

Good News in Ono

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GOD'S LOVE STORY

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Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving.

-Luke 4. 1- 2 (CEB)



Forty is a significant number in Scripture. It is generally used as an indication of completeness. In the Noah story, it rains for forty days and forty nights to fully cover the earth. Moses is on the mountain for forty days and forty nights to receive the fullness of God's laws. Goliath stands before the Israelite army for forty days. Jonah warns the city of Nineveh that they would be destroyed in forty days. The list goes on with so many scenarios. In the familiar story of Jesus' temptation, we are reminded that it lasted for forty days- an indication that Jesus' temptation was complete. Jesus was not merely tempted once and finished, but he was fully tempted as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4. 15).

This Valentine's Day begins the forty-day season of Lent. It is perhaps my favorite season of the Church year. It is a season that commemorates Jesus' fast and resistance to temptation. It is a time when Christians around the world are called to reflect on their own humanity and struggles. We are called to come face to face with our faults and seek to do better at putting God's will above our own. The hope is that by spending time in this reflection, we, like Jesus, will be full of the Holy Spirit to guide us throughout the rest of the year.

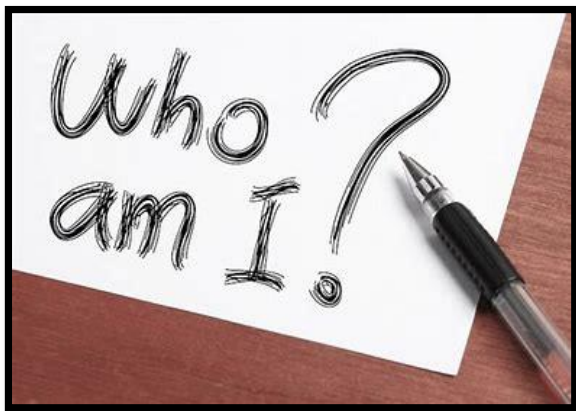
For forty days, we are called to seek to improve our spiritual lives through intentional self-sacrifice, prayer, extra church services and self-reflection. I hope you will seek how you can do these things throughout Lent of 2024.

Some people will realize that Lent is actually longer than forty days. That is because Sundays are seen as a Sabbath- a time of rest in God's presence. Christians began worshiping on Sundays to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus- the great victory over death! Sorrow seems so counter to this great joy that we give each other a break to celebrate the victory of Jesus' resurrection. The season of Lent ultimately ends at Easter! The day we celebrate the resurrection in its fullness.

Darkness may appear to be winning at times, but we know the fullness of the story- death has been swallowed up in victory! Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15. 54-57).

This Lent, I would love to hear your stories about what you are doing extra in your spiritual lives. Parents, I want you to include your children. Maybe you can think of something to sacrifice to provide for an organization that could use support. Perhaps you will spend intentional time praying together. Perhaps you will bless a neighbor who could use help around the house or is simply lonely and could use a visitor. Whatever it is, I would love to hear the stories so we can rejoice together in what God can do over these days. May God use this season of Lent to develop new habits to help us be His new creation for His glory in this world!

Paster Robb



The Lebanon County Giant Youth Event took place at Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church on January 21 from 6- 9pm. We had 9 churches from across the county participate with over 200 youth showing for games, worship and bible study. The goal of these events which are organized by the Lebanon Valley Youth Network (a network of local youth workers) is to foster a spirit of community among our teens and for God to raise up this generation to be a one that transform Lebanon County and beyond for the God's glory and His Kingdom!



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!



For our January Acts of Kindness night the youth and kids got together to make a special craft for our limited mobility church members. We made them snowmen that share a special message

- "We love you SNOW much!" We prayed for these special members of our church and that our craft would bring them a smile and remind them that they are loved!

Sweetheart Fundraising Dinner – Team Nashville



invites you to enjoy a lovely dinner, yummy dessert and precious fellowship time at the Sweetheart dinner on February 18 @ 6pm in the fellowship hall. The

summer mission team will prepare and serve the meal and provide child care! We ask each couple to bring a dessert to share on the dessert table to be entered to win a prize of a dinner out! Your donations for the dinner will go to help cover the cost of the summer mission trip to Nashville, TN on June 16-21! Please respond with the RSVP card in the bulletin or in the narthex!

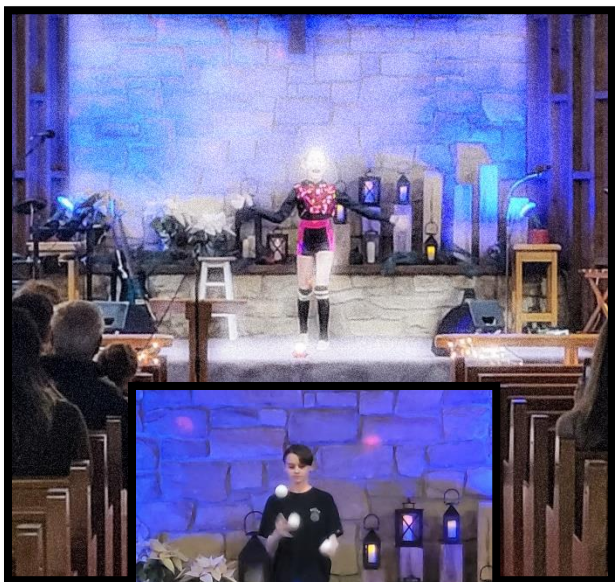


Childrens Ministry

Jessica Miller

Our kids had a blast participating in Ono's Got Talent!

From sharing a compelling commercial for nursery help to dancing, juggling, piano solo, daddy/daughters song, and paintings and pottery display to a family dance&song showcase... we were so impressed and blessed with the evening! Thank you, kids for sharing your talents with us!





Feb.10th, 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!

Reach-Out Report, submitted by Ken Moyer

We served at the Gospel Center on December 16, 2023 and about 30 of us went out to the corner of Cumberland and 10th Streets to sing Christmas Carols.

We served again January 14th. We appreciate all those who help to serve at the Gospel Center by cooking and baking and sharing.

Food Box handout is still occurring the 2nd Saturday of each month with members of Ono shopping, packing, and distributing approx.. 90 boxes each Month.

A few volunteers from our Congregation help to pack food each week into the Power Packs.

Serving At The Gospel Center:

A group from Ono shares worship and a meal with the folks at the Gospel Center in Lebanon Co. on **February 17th**. 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.**

Backpacks Of Hope



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.



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!

Mondays 6:30-8pm

Viewing of 'The Chosen' from the beginning.

Season 1

Wednesdays

(every other week) at 1pm

Adult Small Group (Leader

Dave Hahnlen)



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)

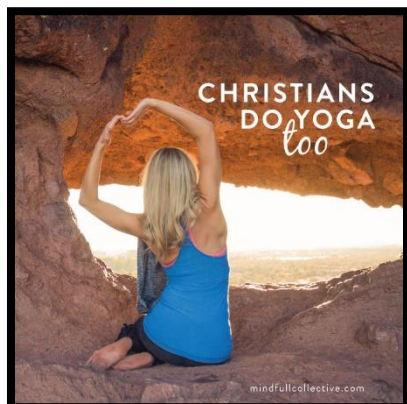
9:30-11am

Ladies Sharing Small Group

Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

Women's small group with Leann Snyder

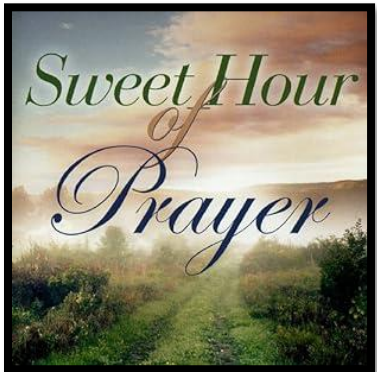
**Each
Monday
At
6:00pm**



- 2/2 Brandt Seyfert
- 2/2 Austin Atkins
- 2/3 Sok Chea Pho
- 2/3 Fred Staley
- 2/4 John Bomgardner
- 2/4 Amanda Walker
- 2/5 Kaleb Longenecker
- 2/7 Brenna Rollman
- 2/7 Drew Meyer
- 2/7 Michele Reiber
- 2/10 Dewey Dove
- 2/10 Caleb Steiner
- 2/12 Emory Helsel, Jr.
- 2/12 Nancy Strickler
- 2/13 Josh Moyer
- 2/13 Aria Straley
- 2/14 Gavin Rollman
- 2/15 Ben Boyanowski
- 2/15 Joel Seibert
- 2/16 Lenny Leibold
- 2/19 Dustin Blauch
- 2/19 Dennis Funck
- 2/19 Emilee Frazier
- 2/21 Dennis Grubb
- 2/22 Naomi Miller
- 2/23 Sara Artley
- 2/24 Brant Barr
- 2/24 Emily Shuey
- 2/28 JoLynn Brummer
- 2/28 Cathy Boyanowski
- 2/28 Lee Eisenhour
- 2/28 Preston LaPorte



Holy Communion Sunday, Feb. 4th 2024

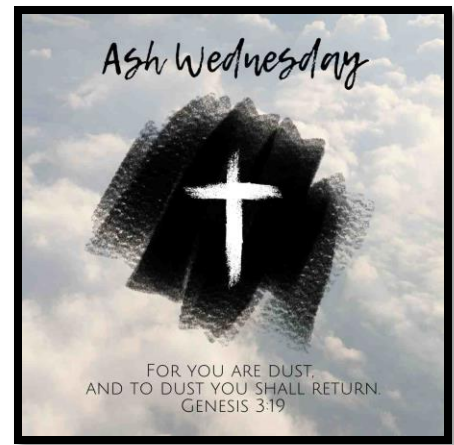


Ono Youth Group gathers for prayer on the 1st Wednesday of each month in our Prayer Room.

They would love to include you in their prayers! You are welcome to write them a note, using the cards available outside the Prayer Room!
God is Good!



Rehearsal begin on
Thursday Feb. 15th at 7:00PM
We meet in the sanctuary!



**Ash Wednesday Service is on Wed, Feb.
14th at 7PM
Jonestown UMC**

Lent 2024 2/14th – 3/30th 2024

God's Love Story

"The first Sunday of the Lenten journey reveals our condition as human beings here on earth. The victorious battle against temptation, the starting point of Jesus' mission, is an invitation to become aware of our own fragility in order to accept the grace that frees [us] from sin and infuses new strength in Christ — the way, the truth and the life."

—From Pope Benedict XVI's Lenten Message for 2011

Lent is a time when God invites all of us as Christians to enter into a deeper relationship with himself. Lent is our pilgrimage to Golgotha, and beyond that, to Easter and eternal life. Jesus came into the world to save us; to show us that our lives have meaning; that God loves us; that despite all our sins, no matter how dark, God treasures us as his sons and daughters; that suffering has meaning; that each person no matter how broken or disabled has dignity; and that death is never the end of who we are.

Each of us is born with an ache for "something more." We all have an inherent hunger for happiness, but we can't be happy alone. We were made for friendship with one another, **and** for communion with our Creator.



Be sure to make your dinner reservations for this year's Sweetheart Dinner – reservation slips are in the narthex. You are asked to bring your favorite dessert to share... and a big appetite. All donations go toward the 2024 Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee.

February 18th @ 6:00PM



Because sometimes it's a little chilly in our sanctuary... please enjoy a comfort shawl/lap blanket to make yourself comfortable!



Bus trip to see The Chosen season 4!

Sunday, February 11th
The bus will leave promptly at 12:15pm
Returning by 5:00pm

Please grab some lunch before or
Bring it along for the bus ride!

You can also meet us at the theatre.

Regal Lebanon Valley
2200 Lebanon Valley Mall Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042
Movie starts at 1pm

Call Dee for info. 484-620-6726



Please bring your bottles back by
February 18th.

Thank you for your donations!!!

Please call Jean Bragg @
717-813-4061 with any questions.



Coming in March!!!!

Do you have any bowls you would like
to donate for this fundraiser?
We have a box at the Mission Corner for
ya...Thank you in advance!

Save the date:
March 10th, 6:30-8:00pm



Mark your calenders...

The Hunt for Easter!
Sat. March 30th @ 10am

Lorretta is ready for our help!
717-503-8093

Wednesday **Lenten** SERVICES

Feb 14th

Feb 21st

Feb 28th

March 6th

March 13th

March 20th

Jonestown UMC

Ono UMC

Bellegrove UMC

Emmanuel UMC

Trinity UMC

Fredericksburg UMC

