



Good News in Ono

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Ono United Methodist Church

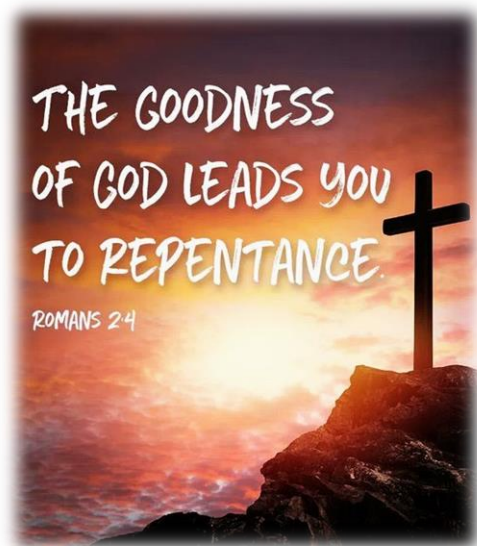
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You didn't think, did you, that just by pointing your finger at others you would distract God from seeing all your misdoings and from coming down on you hard? Or did you think that because he's such a nice God, he'd let you off the hook? Better think this one through from the beginning. God is kind, but he's not soft. In kindness he takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change.

Romans 2: 3-4

Fall is my favorite season. The crisp mornings and changing leaves bring back fond memories of my childhood. School was in full swing, the new routines now simply routines. The days becoming shorter begin to limit our games in the park before the darkness and cold of winter fully enveloped our lives. Till then, I just enjoy this season that seems ripe for change. As I ponder this season, a very simple truth strikes my heart - change is always happening.

Life is constantly changing. It is crazy to realize how different life is now than in the late 1970s! We had limited TV stations even just outside the city of Philadelphia. Computers were non-existent and video games had two buttons. There was no internet to help find information or share pictures. Phones had cords and actual dials. Life seemed simpler, more connected to the people in your immediate area. Over time, everything has seemed to just grow. In many ways, I would argue things have grown more complicated, but I also think much better.

I feel like it is all an allegory for our spiritual lives. When we first begin to think about God, it seems so simple. We hear the stories of faith that people share without questions or wondering about other possibilities. We simply trust. In that simple trust, we simply trust that Jesus loves us without wondering about how our baggage or choices might impact that love. As we age, life becomes more complicated. Faith becomes more complicated. Change is always happening.

I like the image of God taking us by the hand and leading us into "radical life-change." Sometimes that thought is scary - I can no longer be the simple person I was. Growth means more challenges, more complications, but it also leads to more beauty. As frustrated as I get with Social Media, it affords us the ability to share pictures of our lives with loved ones around the world. People are more aware than ever of the complexities of living in this connected world - sometimes it is filled with joy and other times aggravation. However, these complexities can empower our faith. They can help us connect to brothers and sisters and share the Christ centered lives that we are called to live. Without change, there is no growth. If God simply left us as children, as life gets complicated, we would be lost. The good news is we have a Savior who wants us to change. Jesus desires for a radical life change that reflects his life. A life-change that beckons others to join our wonderfully complex family of faith. As you gaze at the changing leaves this fall, remind yourself of where God has had you, where you are and ponder where you may be going. Then simply trust that you are being guided by a loving Savior who desires to lead you safely home.

~ Pastor Robb

YOUTH MINISTRY

Imagine what God can do with 175 plus teenagers on fire for Jesus in Lebanon County? On Sunday, September 24 the Lebanon Valley Youth Network hosted The Giant Outdoor Youth Event ...indoors! Originally planned to be at South Hills Park but because of the weather we moved the event to South Lebanon Community Church. Over 8 youth groups represented and over 175 teens came out for a time of games, worship and prayer. Students were challenged to be a part of the See You at the Pole at their school flagpoles on September 27 and to be burdened for their friends to know Jesus! It was a fantastic night – Praise be to God!



The Ono Youth Group has a tradition of going Reverse Trick or Treating each year! The concept is simple we get dressed up in fun costumes and head through Ono trick or treating except we reverse the getting treats and instead we give the treats to homes in our community. It has been an unique outreach to our neighbors we are always surprised and blessed to receive a treat! If you would like to contribute to our goodies bags please see Jess Grimes for what is needed! Our reverse Trick or Treating date is Wednesday October 25 at 6:30pm



Bless All
WHO GATHER HERE



On Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30pm, the youth and children will be hosting a Grandparent party as our monthly acts of Kindness night. All youth and kids are asked to invite their grandparents to join us a for light refreshment and some fun activities all focused on honoring and being grateful for the impact grandparents have on their lives!



KID MINISTRY OCTOBER

Oct. 1st- 10:30AM Children's Church
6:30PM Children's Fellowship

KIDS PRAISE IS BACK
EVERY SUNDAY
STARTING OCT. 8TH
DURING SUNDAY
SCHOOL - 9:30AM

Oct. 4th- 6:30PM Kids 4 Jesus

Oct. 8th- 10:30AM Children's Church
6:00PM Family Fellowship-Hayride at the Moyers

Oct. 11th- 6:30PM Kids 4 Jesus

Oct. 15th- 10:30AM Children's Church
6:30PM Children's Fellowship

Oct. 18th- 6:30PM Acts of Kindness- Grandparents Party

Oct. 22nd- 10:30AM Children's Church
6:30PM Children's Fellowship

Oct. 25th- 6:30PM Kids 4 Jesus

Oct. 29th- 5:30PM Pizza Hang Out
6:30PM Children's Fellowship



ACTS OF KINDNESS GRANDPARENT PARTY

INVITE YOUR GRANDPARENTS TO JOIN US...

FUN ACTIVITIES

FELLOWSHIP

GAMES

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

October 18th 2023
at 6:30PM

IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

free Food Box Saturday!

Saturday, Sept. 14th – 1pm till all are gone!



Join us!

see Becky Moyer



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, study Group - Fellowship Hall

(Leader Dee Faller)

Youth - Youth Room downstairs

(Leader Staci Murray)

Kids 2nd-5th Sunday School - Rm. 23

Kids pre-K – 1st grade - Preschool wing downstairs

Children's Church during 2nd Worship Service



10/1	Robin Rollman	
10/1	Kris Gongloff	
10/2	Sara (Smith) Lucas	
10/2	Mauriana Userry	
10/2	Randy Piotrowski	
10/4	Al Howard	
10/4	Eric Ritz	
10/4	Justin Beamesderfer	
10/6	Chelsea Schneider	
10/6	Clara Fessler	
10/7	Abbey King	
10/9	Jeannette Shuey	
10/10	Michaela Rankin	
10/11	Elta Seaman	84 rd
10/11	Ruth Leibold	
10/12	Travis Wise	
10/13	Amanda Murry	
10/14	Diane Miller	
10/15	Nancy Shuey	86 th
10/15	Donna Seaman	
10/16	Jordan Andino	
10/17	Kathy Smith	
10/17	Kaden Beamesderfer	
10/18	Lee Moyer	
10/19	Jen Lengle	
10/20	Mira Grimes	
10/20	David Warner	
10/23	Derik Shepps	
10/24	Ryan Walker	
10/24	Jenna Wentling	
10/25	Carol Hebel	
10/25	Maggie Miller	
10/28	Brenda Gerberich	
10/29	Joyce Good	
10/29	Charlie Grimes	
10/29	Brandon Diamond	
10/30	Kim Moyer	
10/30	Grant Adams	

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?

October

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others. mary
davis

EVERY DAY SPIRIT
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October 1st
8:00am and 10:30am

World Communion Sunday



Gospel Center

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Serving dinner on Saturday, October 28, 2023
(See Jeannette Shuey or Kim Moyer for details)



Backpacks Of Hope

When you are out and about and come across some bargains on children/youth books, please consider picking one or two up for our Backpacks! Thank you!

A big thank you, to all the volunteers that kept our church gardens beautiful this summer! As autumn is upon us, we ask that you continue for just a bit longer and "make your beds" ready for the winter season.

See Audrey Gongloff with any questions!





Ono's 1st Annual Ministry Fair

A special **thank you**, to all the ministry leaders and volunteers that shared time and talents in an effort to connect more of our church family to service!

We hope everyone has a better understanding of just some of the wonderful things happening in Ono.





Saturday, Sept. 30th 4pm-7pm

So many FREE fun things to do!!!

Events on the menu:

'Apple Cookies, Cakes & Crisps' Baking Contest

Pony rides

Yard games - Guessing games

Bingo - Face painting

Photo spot - Balloon animals - Juggling

Traditional Sweets Walk (everybody's favorite)

Autumn crafting - puppet show

and soooo much more!

...did we mention food?

Please see Cathy Boyanowski if you would like to help or have any questions.

Fall Festival time is quickly approaching! Please bring your shade canopies and coolers for the food area by Sat. morning. We have a table set up in the east narthex for all 'Sweets Walk' donations and entries for the "Apple Dessert Competition!"

Please plan to arrive at 2pm if you are able to help set up and stay a bit later for tear down (7:00pm).

It's not too late to volunteer!

please contact:

Cathy Boyanowski at 717-367-8055. Thank you!



Ladies, as you are planning your fall calendars, remember that the Women's Retreat at Gretna Glen will be held Oct. 13-15, 2023!

Our speaker this year is Marcy Steffy

from Safe Harbor of Hope - SHHCounseling.org

To reserve your spot, please give your check (made out to: Ono UMC) for \$155.00 (total) to the church office *or* see Staci Murray.

Please contact Staci if you want information about a scholarship!

Staci Murray – 717-329-1710

Jesus and Yoga?

Yup, you can love both...
here's how



Join us Monday evenings at 6pm in Fellowship Hall!

Beginners welcome!



LADIES SHARE GROUP

Meeting again on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9:30-11:00am.
Join us!

LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



October Family
Fellowship Night!

Sunday, Oct. 8th
6:00pm

Meet us at the Moyer's
Farm on
Dead End Road!



Many thanks to all who donated to the Maui Relief Fund. A total of \$351.00 was collected! The children who attended day camp made the bracelets and are excited to know that thru their hands and your generous giving, they made a difference!

Church Bus Fellowship

Would you like to take advantage of cultural events in our area using the church bus?

There would be no charge to use the bus for free events such as Mt. Gretna events and Coleman's Park. There would have to be a specified amount of reservations to be feasible to take the trip. It would be possible to take advantage of more expansive programs by receiving group rates: American Music Theater, Dutch Apple, Sight and Sound to name a few. Hopefully, there would be enough interest to take advantage of some Christmas events. Please call or email Barb @ 717-865-7469 or email onochurch@gmail.com to be placed on the invitation list. More information will be made available in upcoming bulletins.





Girl Scouts®

Did you know that Girl Scout Troop #70839 meets here at
Ono UMC on Thursday evening at 6:30pm?!

Girls from K-12 that would be interested in joining this
group are invited to contact:

Shelly Hershey @ 717-507-7392

Or

Melissa Funck @ 717-679-0232

for more information!

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.