



GOOD NEWS IN ONO

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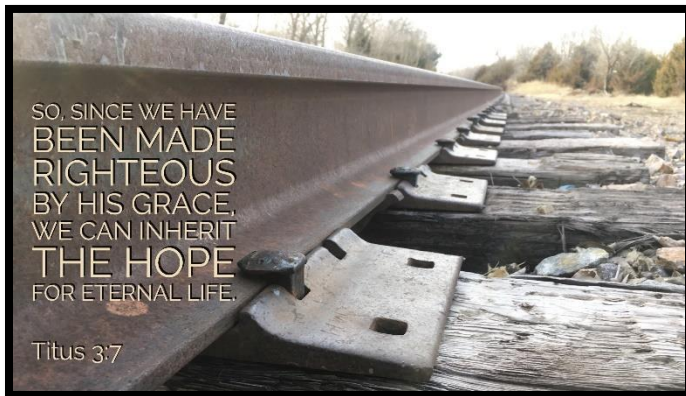
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In the past we were foolish too. We did not obey, we were wrong, and we were slaves to the many things our bodies wanted and enjoyed. We lived doing evil and being jealous. People hated us and we hated each other. But then the kindness and love of God our Savior was made known. He saved us because of his mercy, not because of any good things we did. He saved us through the washing that made us new people. He saved us by making us new through the Holy Spirit. God poured out to us that Holy Spirit fully through Jesus Christ our Savior. We were made right with God by his grace. God saved us so that we could be his children and look forward to receiving life that never ends.

-Titus 3. 3-7 (ERV)



The simplicity of the gospel message in the midst of a complicated life will always fascinate me. It begins with the reality that humans are greatly flawed. This flaw leads us to hating each other and destroying each other. When people question me about why there is so much evil in the world, I simply point out this appears to be our nature. If we simply were capable of responding consistently with love, then the world would be a much better place. Unfortunately, we continue to be under our negative impulsive behavior. So how is this “good” news? The good news is that God understands our blight and has developed a solution.

That solution begins with Jesus dying on the cross for the faults of the world. No longer do we need to worry that the failures of the past will destroy the possibilities of the future. The faults of the world have been paid for by the mercy of Jesus Christ. I love how this is seen as the kindness and love of God. I love that it is fully God’s capability- we cannot do anything to help, nor can we do anything to hinder! Jesus fully paid the price and simply offered that for us all. However, just because salvation was purchased, it does not mean that we are no longer connected with our old selves. Our nature remains and we continue to struggle to make Godly choices. The good news isn’t finished.

The Holy Spirit is God’s presence within us. Recognizing that we need an internal makeover in order to be set free from our old nature. This presence is not merely trickled into our lives, God pours it into us fully! God doesn’t do things half-way. He didn’t half-way deal with sin, nor does He simply half-way deal with the Holy Spirit. This Pentecost we will celebrate as a unified body of Christ once again. As we do so, may we be reminded of our need for the Holy Spirit to be poured into our lives. May we willingly accept that presence in our lives so that we can be transformed- pulled away from our old nature and into our new nature as God’s Holy and beloved children! We celebrate with Christians all over the world as we remember the great news of Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

~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! e

For our **Acts of Kindness** this month, we joined with the Ono kids to make Spring into Action Flowers to help decorate the narthex. We talked about each of the words/actions Pastor Robb is challenging us with this spring. We hope these flowers will bring cheer to our worship area and remind all of us to spring into action!



The Youth Simmer Mission Trip to Nashville has been asked to bring along care packages that will be handed out at local homeless shelters and fleece

fabric which will be made into blankets for hospitals and nursing homes during the trip. Would you be willing to help? For the care packages: All the items can be placed in a gallon sized ziploc bag. One care package should include: Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb or brush, nonperishable snack and socks. (You can choose to a male or female bag) For fleece fabrics: 6ft by 4ft pieces. All donations can be placed in the bin in the narthex marked Nashville Mission Trip. Thanks for your help!

Thank you to the Ono Easter Choir for sharing the Easter cantata with us called King of Kings! It is our hope that the music and message enabled each of us to find true joy in Easter as we consider Jesus, the King of Kings is risen and reigns forever!





SPRING CHALLENGE: Can you make T-Time a priority for May and join us on Sunday, May 19th? Where we'll all come together for a fellowship meal and time to grow in your faith!

May 19th

5:30 p.m. Pot-Luck Dinner

6:15-7:30pm Breakout Groups

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

(childcare is provided for our very young in our nursery/toddler room by the sanctuary)



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Extending love to our neighbours



Free Food Box Distribution- May 11th, 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

Thank you Church, we couldn't do this ministry without you!

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: May 4th Please contact Jeannette @ 717-644-1831 or Kim @ 717-926-5077 for information.





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 clothing closet will be open for intake and selection of free clothing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Children's clean, gently used or new shoes are needed.

Call 717-454-3697 with any questions.



Join the Northern Lebanon Ministerium for a Prayer Walk at Memorial Lake.

Sunday, May 12th

2:00pm





5 /1 Jodi Bomgardner

5/2 Sally Boyer

5/2 Bret Wiest

5/3 Mathew Meyer

5/3 Jenna Reiber

5/4 Madison Pho

5/5 Payton Artley

5/6 Sean Knauff

5/6 Natalie Piotrowski

5/7 Cale Shuey

5/8 Tugger Dresch

5/8 Matt Schneider

5/9 Miles Wiest

5/11 Rachel Walker

5/11 Mark Eisenhour

5/11 Kyle Moore

5/11 Adam Davis

5/11 Leslie George

5/13 Doug Blauch

5/13 Clay George

5/15 John Moore

5/17 Jazlyn Weidman

5/17 Stu Zeigler

5/20 Dottie Allison

5/20 Erin Ulrich

5/21 Jane Emrich

5/21 Jean Richard

5/21 Laura Moyer

5/23 Ashton Davis

5/24 Katie Marinkov

5/25 Krista Ditzler

5/25 Rick Murray

5/25 Ava Wiest

5/25 Grady Wiest

5/27 Dave Hahnlen

5/27 Melissa Funck

5/28 Charlie Miller

5/28 Bethany Snyder

5/29 Carolyn Meyer

5/29 Nelson Bomgardner

5/30 Ashley Adams

5/30 Kadence Shuey

5/31 Rich Soliday



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

Woman's Smal Group w Leann Snyder



**This
month's
next
meeting is
Sun. May 5th
@ 6:30pm**



**the
deep end**

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.

**COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH @ 9:30AM

We're gearing up for VBS 2024!

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

Everyone's welcome!



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!

During the month of May, we are creating all our decorations for Camp Firelight! We have a wide variety of tasks at hand, so please don't feel intimidated to come out and help.

We are on the look out for tents and anything camp equipment related! Please see Deb George or Dee Faller if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance!

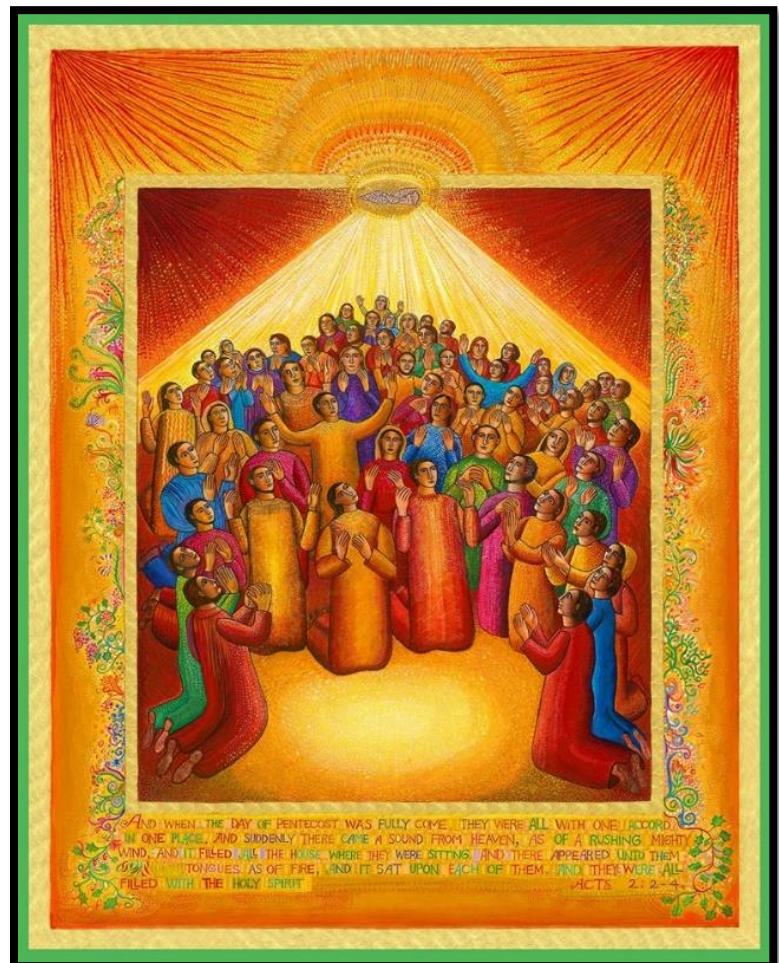


HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!

Pentecost Sunday Celebration on May 19th!

**9:00am – Fellowship time and refreshments
prior to Worship**

**9:30am – Combined Worship Service and
reception of our Newest Members!**





Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

We will be highlighting one of our Reach In ministries in future publication and hope you enjoy getting to know your church a little bit better!

The Reach In Committees/Teams are our congregation's inward leaning ministries, whose purpose is to enrich the lives of our church attenders. Below are the main ministries and their contact person:

Education Commission

Jane Emrich

Children's Commission

Jess Miller

Youth Ministries

Jessica Grimes

Camp Ministries

Vanessa Helms

Worship and Fellowship Team

Tanya High

Scholarship Committee

Derek Blauch

Altar Team

Dee Faller

Counting Team

Mark Nichols

Welcoming Team

Marie Warner

Visitation Team

Jean Bragg

Church Historian

Dave Hahnen

Pearls Ministry

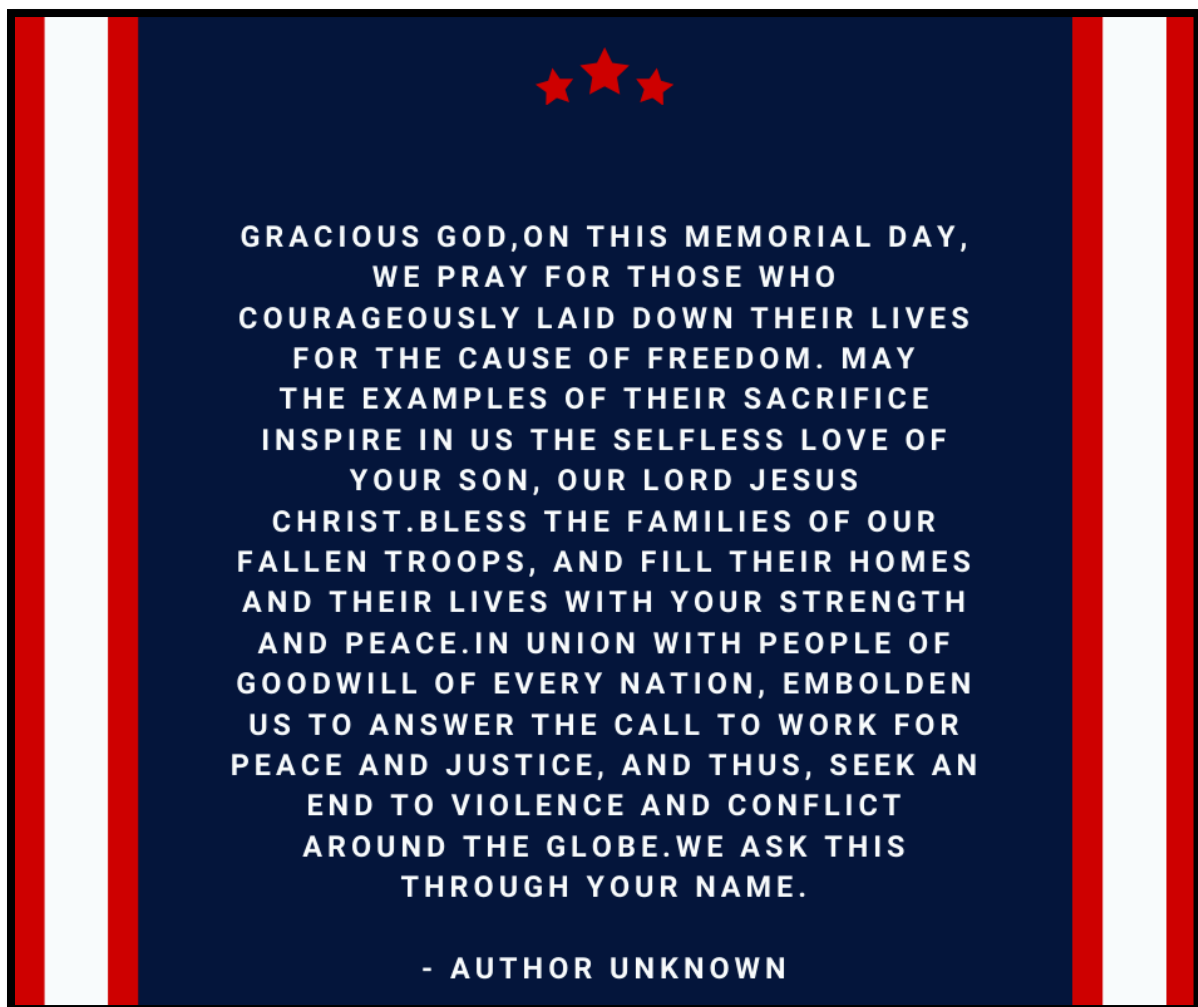
Laurie Shuey

Sound Ministry

Pastor Robb



Keep your eyes open for a lovely photo-op set up for your Mother's Day pictures! We invite you to bring in a picture of your mom to be part of our Mom and Dad Prayer Place. More info to come!



GRACIOUS GOD, ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY,
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
COURAGEOUSLY LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES
FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. MAY
THE EXAMPLES OF THEIR SACRIFICE
INSPIRE IN US THE SELFLESS LOVE OF
YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST. BLESS THE FAMILIES OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPS, AND FILL THEIR HOMES
AND THEIR LIVES WITH YOUR STRENGTH
AND PEACE. IN UNION WITH PEOPLE OF
GOODWILL OF EVERY NATION, EMBOLDEN
US TO ANSWER THE CALL TO WORK FOR
PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND THUS, SEEK AN
END TO VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT
AROUND THE GLOBE. WE ASK THIS
THROUGH YOUR NAME.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.
**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.
**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp



The meaning of Pentecost ...

- is God equipping His church with the power of the His Spirit so that He will be glorified among the nations.
- The point of Pentecost is MISSION
- The goal of MISSION is that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God (Hab 2:14)

