

GOOD NEWS IN ONO

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OUR NEW LIFE
IN CHRIST

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But I consider my own life of no importance to me whatsoever, as long as I can finish the course ahead of me, the task I received from the Lord Yeshua — to declare in depth the Good News of God's love and kindness.

-Acts 20. 24 (CJB)



It was April 3rd of 1994 that I received my call into ministry. I was 21 years old and had been living actively in my faith for a little over a year when it happened. My roommates were all young men who had been full of faith for their entire known lives. I felt completely unworthy of being called. I didn't tell a single person for multiple reasons, but the biggest was I didn't want to commit my life to an idea that I did not understand at all. I was certain the call was for a roommate—especially Charles. He was so devout. He knelt by his bed every night praying for the people around him. He studied the Bible with great fervor and was such a peace-filled soul. I was not worthy.

Faith, at its very core, is not about our worth. If anything, Scripture continues to point to the idea that none of us are worthy (Romans 3. 10-12). Grace has to be supreme, or we will all be in grave trouble (Colossians 1. 20- 22). The reason it is called the good news of Jesus Christ is precisely because the idea that our faults and failures are not as large as God's grace is great news! The early church was not worried about your education level, occupation, or perceived value in society, they merely wanted you

to know that God loved you enough to set you free to worship and serve Him. A willing heart was far more important than your ability—after all, God could equip and empower people however He wanted in order to serve the Church (Romans 12. 3). It is such a simple concept, yet so hard for us to fully comprehend and then use in our own lives. Our own feelings of lack of worth or ability tend to dictate our responses. The good news, however, should change all of that. Now, we are called to serve Him in whatever ways He calls us to serve.

I still feel unworthy. After 30 years of pursuing my divine yes to the call, I assume I always will because the truth is that I am unworthy. I have done nothing to deserve God's grace. I have done nothing to earn the position where I get to share this good news, preach the Word of God, be with the sick and dying and broadcast the death and resurrection of Jesus every communion Sunday. (1 Corinthians 11. 26). All of these are simply expressions of God's grace in my life. That young, idealistic 21 year old had no idea what was before him. Thirty years later, I still have no idea what lies before me, but I know one thing: it's all about God's grace - His unmerited favor in my life. So let us continue to echo Paul's call. Let us declare in depth the Good News of God's love and kindness (Acts 20. 24). After all, it is this message that was proclaimed to us and brought us life, so that we can offer life to others.

~Pastor Robb



Youth News

Team Nashville is gearing up for our summer mission trip,

June 16-21, 2024! Our team will be working with various urban ministries including elder care, child care, homeless shelters, food banks and more. We are so thankful for prayer and financial support of the congregation. Mission trips are impactful weeks in the lives of our teens! Please continue to pray for our team and God would use us to build his kingdom through service and that God would work on each of our hearts as we faithfully serve Him!

For our Acts of Kindness this month, we joined with the Ono kids and made 50 bunny treat bags for our Ono preschool families. In the bag we put a few filled Easter eggs, candy, and other little trinkets! We also included a invitation to all of the Easter activities going on at Ono Church! Let us all continue to pray for the ministry of the Ono preschool and the outreach it is for our community!



Our youth group monthly activity in March was bowling! We had a great time laughing and hanging out together at ABC North Bowling Alley. A few of us even broke 100! Many gutters balls but also many strikes! Afterwards we came back to the church for pizza and walking tacos!



Coming Together as the Church should! What a beautiful night of fellowship and celebration we had hosting our friends from the Gospel Center for our **Empty Bowls Soup Dinner** on March 10. Around 30 friends from the Gospel Center came and share a soup meal with us. A gentlemen who has seen Jesus change his life and used the Gospel Center to do it, share a his testimony with us. A special thank you to Josh Miller who blessed us with his delicious homemade bread and all those who made soup for our soup smorgasbord! We worshiped together, broke bread together and celebrated God's goodness!





SPRING CHALLENGE: Can you make T-Time a priority for April and May and set aside one Sunday a month to come together for a fellowship meal and time to grow in your faith?

April 28 and May 19,

5:30 p.m. Pot-Luck Dinner

6:15-7:30pm Breakout Groups

Kids, Youth, Adult (Bible Study, Parenting, Men's, Women's Groups)

(we will have child care provided for our very young in our nursery/toddler room by the sanctuary)

How many "T's" can you think of? Here are a few: Together, Team, Talk, Thought Provoking





Free Food Box Distribution- April 13th, at 1pm TILL THEY ARE GONE!

AT JONESTOWN UMC
SPREAD THE NEWS!

Questions? Contact Becky Moyer.
She'll be happy to speak with you!

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

Our April wish list:

Boy's and Girls backpacks at least 18"

Toys for 8-11 year olds

Adult coloring books

Shampoo for teens

1"ring binders

Small packs of notebook paper(125sheets)

Toothpaste – .85oz

Paper backs by Carl Paulsen, Suzanne Collins, James Kjelgaard and Walter Farley.



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. 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!

Next Service Date: April 6th Please contact Jeannette @ 717-644-1831 or Kim @ 717-926-5077 for information.

One of our friends from The Gospel Center, John, sharing his testimony during the Empty Soup Bown Dinner.





The Northern Lebanon Clothing Closet

located at the former Jonestown Elementary School, opened on Saturday February 24th. County Commissioner, JoEllen Litz and the Mayor of Jonestown as well as Tim Laubach from IU13 and our own Pastor Robb were there.

The first Tuesday of each month between 4 and 6 pm is scheduled for dropping off clean, gently used clothing and shoes.

Aprils Wish List is:

New Socks and Underwear of all sizes.

Girls: size 7, 12 and 14 pants/shirts.

Girls: Size 8 and 16 summer shirts.

Boys: Size 18 and 24 month, size 5 pant/shorts, size 7 shorts, size 16 pants, children's shoes.

Non Clothing items: pens and post it notes.

Fine point permanent markers, Laptop computer, cases of water for the volunteers.

Call 717-454-3697 with any questions.

- The clothing closet will be open for intake and selection of free clothing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

"THE HUNT FOR EASTER!"

Egg Hunt!

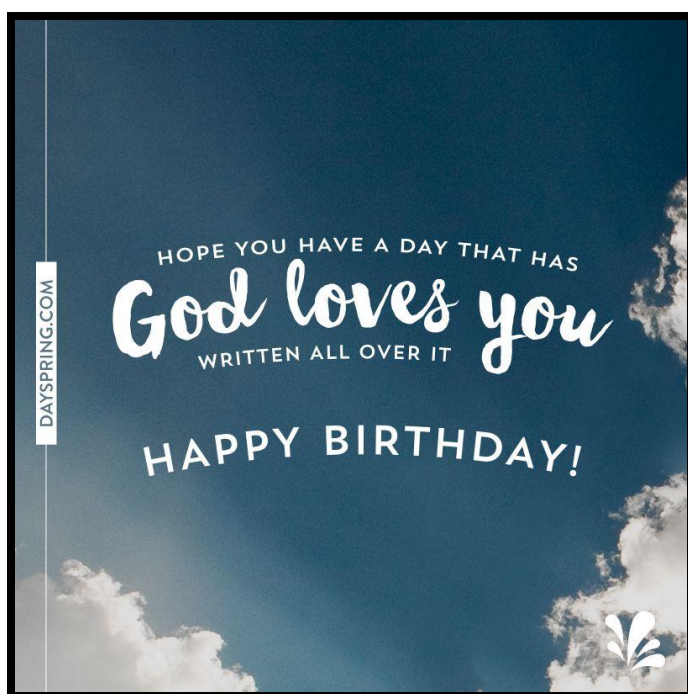
This years Egg Hunt will be held on March 30 at 10am. A big thank you to everyone that helped to fill the eggs ahead of time! Be sure to invite your friends and family!





4/1 Mary Bitzer
4/1 Cheyann Lengle
4/1 Jarrod Strickler
4/2 Jerry Fessler
4/3 Allison King
4/3 Natalie Snyder
4/5 Daryl Funck
4/5 Carter LaPorte
4/7 Jess Grimes
4/8 Arlene Dove
4/8 Carlene Snyder
4/8 Frank Moore
4/9 Mark Pennycoff
4/9 Leah Staley
4/9 Evan Snyder
4/11 Mike Batz
4/12 Michelle Seibert
4/13 Lyndsy Zechman
4/15 Jericho Andino
4/15 Leann Snyder
4/16 Erin Marinkov
4/17 Sandy Pennycoff

4/19 Ryan Ulrich
4/20 Steph Dissinger
4/20 Mike Govern
4/23 Cheryl Barr
4/23 Becky Atkins
4/23 Riley Sallada
4/24 Dillon Blauch
4/24 Teresa Helms
4/25 Deb Adams
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4/26 Mike Edris
4/27 Jean Howard
4/29 Ashley Blauch
4/29 Roy Pennycoff

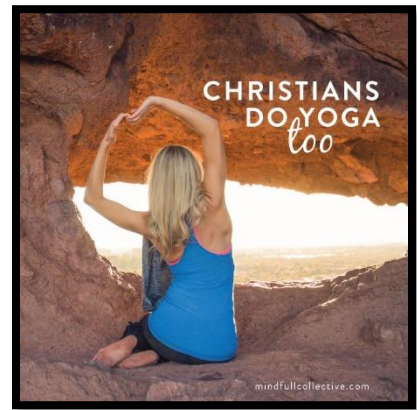


Wednesdays

(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)



Yoga – Monday's at 6pm

Thursdays (1st & 3rd of the month)

9:30-11am

Ladies Sharing Small Group

Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

Woman's Smal Group w Leann Snyder



Volleyball is in the air!

Any youth (minimum age: entering 7th grade in the fall) or adults interested in playing on the church league volleyball team may see or phone Mike Edris(717-460-4063). Games are played on Thursdays.



Join us for a fun night of Trivia!
Come as an individual...or a Team!

April 14th

6:30-7:30





New Member Class

Have you been thinking about joining Ono UMC as a member?

Classes begin on April 14 and go till Pentecost Sunday. We meet during the Sunday School hour : 9:30 – 10:30am

See Pastor Robb with questions.



Women With Whimsy

So excited to say...We're back!

Our first gathering will be on Saturday, April 13th 10-11:30am

See our project below!

All material will be provided along with light refreshments!

Each block will be \$10.00

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

See you then!



Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday April 7th and 21st @ 6:30pm





We're gearing up for
VBS 2024!

Work/craft night's every
Monday evening at 6:00pm.
Everyone's welcome!

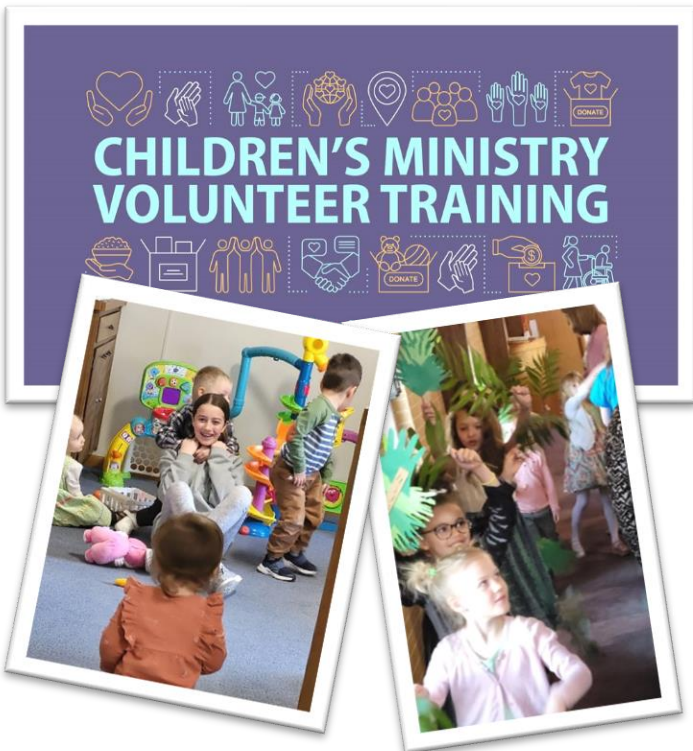


learning many lessons during children's church and Kids for Jesus including lessons on the 10 Commandments, Samson, Ruth, and more this past Month. The kids will continue their walk through the Old Testament in April. During Acts of Kindness this month, the children had an opportunity to help prepare and pack 49 Easter bags for the kids in Ono's preschool.

Coming up in April, we will have a special training opportunity for any volunteers on April 4th at 6:30p.m. and April 7th at 9:30A.M. Kelley Rudy will be presenting some great information around teaching and development to really help reinforce all the great things we do with the kids. Please plan on joining us for one of the training courses, it will be a great learning and discussion opportunity.

Camp Firelight VBS was chosen for this summer which will be held June 9th-13th from 6-8p.m.. The planning is well underway with decorating and craft prep time starting on Mondays beginning April 1st at 6p.m. for all are welcome to come help getting things ready for the kids!

We are very excited fresh off the first T-time for next month's T-time on April 29th at 5:30p.m.! It was a wonderful time of community, food, fun, and great discussions. The kids really enjoyed playing Charades and doing the craft. This coming month is set to be another great time. We hope even more kids and families will join us!



After weeks of Practice, Kids Praise did a phenomenal job during the Palm Sunday service singing their songs! The kids have been working their way through the Old Testament