

Good News in Ono

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Ono United Methodist Church

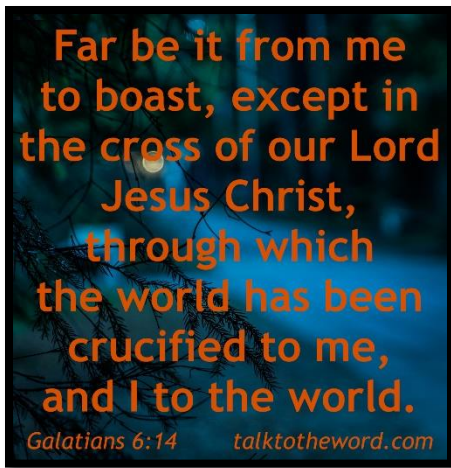
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For my part, I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate. Can't you see the central issue in all this? It is not what you and I do—submit to circumcision, reject circumcision. It is what God is doing, and he is creating something totally new, a free life! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God—his chosen people. Peace and mercy on them!

-Galatians 6. 14- 16 (The Message)

I think I really enjoyed starting new schools. When I left Downingtown to attend West Virginia University, I no longer had to be Robb the sixth of the Faller kids. Everything about my life was wide open- new friends, new places, new opportunities. I was surrounded by people who had spoken faith to me and that empowered me to make better choices. Faith, which I struggled with as a teen, became suddenly easy. It was such a powerful reality to see that God was creating a new life in me! I look back on that time with great joy at knowing what a great gift God had provided for me.

Every year society celebrates a New Year as a new opportunity to change life. New Year equals new opportunities. However, most recent research indicates less than 9% of people complete their New Year's resolution! If somebody asked me to try something with a 91% failure rate, I wouldn't even try. Regardless, each year the same thing happens. People make commitments and people fail. So why do we do this? Is there something within us that recognizes the need to be better? And if we all want to be better, then why are we so terrible at it?

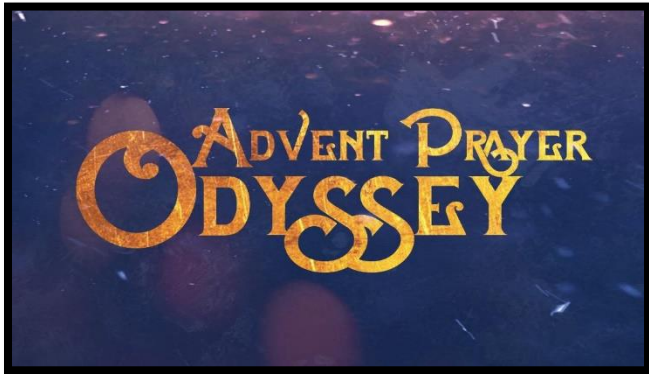
Christianity has long held fast to the idea that change does not come from within ourselves. We are fragile. We are insufficient. Try as we may at doing better, our selfish natures struggle to truly do better. The gospel message, however, is that it is not about you! Paul reminds the Galatians that what really matters is what God is doing. What is God doing? He is making a new creation out of everyone who follows Him! Your job is to simply allow God to work- to yield to His presence in your life. This is not what the independent world wants to believe or operate with, but it is how God has been working for over 2000 years now! This year, simply yield your life to Him and watch God work!

Paul uses this idea to remind us of where our "boasting" is established. It cannot be in our own abilities but must rest in the presence of Jesus Christ. I know that I cannot be perfect myself, but that the Cross of Christ brings about that perfection. This is a freeing and wonderful idea- we are perfect because of Him. I have, do and will fail. Sometimes it is tempting to allow those times to define me. Alleluia, the victory belongs to Jesus! So let us boast in Him this year!

Pastor Robb

Jess Grimes – Youth Ministry

We are so thankful for everyone that came and journeyed through the Advent Prayer Odyssey in December. We trust God used the experience to draw you close to Him and be encouraged in your faith! Everyone prayed through 11 stations with different activities that engaged all of the senses and concluded with some refreshments. -----



The Ono Youth celebrated Christmas together at their Christmas party on December 10 at The Grimes' house and Get Air Jump Park. Many teens came out, even on a cold rainy night, and have a fun time together. We went to GetAir and jumped, came back to the Grimes' for pizza, played a fun gift exchange game and ended the night with a fun youth group game called Body



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The Ono Youth Winter Retreat will be held February 9-11, 2024 at Kenbrook Bible Camp. We are excited to welcome Adam Burns who works with Lancaster Fellowship of Christian Athletes as our

guest speaker for the week. Our theme for the weekend will Identity: Who am I? Please pray that our teens and friends would be available and interested in taking the weekend to spend time together and with God! -----

Sexuality Talks for parents and teens happening in January! We are looking forward to a time of open discussion on the many issues involved under the sexuality topic. It is our prayer that parents and teens can come together for a time of learning,

discussing and discerning as we seek to apply our faith and God's word to our living out God's best for us within our sexuality. Join us Sunday nights at 6:30pm in the youth room.



Jessica Miller – Childrens Ministry

Here are some wonderful highlights of our kids enjoying Christmas this year! Enjoy!



We're so thankful for our volunteers!



Singing, storytelling of Jesus' birth, dancing, game playing, cookie decorating... We love spending time together





OUTREACH MINISTRY

Extending love to our neighbours



Jan.13th, at 1pm

TILL THEY ARE GONE!

at Jonestown UMC

SPREAD THE NEWS!

Questions? Give Becky Moyer a call at
717-512-6439. She'll be
happy to speak with you!

Backpacks Of Hope

Happy new year!

We continue to supply the Lebanon County Children and Youth with supplies for their Visitation Room. Because of your kind donations, we continue to bless The Lebanon Valley Domestic Violence Intervention Office with needs for the women and children that seek refuge there.

If you know of anyone needing help, please
share this number: (717) 273-7190

Thank you – for all you give to this ministry.



Serving At The Gospel Center:

A group from Ono shares worship and a meal with the folks at the Gospel Center in Lebanon Co. January's date is Saturday the 13th. 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 Shue at 717-644-1831 or Kim Moyer at 717-926-5077. ***Thank you!***



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

Sundays @ 6:30pm (in January)

Adult Bible Study and Youth (grades 6-12 (Leader: Pastor Robb will lead the discussion on Human Sexuality)
Kid's Fellowship (K- 5th) will be diving into Boundaries for Kids.

Wednesdays(every other week) at 1pm

Adult Small Group (Leader Dave Hahnen)

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Youth Sweet Hour of Prayer/Production Team (1st wed. of the month)

Youth Production Team (the rest of the month)

Kids 4 Jesus (K – 5th)

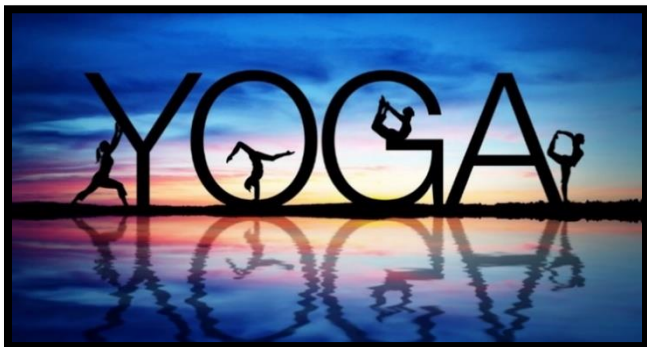
Adult Bible Study (Leader: Pastor Robb)

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



Monday YOGA

6:00pm in fellowship hall



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
 1/17 Tom Zeigler

1/17 Mitchell Edris
 1/18 Mitch Walker
 1/19 Dennis Hetrick
 1/19 Maya Harmon
 1/21 Eva McFeathers
 1/22 Megan Atkins
 1/23 Daryl Emrich
 1/25 Jackie Sherlock
 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



Holy Communion
Sundy, 7th 2024

GOT T★LENT

Sunday, January 14th at 7PM!
Share your talent with your Ono Family!

Singing, dancing, story telling, music,
drawing, sewing, sculpture,
painting...and so much more!


Sign up in the narthex

**Don't be shy...it's gonna be an
evening of joy and laughter!**

(and we sure would hate to miss you)




Please check to see if you have any remaining Christmas Cards! After Jan. 31, the "post office" will be closed.



SEEKING
CUSTODIAN

Part time position

Contact the church office for a
job description and application



Will be available beginning January 1, 2024. This position has approximately 16hrs per week. Contact Pastor Robb or Gene Ulrich (717-269-9939) if you have interest or questions.



A BIG thank you to all our youth and helpers for providing such a wonderful service during Christmas! We love you!!

