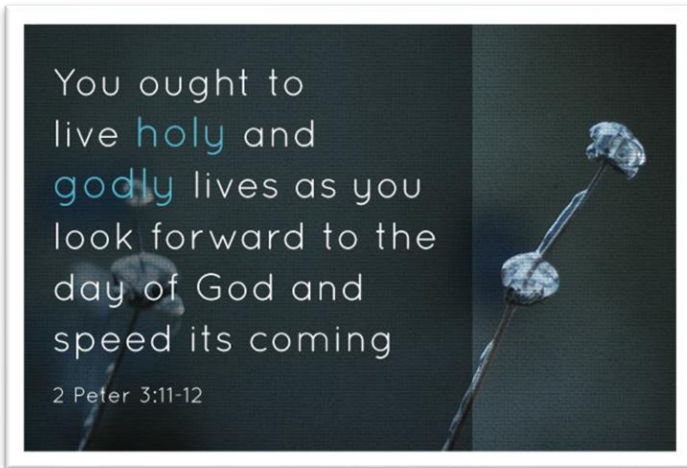


GOOD NEWS IN ONO

2023

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Hello
November



Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how essential it is to live a holy life? Daily expect the Day of God, eager for its arrival. The galaxies will burn up and the elements melt down that day—but we'll hardly notice. We'll be looking the other way, ready for the promised new heavens and the promised new earth, all landscaped with righteousness.

-2 Peter 3. 11- 13

As a child, mid-October began a great season of expectant waiting! I anxiously awaited Halloween by choosing what I would wear- although I was really just wanting to go to the neighbors on my little cul-de-sac because they gave the people they knew full sized candy bars! After Halloween, I immediately got excited for the prospects of Thanksgiving. The house would be full of family members as the smell of the Turkey and pies would fill the air. I especially remember with fondness the times up at the farm walking through the fields and to the pond while waiting to eat. I expected to eat so much that I didn't want to move as the family would play card games after. Then came my favorite season of waiting- waiting for Christmas! Oh, I know I was supposed to be excited about Jesus' birth, but honestly, it was the presents. Waking up super early and eagerly waiting on the steps with my siblings until we could see what waited for us under the tree. The waiting with anticipation truly was a great part of my life!

Times are so different now. The family looks different with new members and some who have gone home. The anticipation is different- where are we going, what do we need to prepare. The anticipation now comes with stress- figuring out Advent, planning Christmas Eve services. I long for the days that waiting was with eager anticipation instead of anxiety. Then again, I realize that I wait for a very different reason these days. Now I wait with great expectation for the coming of the Lord Jesus to make all things right in this world again.

Grandma Berringer set a great example of this waiting for me. For as long as I could remember, she would say good-bye with "and if I don't see you again, know I love you." For over twenty years she ended our visits this way. There was no sense of sadness about it. If anything, she seemed excited about the prospects of being with God. Her gentle demeanor and laughter throughout our visit were reassuring, but it was her expectant waiting that always intrigued me. I am glad to say, I think I have inherited this from her! I often think about when Jesus will return- not just for the earth, but for me. The idea that I will get to worship without the veil of this earth- to see God as He is! To be rid of the trials and tribulations of this world and instead full of the love and peace of our Lord and Savior! How can we not look forward to this with grateful anticipation! Peter reminds the church to eagerly expect it- every single day! Let us rejoice in this eager expectation!

November begins with our remembrance of those who no longer wait with expectation, but who are experiencing the glory of the presence of God! We honor them on All-Saints Sunday as we celebrate the eternal lives that God has granted them. I pray this is a time of healing our hurting hearts. I pray it is a time of gratitude for the lives of those God had blessed us to know. I pray that it is a time of eager expectation for that day when we will all be worshiping Jesus in the newness of the redeemed Creation. I look forward to eagerly waiting with you all!

Pastor Robb

JESS GRIMES – YOUTH AND WORSHIP MINISTRY



I sometimes forget!!! Do you? Have you ever prayed for something and then forgot to thank God afterwards? I have felt very convicted lately how often this happens to me! It can be something as simple as praying for safety as we travel on the church bus. How often do I forget to thank God when we return and have been blessed by safety? In this month where we focus on thankfulness, I challenge myself and you to remember to thank God when you have seen His hand in your life!

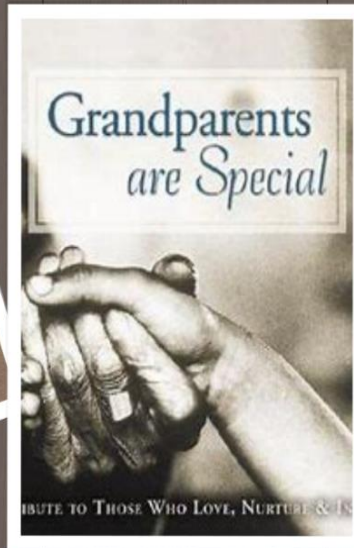
Ladies' Retreat! Thank you, God for a weekend of retreat with some the of Ono ladies and our speaker, Marcy Steffy. Our theme verse was Psalm 32:7 – You are my hiding place, you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. God truly does surround us and protect. Marcy spent sometime encouraging us with the importance of self-care and bathed us in the Word all weekend long.



Grandparent Party

On October 18, the Ono kids and youth invited their grandparents to a Grandparent Party!

We had such a lovely time of fellowship, games and time well spent with one another. Grandparents play a such a big role in their grandkids lives and we are thankful for them!



Children's Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

2023-2024

Please consider serving the precious children of our church and community by volunteering!

ACTIVITY	WHEN and WHERE	CONTACT
Children's Sunday School (age 4 - Kindergarten)	Sunday 9:25 - 10:20 Preschool room	Leann Snyder 717-673-3719 27lsnyderbethany1130@gmail.com
Children's Sunday School (Grade 1 - grade 5)	Sunday 9:25-10:20 Room 23	Leann Snyder 717-673-3719 27lsnyderbethany1130@gmail.com
Youngest Children's Church (Ages 2-3)	Sunday 10:25 till end of service in Preschool room	Sharon Garcia 570-449-7358
Nursery (Infants - age 2+)	Sunday during second service and special events	Robin Rollman 717-639-5772
Children's Church (Age 4 - grade 1)	Sunday during second service in Room 23	Jess Miller 717-679-5374
Children's Church (Grade 2 - grade 5)	Sunday during second service in fellowship hall	Jess Miller 717-679-5374
Children's Fellowship	Sunday evening 7:00-8:00 Preschool room	Dee Faller 484-620-6726 deefaller@gmail.com
Kids for Jesus	Wednesday 7:00-8:00	Jess Miller 717-679-5374

Please consider serving in this tender ministry.

There are many opportunities to serve once a week/once a month or as needed!

Psalm 127:3-4 NIV

³ Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

To comply with our Safe Sanctuary Guidelines, we are to have 2 adults during each gathering with the kids. One to lead the activity and one as an assistant.

If you are not sure that your clearances are up to date -or- you haven't done them before, please see Jess Miller and she will help you get the ball rolling! Easy Peasy!

Questions? Give the contact person a call! They'll be happy to speak with you!

Thank you!



**Nov. 11th, at 1pm TILL
THEY ARE GONE!**

AT JONESTOWN UMC
SPREAD THE NEWS!

**Please see your bulletin
for information about
our gift for Christmas to
the recipients of a food box in Dec.!**



BACKPACKS OF HOPE

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

THERE'S A CHILL IN THE AIR, BUT THAT
DOESN'T STOP US FROM CARING FOR
AND REACHING OUT TO THE KIDS AT RISK
IN LEBANON COUNTY

—
THIS MONTH, WE'RE COLLECTING
18" BACKPACKS, CHAPSTICK, PLAYING
CARDS

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!





An enormous thank you to Steve S. for over 30 years of service to Ono behind the soundboard. Steve played a fundamental role in the behind-the-scenes productions at Ono for many years. He was also vital in the improvement of our online services. We cannot thank Steve enough for all that he has done and we want to celebrate his ministry over the years. Thank you, Steve, and we look forward to seeing how God will use you next.

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 Bible Study (Leader: Pastor Robb)

Youth Groups (Gr 6-12th)

Kid's Fellowship (K- 5th)

Wednesdays(every other week) at 1pm

Adult Small Group (Leader Dave Hahnen)

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Youth Sweet Hour of Prayer/Production Team

Kids 4 Jesus (K – 5th)

Adult Bible Study (Leader: Pastor Robb)

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

Ladies Sharing Small Group

Thursdays at pm 6:00-7:00pm

Women's small group with Leann Snyder

**Are you feeling led to begin a new small group?
Call Pastor Robb to get it started!**



11/1 Jamie Knauff
 11/1 Brooke Beamesderfer
 11/2 Ken Eisenhour
 11/2 Andrew Davis
 11/3 Eric Brummer
 11/3 Claire Schneider
 11/3 Halle Schneider
 11/4 Ernest Miller – 81st
 11/5 Haley Blauch
 11/6 Bev Ulrich
 11/6 Christopher Peiffer
 11/7 Audrey Gongloff
 11/8 Debbie George
 11/9 Lawson Rudy
 11/10 Scott Miller
 11/11 Barry College – 81st
 11/11 Mike Reiber
 11/12 Geri Bashore

11/12 Cindy Myers
 11/13 Gene Ulrich
 11/14 Diane Nichols
 11/14 Jamie Warner
 11/17 Owen Blauch
 11/18 Laureli Stoner
 11/19 Pat Helsel – 80th
 11/19 Judy Seaman
 11/20 Tanya High
 11/23 Alva George – 89th
 11/25 Betsy Mease – 84th
 11/25 Maggie Ulrich
 11/25 Rowan Ulrich
 11/26 Donald Moyer
 11/27 Christa Light – 86th
 11/29 Jacob George
 11/29 Carson Spohn
 11/30 Christine Daub – 95th
 11/30 Cindy Funck
 11/30 Shannon Spohn
 11/30 Tighe Eshleman
 11/30 Amber Blair



Monday YOGA

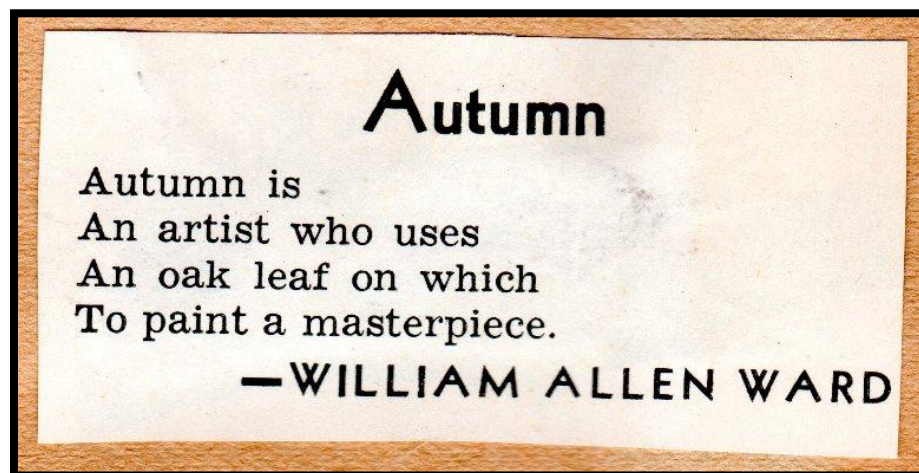
6:00pm in fellowship hall



Christmas Choir Rehearsals - Thursdays at 7-8pm

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Please contact Megan Fields with any questions – 717-644-1200





Sunday November 12th at 2:30pm
Everybody is welcome to our
Church Family Hike!





Operation Christmas Child Shoe box Collection Sunday November 12th!

Look for the Giving Tree on Sunday, November 12th. Through the Giving Tree you have the opportunity to bless an at-risk child or teen through Lebanon County Children and Youth services. Select a tag, wrap your gift, securely attach the angel tag to your gift. If there is more than one package with your tag#, please put the tag# number on each package or place in a gift bag. Bring the gift back to church by December 10th. Thanks so much for your generosity and helping to brighten a child's day!



As we prepare our hearts and homes for Advent, we also want to prepare our worship space!

The halls of our church will be decorated on Monday, Nov. 27th!
Check your bulletin for the time!



All Saint's Sunday - November 5, 2023

Thank you, God, for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. May we walk wisely in their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

We commit to continue their legacy of walking in The Way.

May new generations find us worthy to be called saints in your kingdom.

