



# Good News in Ono

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“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon.

This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

-John 15. 4- 8 (The Message)

I have been thinking a lot about how intricate life is connected. In a society that tends to stress individualism, we sometimes forget how truly connected we are and are designed to be. Even as individuals, we are the result of DNA that has been passed down from generation to generation in order to create us as we are. As a society, we need people to fill different roles in order to thrive. We need people to grow food, people to haul items, people to create and distribute electricity, people who manage waste- the list is endless! If any of those jobs go unfulfilled, then the whole of society would suffer. So why do we lose this understanding so quickly? Why is it so easy to see some as more important than others? Have we lost our profound sense of connection?

The Ecclesia (Church) is frequently described as the “body of Christ (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12).” This is Paul's effort to remind people how connected we are called to be. It is a tangible description. The body is most effective when all parts are fully operational. Most of us have experienced when a part of our body failed. In those moments, we understand how fundamentally interconnected the body is. The Ecclesia is called to be so connected! So, if we know that the Bible clearly tells us that this should be, why is it so hard? Are our theological differences, different interpretations of Scripture, different political ideologies, or even different personalities stronger than the grace and love of Christ. I would argue they should not be!

In the 15th chapter of John, Jesus tells His disciples that they need to be connected to Him. I would be willing to bet when you read those verses, you read them as you as an individual. It is not. The you (as it is in most of the New Testament) is plural. Read it again from that perspective. We need to be connected to Jesus. In that connection, we will bear fruit. Apart from that connection, we can do nothing. It is a powerful reminder that we are not in this spiritual battle alone. We are joined intricately together and intricately with Christ. If we allow anything to break that connection, then we have failed! This year, I am trying something new. The whole year we will be looking at our interconnectedness. My hope and prayer is that we will use this year to reestablish our connections to the vine and to each other. I have no doubt that if we find those connections, we will bear much fruit- not because of our individuality, but because of God's presence within our Ecclesia. May God's Holy Spirit divinely weave a beautiful tapestry

*Pastor Robb*

## Jess Grimes – Youth and Music Ministry



*This year the youth group has chosen a theme of Multiply. All through the Bible we read awesome stories of multiplication where God does even more than we can imagine with a simple gift or act of service. It is our prayer that as a youth ministry we will see that principle take flight in 2023! Right now, we are not sure what that will look like, but we are praying for God's direction and leading and we pray expecting God to lead the way! Will you pray with us?*

Thank you to our youth for presenting a shadow drama "O Holy night!" It is always a joy to hear and see the story of Christmas retold in unique ways!



We also had a fun night at our youth Christmas party. We had a "Top Chef" night where we asked the youth to cook, bake and create our meal! The winners from 3 categories were Mira Grimes (Appetizer) for her Christmas Pizza Ball Tree, Joel Seibert (Main Dish) for his Beef Stroganoff, and Lauren Murray (Dessert) for her chocolate chip pumpkin bread! Everything was yummy. We ended the night with a sweet treat exchange and some games!



And thank you to our Christmas Choir for sharing the gift of music with us on December 18<sup>th</sup> with the cantata "Christmas Forever!" I am so thankful for each singer, dancer, flag waver, sound guy, bell ringer and narrator who took part in this team effort to make a joyful noise unto God this year!

Jess Grimes



# Children's Ministry

January 2023 is an exciting time for me to start to really get to know the children in the ministry and begin leading the programming! Please check out the January ministry start up timeline below!

- Sun., January 1<sup>st</sup> - K-3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Church back in session.
- Wed., January 4<sup>th</sup> – Kids4Jesus back in session.
- Sun., January 15<sup>th</sup> – Kids Fellowship back in session.,

*Starting January 8<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to beginning a 4-week lesson on the Disciple Peter! The kids are sure to enjoy!*

The Children's Commission will be starting the new year off on a great foot with a team meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss future plans for the ministry 2023!

*A bit of housekeeping:* Parents please be aware that you will need to fill out an emergency release for your child for this new year. These will be coming home with children as we start up our 2023 activities. We look forward to your child/children participating in all the fun activities, so please complete and provide all updated information. This questionnaire will also help me have some additional insight about your child that could be useful such as birthday, allergies, etc. Please, be sure to return the forms as soon as possible once you receive them. Thank you!

Children's Church volunteers are needed for February, March, April, and May as well as opportunities to help Sundays and Wednesday evenings. If you don't feel comfortable leading the lesson, no problem! There are still a lot of areas for you to be involved in the Children's Ministry here at Ono!

Do you like to play games or read books? ...you can help!

Do you like to bake cakes or buy snacks? ... then you can help!

Do you like to paint portraits, draw stick figures or craft? ... then you too can help too!

Do you like to throw a ball or clap along while others do? ... You. Can. Help!

You don't need to be perfect; you just need to be willing.

Please reach out to me to discuss the many ways you can have an impact!

text me @ 717-679-5374 or email me: [Jess@injmiller.com](mailto:Jess@injmiller.com)

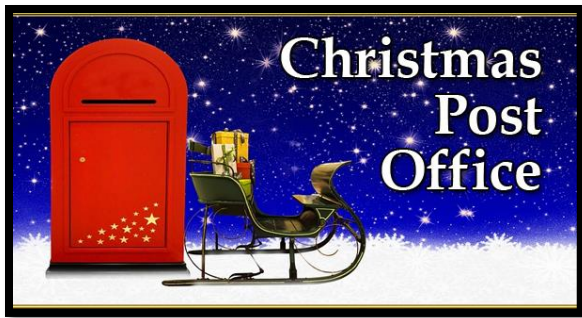
As a church we have an incredible opportunity to have a positive influence on the lives of our youngest members here at Ono, the more we come alongside them the more we will see the seeds we plant grow!

*Jess Miller*



Celebrating  
Jesus' Birthday at  
the Christmas  
Eve Children's  
Service! Thank  
you, Amanda M.  
and Cindy F! ...

...After all, who  
doesn't like  
cupcakes!



A great big thank you to our Youth Group and His Servants for the hours you dedicated each Sunday delivering all our Christmas Cards!  
You are marvelous!!!

## Free Food Box Saturday!

**Jan. 14th, at 1:00 p.m. - TILL THEY ARE GONE!**

Distribution is at Jonestown UMC  
Special thanks to everyone that volunteers for  
this food outreach to our community!

**SPREAD THE NEWS!**



A group from Ono shares worship and a meal with the folks at the Gospel Center. The next date is **January 21st**. The service is at 4:00 p.m. followed by the meal at 4:30 p.m. 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.

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redemption.

Please contact *Jeannette Shuey* at 717-644-1831 or  
*Kim Moyer* at 717-926-5077 if you feel called to join us.



**There is something for everyone this fall at Ono Church! Prayerfully consider which small group you would like to be a part of for learning, growing and fellowship!**

**Sundays @ 6:30pm**

Adult Small Group (Leader: Pastor Robb)  
Young Adult Small Group- Ages 18-30 (Leader: Bethany Snyder)  
Youth Small Groups (Gr 6-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Kid's Fellowship (PreK- 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Wednesdays at 1pm**

Adult Small Group (Leader Dave Hahnen)

**Wednesdays at 6:30pm**

Youth Sweet Hour of Prayer/Production Team  
Kids 4 Jesus  
Adult Bible Study (Leader: Pastor Robb)

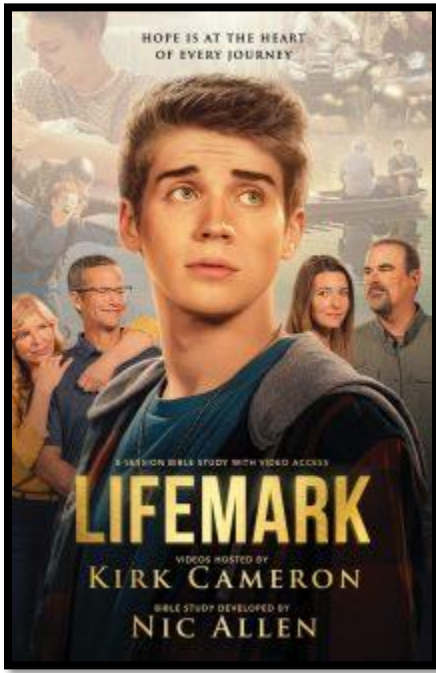
**Thursdays (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month) at 9:30-11am**

Ladies Sharing Small Group



**Yoga  
Monday's at  
6-7pm!**





*From executive producers Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick Brothers, creators of WAR ROOM and FIREPROOF – comes LIFEMARK, based on an inspiring true story that celebrates adoption, reconciliation, and love. LIFEMARK tells the story of David, whose comfortable world is turned upside down when his birth mother unexpectedly reaches out to him, longing to meet the 18-year-old son she's only held once...*

Join us on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for our first Family Fellowship Night of the New Year! Popcorn and drinks will be served!

*Hope to see you there ... and your friends!*



Here at Ono, we see Women's Ministries as a valuable connection in nurturing, supporting, and equipping each other to discover and use our God-given gifts and talents to glorify God in your personal lives and in your communities faithfully and completely. You can find a small group Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour, meeting at the top of the Fellowship Hall stairs. Also, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays – 9:30-11:00am in Fellowship Hall. We do hope you find your way to a group... make 2023 the year you connect! We'll save a seat for ya!



# 31 Ways to Celebrate January

	1	2	3	4	5	
		CREATE A VISION BOARD AND SELECT ONE WORD OR MOTTO TO FOCUS ON IN 2019	SHOP POST-HOLIDAY SALES FOR MAJOR SAVINGS ON INTIMATES & DESIGNER GOODS	AS YOU PACK UP FROM XMAS, GET ORGANIZED WITH STORAGE TOTES AND LABELS	IT'S SPAGHETTI DAY & TRIVIA DAY. HOST A SPAGHETTI DINNER OR MEET FOR PUB TRIVIA	HAVE FUN INDOORS: GO BOWLING, ROCKING CLIMBING, DANCING, OR TO THE ARCADE
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
IT'S CUDDLE UP DAY! PICK UP JUNK FOOD, CHANGE INTO PJS, AND PUT IN A MOVIE	DURING THIS SLOW TIME OF THE YEAR, PICK A ROOM OF YOUR HOME TO REORGANIZE AND REFRESH	BUBBLE BATH DAY! INDULGE IN A RELAXING BATH WITH A CUP OF TEA AND A GOOD BOOK	TRY A RECIPE FROM PINTEREST OR A MAGAZINE FROM THE GROCERY STORE	FIND A PLAY, CONCERT, ART EXHIBITION, OR GALLERY RECEPTION TO ATTEND THIS MONTH	IT'S THE OFF-SEASON! BOOK A SPONTANEOUS WEEKEND GETAWAY ON A BUDGET	TRY A SUBSCRIPTION BOX (FASHION, BEAUTY, CULINARY, DATE NIGHT IN, ETC.)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE DAY! BOOK THAT VACATION YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF	DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY! DRESS TO MATCH AND TAKE A FAMILY PHOTO	NATIONAL HAT DAY! DON A BERET, BEANIE, FEDORA, CLOCHE, OR OTHER STYLE	VISIT YOUR LOCAL BOTANICAL GARDENS OR CONSERVATORY FOR A HINT OF SPRINGTIME	TRY A NEW LIPSTICK OR NAIL POLISH SHADE TO REFRESH YOUR LOOK	PLAY IN THE SNOW! MAKE A SNOWMAN OR GO SLEDDING, SKIING, OR SNOW BOARDING	NATIONAL POPCORN DAY! MAKE POPCORN BALLS, TRAIL MIX, OR TRY SEASONING SALTS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NATIONAL CHEESE LOVER DAY! MAKE A CHEESEBOARD AND PAIR A NEW WINE WITH IT	MLK JR DAY! FIND A LOCAL EXHIBIT OR EVENT HONORING HIM, OR LISTEN TO HIS SPEECHES	PLAN YOUR SPRING CLEANING, GARDENING, AND HOME DIY PROJECTS ON PINTEREST	NATIONAL HAND-WRITING DAY! JOURNAL, SEND A LETTER, OR TRY CALLIGRAPHY	COMPLIMENT DAY! FIND SOMETHING POSITIVE AND GENEROUS TO SAY TO 5 PEOPLE TODAY	SPEND AN HOUR PERUSING A NEW-TO-YOU BOOKSTORE AND PICK UP A NEW BOOK	SPOUSE'S DAY! WRITE THEM A LOVE NOTE, SERVE BREAKFAST IN BED, AND GO ON A DATE
27	28	29	30	31		
CHOCOLATE CAKE DAY! TREAT YOURSELF AT YOUR LOCAL BAKERY OR MAKE ONE YOURSELF	DO A DIY SPA NIGHT WITH A FACE MASK, HAIR TREATMENT, SUGAR SCRUB, AND MANI & PEDI	GET 'HYGGE' AND LIGHT CANDLES, MAKE HOT COCOA, AND READ WITH A WARM BLANKET	BINGE A NEW SHOW ON NETFLIX, HULU, OR AMAZON PRIME	INSPIRE YOUR HEART WITH ART DAY! PLAN A MUSEUM DAY. VISIT A GALLERY. OR CREATE ART!		





Pastor Robb and Dee are so appreciative of their opportunities to travel at this stage in life. However, they also value being in pastoral roles. Please always feel free to contact them on their cell phones. If there is a need for another pastor to intervene, then Pastor Robb will contact another clergy within the Northern Lebanon Cluster to fulfill that role. If they are ever in an area that doesn't have cell service, then there will be an on-call pastor announced.



## Backpacks Of Hope

Happy New Year!

Thank you for your generous gifts for the Family Visitation Room!

Found within the office of Children and Youth is  
a

“Visitation Room”. This is where kids in foster care may visit with their biological family. *Backpacks of Hope* has periodically supplied activities that kids can do with their family during their visit, and we have been asked if we could step in again with a few more specific items.

Would you like to join us?

Here are some ideas for you...

“Indoor supplies for the visit room would be so appreciated!”

Activities that could be completed together in an hour or so.

Make and take, games, board puzzles.

The play kitchen is very popular so toy food for that would be nice.

*Nothing electronic that needs batteries please.*

Baby wipes and tissues.

Napkins, paper plates etc. since everyone brings food!

Individual wrapped snack items (no peanuts please)

Books for all different ages! Coloring books, reading books, word search books...

Collection is at the Mission Corner near the elevator.



# A Mouse's Tale

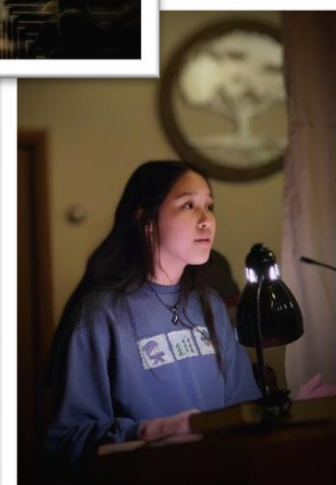
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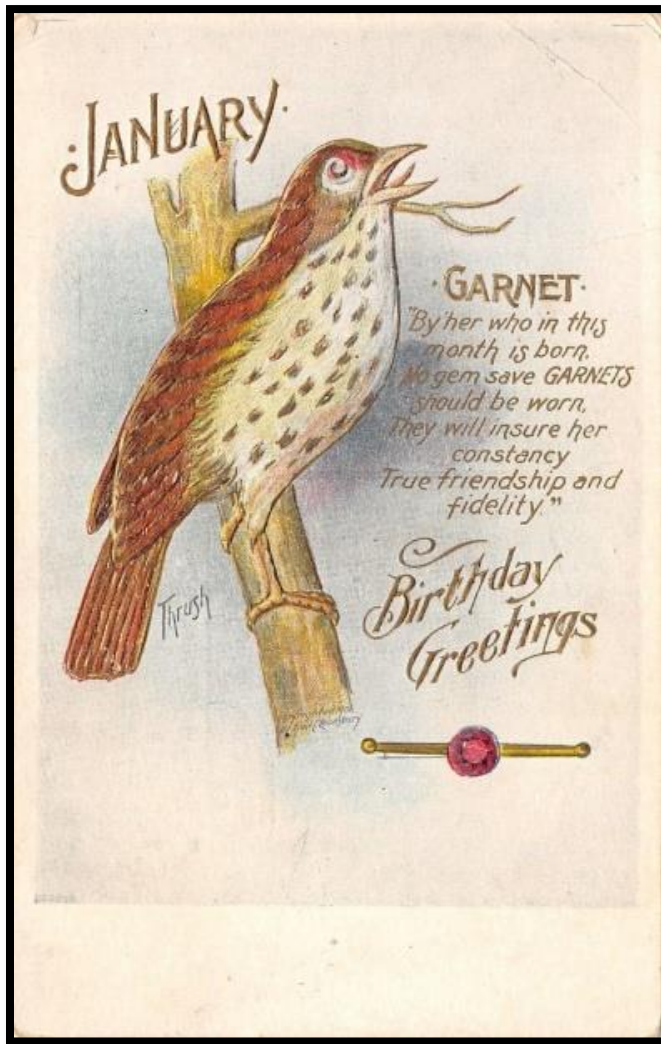


# The Christmas Story; In Shadow

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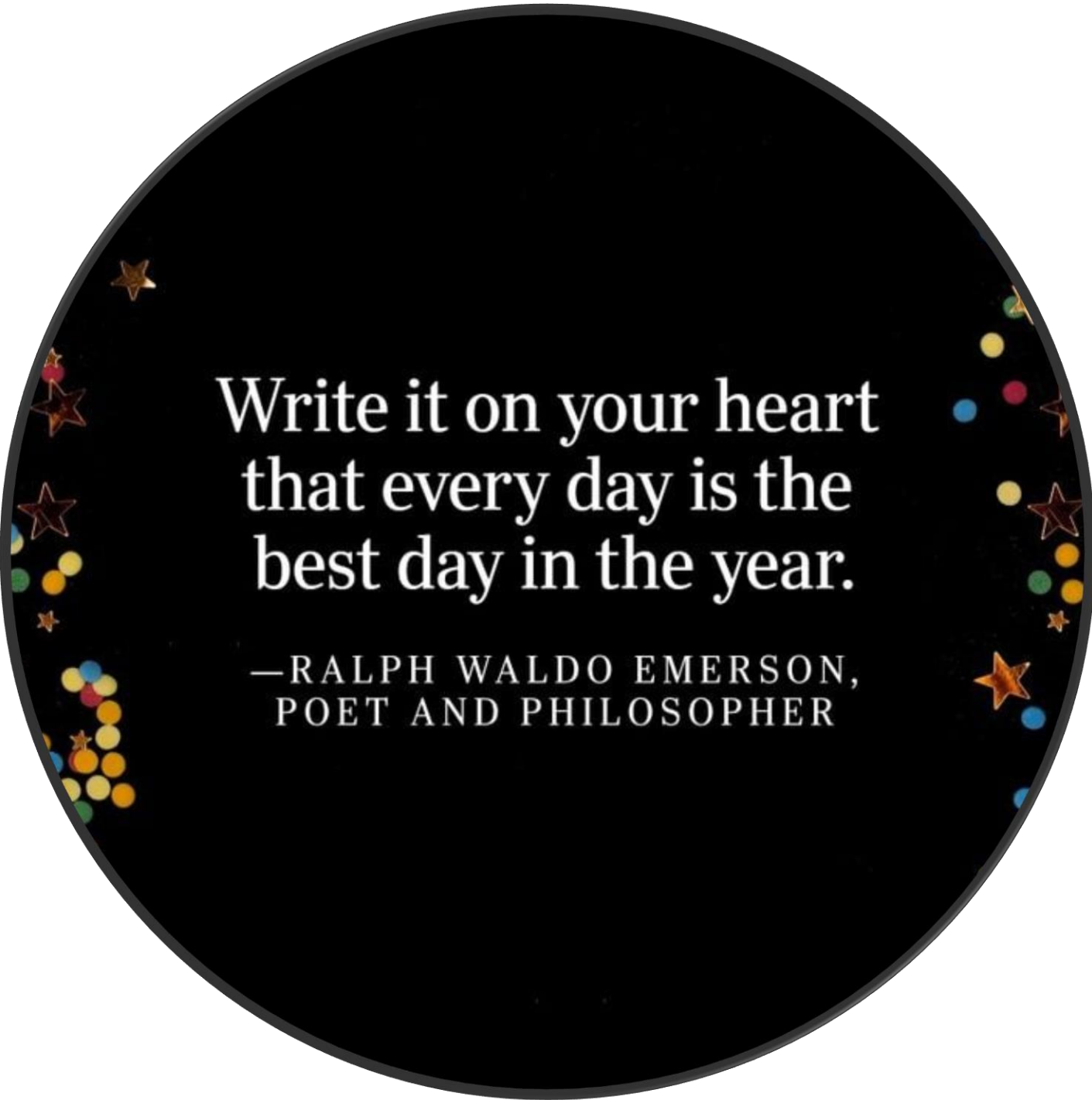






1/2 Dale Gongloff  
 1/2 Linda Saich  
 1/3 Elizabeth Piotrowski  
 1/5 Blake Sallada  
 1/5 Drekin Ussery  
 1/8 Janel Weaber  
 1/8 Emily Marinkov  
 1/9 Margaret Bomgardner  
 1/9 Jared George

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 (92nd )  
 1/17 Tom Zeigler  
 1/17 Mitchell Edris  
 1/18 Mitch Walker  
 1/19 Dennis Hetrick  
 1/19 Maya Harmon  
 1/21 Eva McFeathers (82nd )  
 1/22 Megan Atkins  
 1/23 Daryl Emrich  
 1/25 Kaleb Ollar  
 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



Write it on your heart  
that every day is the  
best day in the year.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON,  
POET AND PHILOSOPHER