

# Good News in Ono

## June 2023

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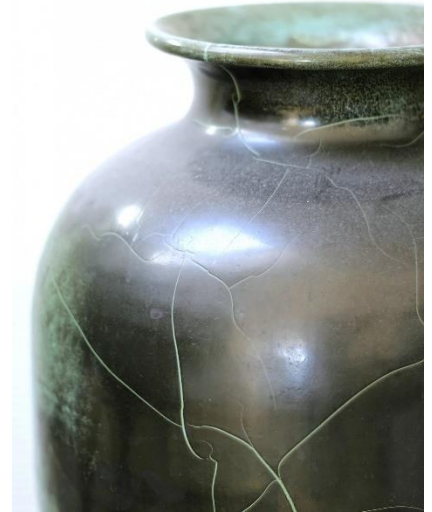
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*So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.*

*-2 Timothy 1. 13- 14 (MSG)*

Is your faith precious to you? Do you value your faith above all things? Jesus shares several parables to indicate how we should value faith as the most important thing in life! Why would that be so? Life here on earth is difficult. It has ups and downs and trials and tribulations. Faith is a stabilizing force in our lives. Not only does it provide stability during this life, it provides assurance that life continues well past our time here. This is why Jesus says that a man would sell all he has to acquire this pearl of great worth (Matthew 13. 45- 46). The parable really is a simple statement of value- while this worldly life has value, its value pales in comparison with the life to come. Let us pursue our faith as though it carries this great value- because it does!



I would argue further that this great gift of faith is even worth it today. Paul reminds Timothy that the Holy Spirit works within us. Notice that this is a present tense statement. It is not that God worked in us or will work in us, it is that the Holy Spirit is God's present work within us. This is a precious gift! Many people have walked this earth without the reassuring guidance of the Holy Spirit. This empowers the world to create confusion and uncertainty. But God's presence creates peace (John 14. 27) and helps us to remain stable in the chaos of life (James 1. 6). Therefore, Paul is imploring Timothy to recognize the preciousness of faith through the Holy Spirit. This faith and gift remains precious or sacred to us all almost two-thousand years after Paul wrote those words to encourage Timothy. May those words encourage us today!

Sunday, June 4th we will be celebrating this gift of the Holy Spirit as a church. It is a time when we welcome young adults into our body of Christ and mark them as Christ's own through baptism. We jointly share statements of the faith that unite and remind us of our commitment to this faith. May this be a sacred time where we recognize the precious gift of the Holy Spirit that has been given to us all. May our focus be on that presence as He leads and directs us to be His faithful witnesses to this world. For we have this treasure in jars of clay in order to demonstrate that this power is not our own- it is the power of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives (2 Corinthians 4. 7). May that presence flow mightily in our midst and may we always rejoice at the great gift of the Holy Spirit that the Father provides for us with the Son. May God's light shine in and through you always!

*~ Pastor Robb*



**YOUTH SUNDAY 2023!** Thank you to our youth for leading us in worship on May 21<sup>st</sup> at both services. We pray you were challenged to join us in this concept of Multiply. God is calling each of us to embrace the great commission...Each one – reach one!



Our **yoga class** held our last class (for a while - we take a break over summer) doing yoga outdoors on a beautiful evening in May. I am so thankful for this group who come together to exercise and encourage one another. God uses so many different ministries in our lives to spur us on and our yoga class is one great example of that!



**Summer Mission Trip** – Our team of 30 adults and youth are busy planning for our week of serving in Cape Charles, VA at Splash Camp. We have 53 kids ages 6-12 signed up for our week. We are planning a daily VBS program for them and some fun field trips and ending with a talent show for the parents on Friday before we head home. We are so grateful for all the support of this awesome congregation!

**Jess Grimes**

# Free Food Box Saturday!

JUNE 10TH, 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!**



*We know change can be challenging. We hope that you see the value and ease of using our new Tithes and Offering box in the main Narthex as you give your gifts in worship! And of course, you can always give on line! Jesus is blessed either way!*

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 Hahnen)  
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 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday School - Rm. 23  
Kids pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Preschool wing downstairs  
Children's Church during our 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service





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! Please visit the Bulletin Board down the main hallway to meet the Team!



**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**6pm-8pm**

**3yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> grade!**

**You can register on line by scanning the QR Code located all over the church!**

***Please see Jess Miller or Deb George with any questions!***

**Can't wait till Blast Off! June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm!**



6/2	Rick Rollman	6/18	Abby Boyanowski
6/2	Ginger Hershey	6/20	Linda Edris
6/3	Vernice Helms - 85 <sup>th</sup> !	6/21	Krista Artley
6/5	Peter Helms	6/21	Mike Rittle
6/6	Katie Govern	6/22	George Marinkov
6/6	Charlie Jones - 86 <sup>th</sup> !	6/22	Lynn Brown - 86 <sup>th</sup> !
6/7	Vanessa Helms	6/22	Angela Pho
6/8	Nicole Ditzler	6/24	Clyde Meyer
6/8	Lenny Gibble - 82 <sup>nd</sup> !	6/24	Cassie Pennycoff
6/10	Esther Wentling - 88 <sup>th</sup> !	6/24	Joanne Siegrist
6/10	Emma High	6/27	Rose Marinkov
6/10	Anna Kolacek	6/27	Jeri Peiffer
6/11	MaKenzi Knauff	6/28	Jim Bragg
6/11	Barb Pennycoff - 83 <sup>rd</sup> !	6/28	Susan Hazel 81 <sup>st</sup> !
6/13	Lauren Murray	6/30	Celessi Ussery
6/15	Ken George	6/30	Rawley Walker
6/15	Dianne Shepps		
6/16	Mindy Harmon		
6/16	LaClaria Steiner		



**Happy Fathers Day! We appreciate all you do!**

# **Blessing for fathers, Thank you God, For Fathers**

Unknown Submitted by Calvin Reed-CA

The role of father is often described as a mentor, a guide,  
and a supportive presence when we are trying something new.

In my life, this blessing may have come from my own father  
or perhaps from other adults in my life.

For the blessings that fathers provide for their children  
and for all those who play a fatherly role in the  
lives of others, I offer a prayer of gratitude today.

**“Dear God, I give thanks for fathers.  
I recognize the dedication and patience**

**it takes to be a source  
of compassion and  
understanding when helping  
to shape a young life.**

**Bless all fathers,  
especially those who are new  
in this sacred role. I pray they feel  
Your presence with them.  
May they know that Your strength  
and wisdom are within them,  
providing all they need  
to guide and support  
their children with kindness and love.”**

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God:  
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,  
I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Isaiah 41:10



# BACKPACKS OF HOPE

See a good deal? Consider donating items such as board games, crafts, activity books, etc. for the family visitation room at the county. Thank you for thinking of us!

*Collection crate is at the **Mission Corner** near the elevator. Thank you!*

A big thank you, to all the volunteers that will be tending one of our church gardens this summer/fall!



Our Children's program is in need of leaders/helpers for the 3 and 4 year old class during July and August. Please contact Sharon Garcia if you would like to help in either of these months.

Sharon - 570-449-7358

Please see the sign-up sheets out side the Nursery doors for available slots to be filled!

*Thank you!*





The VBS decorating team is in need of:

## **STARS and BALLOONS!**

Collection site is at the Mission Corner near the elevator.

See Dee if you have any questions!

*Thanks!!*

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**Our 2023 Mission team will be handing care packages out when they visit a local migrant farm on their trip. Would you be able to help them fill 50 bags? The items needed are:**

- Soap and wash cloth
- Tooth brush and paste
- Floss
- Deoderant
- Hair pick or lg. comb
- Chap stick
- Q-tips
- Tissues
- Socks
- Band-aids
- Bandana
- Assorted individual snacks, gum, crackers, cookies, granola bars...



*a shopping list is located in the main narthex*



# Youth outdoor movie night!

Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> @ The Grimes  
7:30-10:30pm

...maybe...there will be popcorn

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Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm -  
Youth End of the Year  
Mini Golf and Ice Cream at Heisler's Dairy!





# DINNER

*and*

# DISCUSSION



Pastor Robb and Dee are looking forward to hosting a few small gatherings for cook out dinners! They will provide hotdogs, burgers and drinks. You're invited to bring a side to share!

Sign-up sheets can be found in the main narthex bulletin board. Can't wait!  
First gathering is on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm.

## Summer Destination Worship

6:00 - Bring your own PicNic

6:30-Worship

Wednesday, June 21 – Memorial Lake (Middle Road)

Wednesday, July 19 – Levitz Park Pavilion

Wednesday, August 23 – TBA







# SUMMER BUCKET LIST.

100 fun things to do before summer kicks the bucket!

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Meet a new person                | Run through a sprinkle   | Go to Library   |
| Overcome a fear                  | Play frisbee             | Go on date with mom or dad  |
| Read at least 10 books           | Have a water gun fight   | Wash a car  |
| Have a water balloon fight       | Drink a slurpee          | Bake cupcakes   |
| Go to the beach                  | See a magic show         | Play in a puddle  |
| Go to the park                   | Watch a sunrise          | Ice cream for dinner  |
| Ride on a carousel               | Watch a sunset           | Movie night with snacks   |
| Fly a kite                       | Plant flowers            | Take a picture of a butterfly                                     |
| Collect seashells                | Bake cupcakes            | Pajama Day  |
| Watch fireworks                  | Feed ducks               | Make lemonade   |
| Make S'mores                     | Paint rocks              | Breakfast in bed  |
| Roast marshmallows               | Scavenger Hunt           | Skip rocks  |
| Stay up super late               | Climb a tree             | Hula Hoop   |
| Go to a fair                     | Go to a farmers market   | Make handprint art  |
| Have a pillow fight              | Go on a hike             | Go on a nature walk   |
| Play mini golf                   | Visit a toy store        | Make popsicles  |
| Make homemade pizza              | Have family game night   | Have a relay race   |
| Make an outdoor fort             | Visit a relative         | Have breakfast for dinner   |
| Catch a lightening bug           | Help cook dinner         | Treasure Hunt   |
| Go swimming                      | Picnic in a park         | Play hide and seek  |
| Slide down a water slide         | Visit mom or dad at work | Visit a local farm or petting zoo                                 |
| Go to a BBQ                      | Make homemade jam        | Star Gaze   |
| Go to the movies                 | Go to the zoo            | Jump on a trampoline  |
| Eat a snow cone                  | Family bike ride         | Make a fruit salad  |
| Play flashlight tag              | Play catch               | Dinner at the beach or lake                                       |
| Take a mini road trip            | Make root beer floats    | Play in kiddie pool   |
| Blow bubbles                     | Make a journal           | Play jump rope or hopscotch                                       |
| Make lemonade                    | Go bowling               | Watch a thunderstorm  |
| Pick wildflowers                 | Watch a movie outdoors   | Go to a new park  |
| Play in the rain                 | Have a cousin sleepover  | Go to Amusement or water park                                     |
| Camp indoors                     | Play on monkey bars      | Do a fun summer craft   |
| Play with sidewalk chalk         | Build a sandcastle       | Unplug for one full day (no TV, computer, tablet, or cell phone). |
| Potato sack race                 | Eat watermelon           |   |
| Donate food to animal shelter    |                          |   |
| Get ice cream from ice cream man |                          |   |

*RainingHotCoupons.com*





**All VBS volunteers and leaders on deck!!!**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm**

**Dinner – Discussion – Decorating!**

----- We will continue decorating on -----

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10am-noon



**Not plugged in yet?**

*Come out on the 4<sup>th</sup> and we'll find the perfect fit,  
just for you!*

# Our 2023 Confirmands!

Confirmation marks the time when a baptized Christian becomes a professing member of the local congregation and  
The United Methodist Church

Join us on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the combined outdoor  
Worship Service as we welcome our newest Ono Members  
into Membership!

Peter Helms  
Joel Seibert  
Rawley Walker  
Caiden Weaber



9:00 – Refreshments  
9:30 – Worship

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!