



**Ono United Methodist Church
9 Main Street
Ono. Pa 17077**



Moshe said to God, "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh (I am/will be what I am/will be)," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh (I Am or I Will Be) has sent me to you.'"

-Exodus 3. 13- 14 (CJB)

I have been reading the Complete Jewish Bible translation and I fell in love with this memorable line from Exodus. The translators use the Hebrew names instead of the more commonly used Greek (***Moshe instead of Moses***). In Exodus 3, God is giving Moses His personal name. This name is not spoken or fully written out in Jewish tradition to avoid violating the third commandment ("You are not to use lightly the name of Adonai your God, because Adonai will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly. (Exodus 20. 7 (CJB))). In this translation, we come to a better understanding of what God's personal name indicates - *the eternal presence of God!*

I love this idea. There was never a time that God was not present. All through history- through the good and the bad moments- God was present. Perhaps this would bother some people. Why would God want to be present in the bad times? Why didn't He intervene? Theologians have long stood on the idea that humans have the ability to make choices. Those choices can honor or deny God. The choices that honor God would benefit society. Those choices that deny God create harm. Sometimes it is great harm. Regardless, God's presence has never abandoned anybody.

God is present now. Life is hard. There have been plenty of times that the struggles of life have felt overwhelming. What a great comfort it is to know that God is with us. As I sit with families in the midst of the darkest hours of life, I sit in confidence that God's presence is with us. This does not make life or decisions in life any easier, but it does afford us the opportunity to rest in His grace-filled presence. Life is hard, but God is good. His goodness can sustain us throughout the darkest of days. His goodness can uplift us during the greatest of pleasures. It is God's presence that can empower us throughout our lives.

God will be present in the future. It is easier for me to face the challenges of today knowing that God will be wherever life leads. We can face the future unafraid- not because we are confident in ourselves, but because we can have confidence in our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! Revelation 4.8 has another reminder of this powerful name of God. As the living beings worship God, they proclaim "'Holy, holy, holy is Adonai, God of heaven's armies, the One who was, who is and who is coming!" May the personal name of our God uplift and encourage you each and every day of your life!

Pastor Robb

YOUTH AND MUSIC MINISTRY



Ono Youth Group and Kid's Ministry team up together!

The Ono youth and Ono kids decorated and filled Valentine goody boxes for our current college students. Each month, the youth and the kids plan to team up and work together to bless others through **Acts of Kindness!**



This spring confirmation class will be held for any youth (grades 6-12) wishing to join the church and/or be baptized.

The class will meet April 16th - May 28th during the 9:30am Sunday school hour.

Then on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th the confirmands will be confirmed and/or baptized at our combined outdoor worship service. Please be in prayer for these young hearts as they learn about faith and take a step toward being a part of the Body of Christ.

Jess Grimes



The children will be continuing to learn about parables for the first two weeks of March, learning about the Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son. The second half of March, we will start to look toward **Easter!** We will learn about Lent-Temptation and Sacrifice. Families are encouraged to use the LENT calendar that they will be receiving in the mail with the March parent letter.

Also in March, in addition to regular Children's Ministry Programming, **Kids Praise** practice will continue during the Sunday School Hour to practice for the Palm Sunday Service, April 2nd. The kids have also been invited to sing before the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th.

The next **Pizza and Hang Out Hour** will be March 26th. Kids and Parents are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30pm - 6:30pm for pizza and games. Kids can stay for children's fellowship afterward and parents can stay for an adult group led by Pastor Robb from 6:30-7:30p.m.



There is also an opportunity for kids to participate in a **Retreat at Gretna Glen**. For kids age 6-12yrs old, Gretna Glen is holding an overnight retreat from Friday March 31st through April 1st at 7:00p.m. Parents will need to register their child on Gretna Glen's website by setting up an account. The website to do that is [Sign-in | Gretna Glen Camp \(campbrainregistration.com\)](http://Sign-in | Gretna Glen Camp (campbrainregistration.com)) There is a cost of \$60 for the retreat but the church will pay half of the cost per child. In order for the church to be billed for the second half, parents will need to enter "Ono United Methodist Church, Ono, PA" and check **yes** for the church paying a portion of camp fees. If you have additional questions about the retreat, please contact Gretna Glen as they will be coordinating and running the retreat.

Upcoming important dates:

- Feb. 22nd -Ash Wednesday – LENT begins (Wed.)
- March 26th -Pizza Hang Out Hour 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. (Sun.)
- March 31st -April 1st- Kid's Retreat at Gretna Glen (Fri.)
- April 2nd -Palm Sunday Kids Praise singing during 10:30a.m. service (Sun.)
- April 8th -Kids Singing Before Easter Egg Hunt & Kids Easter Egg Hunt (Sat.)
- April 9th -Easter Sunday! He is Risen! (Sun.)

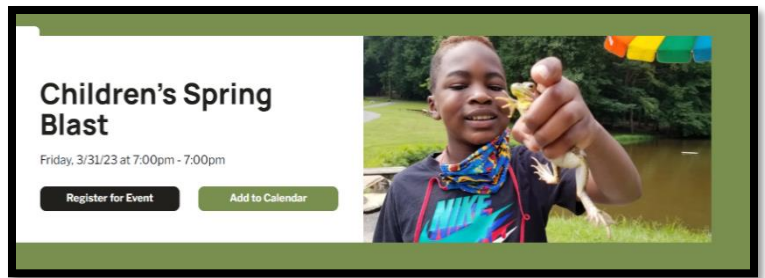
Jessica Miller jess@jnjmiller.com 717-679-5374

KIDS RETREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Gretna Glen is hosting a *Kids Overnight Retreat- March 31st 7:00p.m.- April 1st 7:00p.m.* This is an opportunity for kids 6-

12years old to go on an overnight retreat. Please see attached flyer for additional information or contact Gretna Glen. To register your child please go to the link provided below or the Gretna Glen website under retreats- Children Spring Blast. Please note this is a retreat coordinated and run by Gretna Glen Staff and volunteers. This is not specifically for Ono's children Ministry. The cost for the retreat is \$60 per child but as with any activity if this cost presents as a barrier there is alternative funding that may be made available.

<https://gretnaglen.org/event/10338541-2023-03-31-childrens-spring-blast/>



About the Event

CHILDREN'S EVENT · OVERNIGHT EVENT

Event Ages: 6-12

Event Dates and Times: March 31st, 7:00pm – April 1st, 7:00pm

Event Description: There's nothing quite like 24 hours of camp to help us all get a break from school. We'll spend that time enjoying the brisk, spring time weather and learning about how we are all children of God. Expect music, games, food, and lots of memorable experiences!

Event Cost: \$60 per person

Event Rain Plan: Rain or Shine

Event Date/Time
Friday
at 7:00pm - 7:00pm

Event Cost
\$60.00

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KIDS PRAISE!!



During the Sunday School hour 9:30a.m.!

Join us for Sunday School as Kids Praise learns and practices a song to be shared on Palm Sunday Performance!



March

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Ken Seaman

3/1 Barry Spohn

3/2 Christina Lengle

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 (88th)

3/13 Don Siegrist (80th)

3/13 Mary Ritz

3/14 Leonard McFeaters (85th)

3/14 Lynda Ulrich

3/15 Steve King

3/16 Noah Piotrowski

3/17 Ken Hebel

3/18 Janelle Paul

3/16 Kathy Long

3/21 Emery Blauch

3/22 Frank Saich

3/23 Clarke Helms

3/23 Della Moyer

3/24 Gladys Hartman (89th)

3/25 Joyce Krouse

3/26 Owen Seibert

3/29 Barb Blauch

3/29 Linda Hetrick

3/30 Amelia Schriver

3/31 Michelle Moore



Free Food Box Saturday!

MARCH 11TH, 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 March 4. 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.

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



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.



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

Sunday Morning @ 9:30am

Adult Small Group - Rms. 22/24 (Leader Dave Hahnlen)
Adult Discussion Group - Fellowship Hall (Leader Eric Wentling)
Women's Discussion Group - Fellowship Hall (Leader Dee Faller)
Youth - Youth Room downstairs (Leader Mike Govern)
Kids 2nd-5th Sunday School - Rm. 23
Kids pre-K – 1st grade - Preschool wing downstairs

Children's Church during our 2nd Worship Service

Sunday Evening @ 6:30pm

Adult Small Group - rms. 22/24 (Leader: Pastor Robb)
Young Adult Small Group- Ages 18-30 - Library (Leader: Bethany Snyder)
Youth Groups 6th thru 12th grade - Youth room (Leader: Jess Grimes)
Kid's Fellowship Pre-K thru 5th grade - rm. 23 (Leader: Dee Faller)

Wednesday Afternoon at 1pm

Adult Small Group - rms. 22/24 (Leader: Dave Hahnlen)

Wednesday Evening at 6:30pm

Youth Sweet Hour of Prayer/Production Team (Leader: Jess Grimes)
Kids 4 Jesus - rm. 23 – (Leader: Jess Miller)
Adult Bible Study - rms. 22/24 (Leader: Pastor Robb)

Thursday Morning (1st & 3rd of the month) at 9:30-11am

Ladies Sharing Small Group - Fellowship Hall (Leader: Jess Grimes)

**YOGA
MONDAY'S AT
6-7PM!**





Ono Church Summer Mission Trip to Cape Charles, VA – July 2- July 7, 2023.

Praise God for the awesome team of servants he has brought together to go and serve in Jesus' name! The team is planning a Spaghetti Dinner for the church on Sunday April 2.

For your donation, enjoy a yummy spaghetti dinner anytime from 5:00pm – 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Take Outs will also be available.

The team will also be making

Easter Candy to sell at the

Good Friday

service, the egg

hunt and both

services Easter

Sunday morning.



Invite Your One

– Began on February 19th when we were all challenged to prayerfully consider participating in our **Invite Your One Challenge** leading up to Easter. Each one of us knows someone who could benefit from being a part of a loving church community and most importantly beginning or growing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This lent season, will you extend an invitation to one whom God places on your heart to join us for worship, or fellowship!





Updated copies are available in the narthex. Please notify the office with *any* changes to your address, phone or email. Thanks!

Volleyball anyone?!

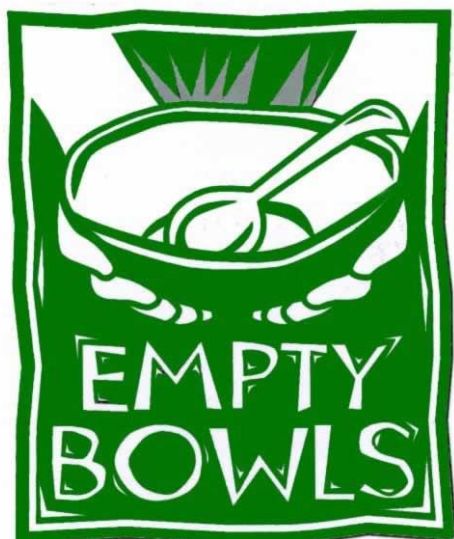


Any youth 7th grade and up or adults interested in playing on the church league volleyball team may see or phone Mike Edris (717-4650-4063).

Games are played on Thursdays.

Deadline for registering is March 31st

Ono Worship/Fellowship Team invites you to:



Our 3rd Annual Empty Bowls Soup Dinner

Sunday, March 12th @ 6:00pm

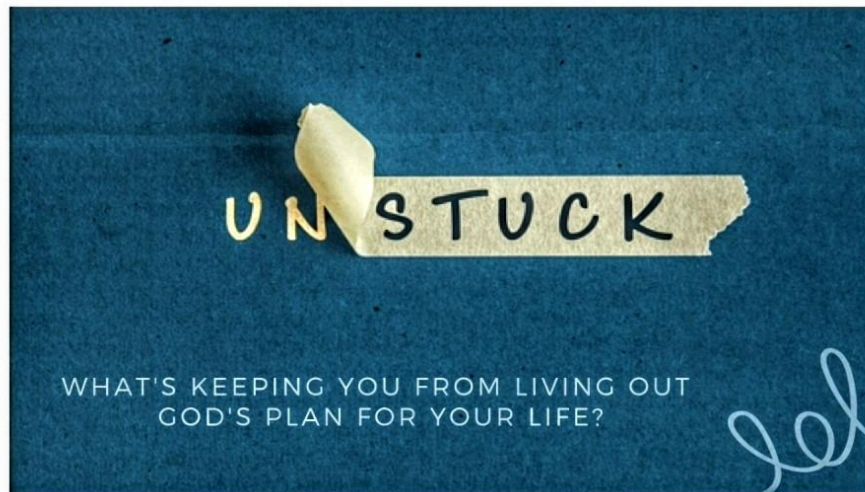
This years guest speaker is:

Blessings of Hope

They will share news about their participation in Local food insecurities.

Please join us for home-made soups and bread.

All proceeds to be given to *Blessings of Hope*.



OUR NORTHERN LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLUSTER

DO YOU FEEL “STUCK”

NOT QUITE SURE HOW TO BEGIN FINDING YOUR WAY TO GOD’S PLAN?

JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL OF OUR

Get “UNSTUCK”

LENTEN SERVICES. YOU’LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS AND MEET A FEW FOLKS ON THE SAME JOURNEY TO EASTER SUNDAY!

WE’LL GATHER AT 6:30 EACH WEDNESDAY AT THE HOST CHURCH DURING LENT.

DATE	HOST CHURCH	PREACHER
FEBRUARY 22	JONESTOWN UMC	TOM ROBINSON
MARCH 1	TRINITY UMC	REV. ALAN SMITH
MARCH 8	ONO UMC	REV. MATT WAYLAND
MARCH 15	EMMANUEL UMC	REV. ROBB FALLER
MARCH 22	BELLE GROVE UMC	REV. TIM SMITH
MARCH 29	FREDERICKSBURG UMC	REV. DEANNA GEITER

A great opportunity to...
Hope to see ya there!





BACKPACKS OF HOPE

During this season of Lent, we are collecting new sneakers for kids in foster care. Would you consider contributing to our mission?

*Collection is at the
Mission Corner near the elevator.*



We're now collecting Easter Candy, Goodies such as coloring books, playdoh, games, and toys for prizes for Our annual Hunt for Easter! – April 8th at 10am
Thank you in advance!!

“Fill the eggs” night will be Monday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.



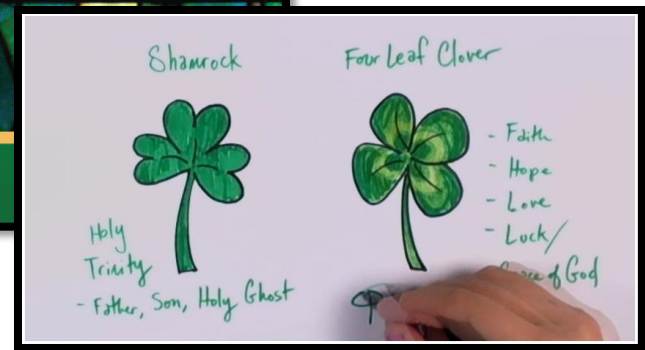


5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT St. Patrick

- 1 He wasn't Irish: Patrick was captured by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland from England in the early 5th Century.
- 2 Experienced a (mystical) vision of the Irish asking him to teach them about Christ.
- 3 Having become a Bishop, he was sent back to Ireland. He preached first to the members of the royal family, and soon his audiences grew. He used the druid rituals as evangelizing tools.
- 4 He used a Shamrock to explain the Trinity because the Irish had a love for nature.
- 5 Instituted what is known as the Croagh Patrick Hike, where he prayed that Ireland would always keep her Christian Faith. To this day, young and old hikers follow that famous route in pilgrimage.



HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY!



"Until the Whole World Hears"

Join us for a relaxed evening of
Music, Praise, and Fellowship
hosted by: *Living Christ Family Center, Ono UMC,
and Trinity UMC*

Date: **FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Trinity UMC**
98 Fisher Avenue
Jonestown, PA 17038
(717)865-4361



Revive and Strengthen your relationship with
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!





Ono Church has been asked to support the Lebanon County Prayer Walk.

We will be praying for Lickdale Elementary School, specifically for the teachers, staff, students and their families.

Any time during the day on March 4th, 2023

(Outside only)

Join us, won't you and walk at Lickdale Elementary School and pray for the teachers and staff, students and families?

Here is a short meditation on hope, written by our very own Vanessa Helms. "Turkey buzzards for me, are a symbol of renewal and the cycle of life." V.H.

MARCH RAIN

BY VANESSA HELMS

The turkey buzzard's hunch
glum and still in the misty drizzle;
the mountain, still unleaved,
fades into dove-gray softness
and raindrops pearl in perfect intervals
along the burnished twigs of brambles
just beginning to feel that something
is about to happen.

