Moyer

7/13 Mason Hostetter

7/14 Joyce Zeigler 83<sup>rd</sup>

7/16 Janet Hahnen

7/16 Andreanna Davis

7/19 Grace Hostetter

7/19 Carlie Zechman

7/24 Avery Stoner

7/28 Kevin Helms

7/28 Brett Kveragas

7/29 Laura Wiest

7/29 Mason Moyer

*We sure hope we didn't miss anyone, but if we did, would you mind notifying us in the office so we can update our file?*



## Ono's 2022 Youth and Adult Mission Team Serving in Cape Charles, Va



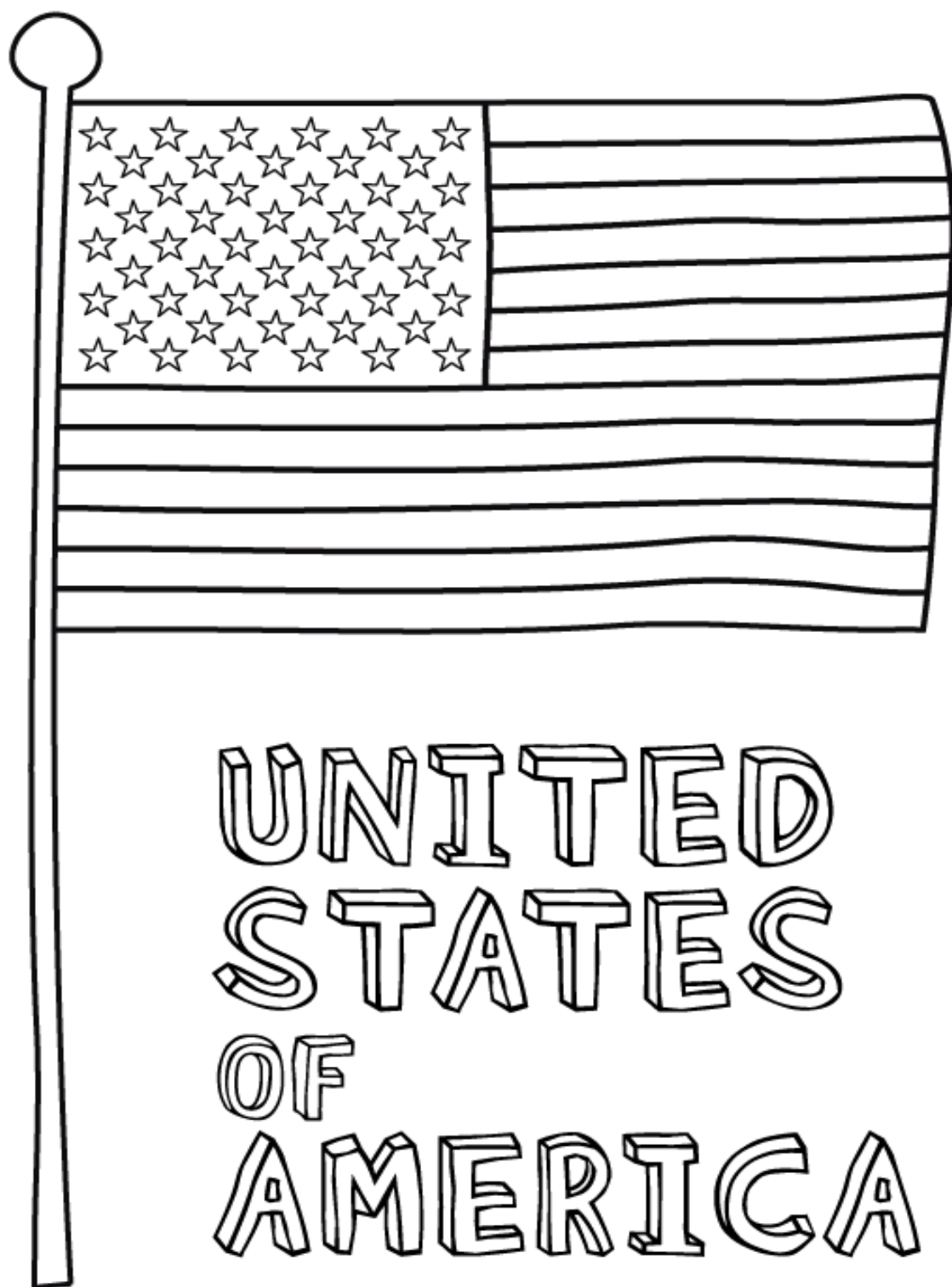
### **Welcome Home Team!**

**We look forward to hearing your  
testimonies on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

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Covered dish supper for Mission Team, their family,  
and their Prayer Partners  
this evening at 6:30pm! See ya then!







Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022!





## Ono Community Yard Sales:

On Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7am, Ono will have community yard sales! Individuals of our church may use the front lawn of the church to display your items, but you do need to bring your own

tables. Please be respectful of the grounds and see that the area is clean after the yard sale is over. Please take any of your unsold items along with you! *Thank you!!*

## Free Food Box Saturday

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

Jonestown United Methodist Church

## July

### Fun excuses to celebrate this month:

National Picnic Month	16th Fresh Spinach Day
1st Build a Scarecrow Day	17th Sewing Machine Day
2nd World UFO Day	18th Cow Appreciation Day
3rd Dog Days Begin	19th Stick Your Tongue Out Day
4th American Independence Day	20th Moon Day
5th Graham Cracker Day	21st National Junk Food Day
6th Picture Postcard Day	22nd Summer Leisure Day
7th Macaroni Day	23rd Mosquito Day
8th Video Games Day	24th Amelia Earhart Day
9th National Sugar Cookie Day	25th Threading the Needle Day
10th Teddy Bear's Picnic Day	26th Aunt and Uncle Day
11th Cheer Up the Lonely Day	27th Bugs Bunny Day
12th Paper Bag Day	July 28th Fingerprint Day
13th Go West Day	29th National Lasagna Day
14th Tape Measure Day	30th National Cheesecake Day
15th Tapioca Pudding Day	31st US Patent Day

Find even more reasons to celebrate: <http://familycrafts.about.com>



Formally known as Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services, Align Life Ministries has so many ways we can get involved. Some of those ways are listed below.

## Pregnancy Services

- **Client Advocates:** As a woman or man, encourage and educate women, men and couples experiencing pregnancy. Or, as a woman, provide a pregnancy test and sit alongside a woman who isn't sure she can carry her pregnancy. (Serve weekly or biweekly for a two-to-four-hour shift. We provide training.)
- **Receptionists:** Whether scheduling appointments, making clients in the waiting room feel comfortable, or being that listening ear on the phone, a receptionist is important to the flow of the location. (Serve weekly or biweekly for a two-to-four-hour shift. We provide training.)
- **Post-Abortion Group Facilitators:** Do you have a passion to see women and men healed from the pain of abortion? Facilitate a post-abortion Bible study. Training is provided.
- **Babysitters:** Many of our clients have no one to watch their children during their Align Pregnancy Services appointment, yet to bring children into the session isn't productive to the client's learning. If you are age 18 or over and love children, you have the opportunity to be a vital part of what's happening in the lives of our clients by caring for their children at one of our locations.
- **Intercessors:** Having each location and our services bathed in prayer is crucial. Would you be available to come on-site weekly or monthly to stand in the gap with other believers on behalf of the clients we serve?
- **Baby Boutique Coordinators and Helpers:** Each of our locations has a Baby Boutique. Use your creativity to organize and stage the donations we receive. Not creative? You can sort through donations, pack diapers, and perhaps do a little washing or mending. The schedule is flexible.
- **Interpreters:** Are you bilingual? Help translate between a Client Advocate and client in individual or group sessions on an as needed basis. (Clients who have little grasp of English may be on a waiting list while we wait for God to fill this need.)
- **Lawn Care/Snow Removal/Maintenance:** We value all our volunteers, including those who are able to mow grass, plant and care for flowers, remove snow, or provide basic building maintenance.

## Administration

- **Office Assistant:** Aid our Lebanon administrative office staff on an as needed basis with copying, mailings, computer work, and other general administrative jobs, including counting Baby Bottle Boomerang returns.
- **Church Liaisons** Connect your church family with Align Life Ministries by communicating upcoming events and important updates. Information and materials are provided.
- **Move for Life Team Leaders:** Rally friends and family to raise support with you through the Move for Life held each May. Promote the event at church, in the community, and on your social media. Tips and materials are provided.
- **Move for Life Volunteers:** Help with registration, refreshments, prizes, Kids' Zones, set up and tear down, and more. Training is provided.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Organize this fundraiser with your church, youth group, or other organization. We supply bottles and promotional tools. It's a fun and easy way for people of all ages to champion life.

## News letter submissions

*deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each Month*

Please email to Dee - [deefaller@gmail.com](mailto:deefaller@gmail.com) or  
Barb at the Office - [onochurch@gmail.com](mailto:onochurch@gmail.com)