



Good News in Ono March 2025

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Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to a desert. There He was tempted by the devil. Jesus went without food for forty days and forty nights. After that He was hungry. The devil came tempting Him and said, "If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to be made into bread." But Jesus said, "It is written, 'Man is not to live on bread only. Man is to live by every word that God speaks.'"

-Matthew 4. 1- 4 (NLV)



Lent is a reminder to Christians of the significance of sacrifice. It is rooted in the forty day fast of Jesus before His temptation. The Church has used this period to encourage believers to spend forty days reflecting on the cost of salvation. Yes, it is free to us, but it costs Jesus everything. Personally, I do not always differentiate lent from other times. More often than not, the only difference in my life during Lent is an added service in the middle of the week as I scramble in preparation for Holy week services that culminate in the celebration of Easter. However, as I was preparing to preach on the Sabbath, God drew me into this idea of preparation. If you want to truly Sabbath, you need to prepare. If I want to truly celebrate the joy of Easter, perhaps preparing through Lent will be beneficial. So here is my challenge this Lent.

Dee and I go out to eat every Sunday after church that we can. I love this time with her as we enjoy good food (not Burger King) and reflect on church. We are going to skip this

tradition throughout Lent and make a simple meal of beans and rice (the most common foods in the world) and invite you to Sabbath with us in fellowship hall. The focus will simply be on being simply present. Do let us know if you are planning on attending so we can make sure we have enough to eat, but also feel free to come if it is a last second decision. In addition, Dee and I will be saving what we normally spend on lunch and making a special sacrificial offering on Passion (Palm) Sunday this year. This leads me to challenge each of you.

Are you willing to sacrifice something that you normally do throughout Lent? Perhaps you get coffee daily at a store. Would you be willing to sacrifice that by making it at home and saving that money as an offering of sacrifice for Passion Sunday? I will trust the Holy Spirit to lead you in whatever direction you go, but seek a sacrifice that can lead to a sacrifice. Now, frequently we ask for extra offerings to bless other ministries, but in this case, I am asking you to bless the body of Christ. It is our body here at Ono that blesses so many things in our community. Food ministries, release time, the clothing closet, the list is endless. Let us use Lent to bless Ono so we can continue to bless this community!

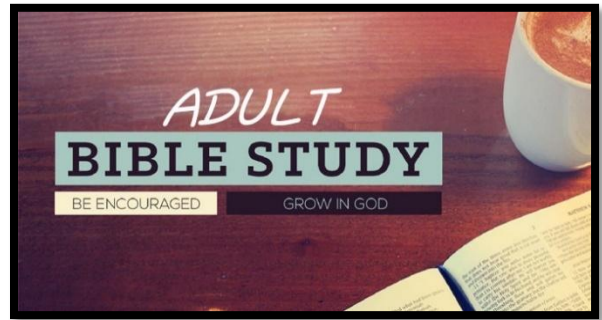
I want to conclude by stressing one thing: I do not want anybody to do anything out of guilt or obligation. I want all things done in the name of Jesus (Colossians 3. 17). I also want to empower your relationship with Jesus. My hope is that by traversing this lent with great intention, we will draw nearer to our Lord and Savior and each other. Dee and I feel so blessed to be a part of this body of Christ and look forward to seeing how God will use this Lent to help us reflect His love and grace even more and all for His glory!

Pastor Robb



March 23rd

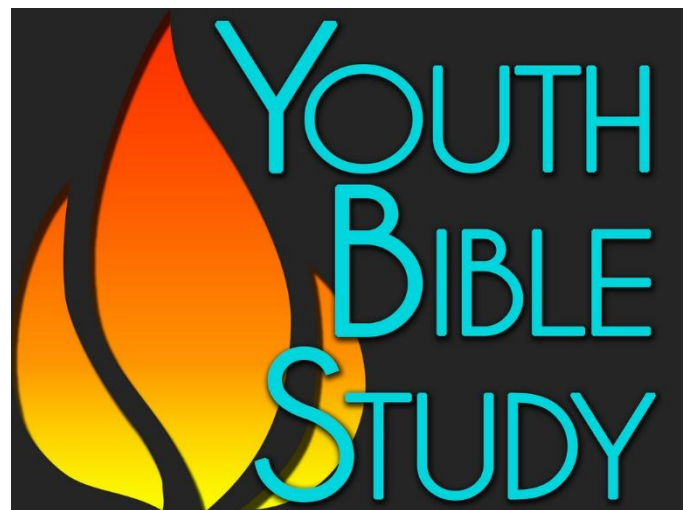
Pot Luck at 5:30pm – Groups to follow.



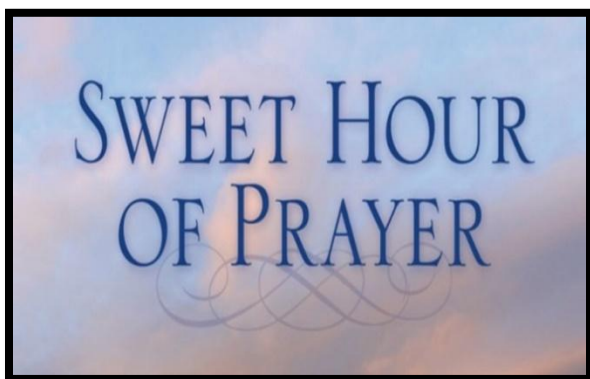
Join Pastor Robb as he leads us through God's Word,
Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm.



**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
And DESSERT!**
Sun., March. 2nd and 16th @ 6:30pm



Sunday, March 2nd!
Join us at 6:30pm for our
Youth Led Bible Study



YOUTH MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING
Wednesday, March. 5th @ 6:30pm



March 13th and 20th
9:30-11:00am.
Led by Jess G. in Fellowship Hall



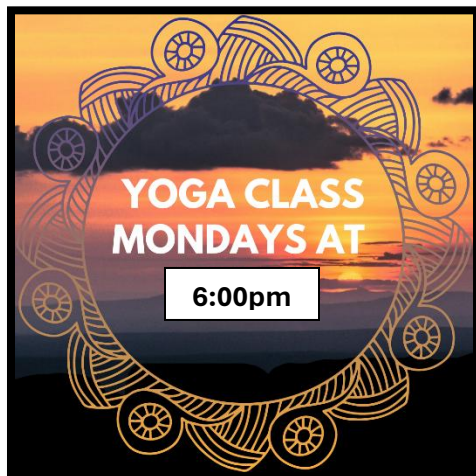
Free Food Box Saturday

Sat., March 8th @ 1pm
Jonestown UMC

Please pass the word!



Sunday, March 2nd at 8am and 10:30am
services.



Yoga will be meeting on
March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
All are welcome!



The Men Of Ono blessed all who
gathered for Feb. Galentine Dinner!
We couldn't have asked for a more
enjoyable evening! We were filled with a
delicious meal, great music and
belly-ache laughter! We all left feeling
loved and appreciated...

thank you, gentlemen!



SUPER BOWL

What did the Eagles do after they
won the super bowl?

They played the 2nd half!

GOSPEL CENTER MARCH MEAL

March 1st

Please contact Jeannette Shuey or
Kim Moyer for more information.

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God is First
I AM SECOND

YOUTH
Ministry

The Ono youth celebrated Valentine's Day a week late due to winter weather on February 19. We played some games, ate some snacks, and spent some time learning about God's love for us. The youth also listened to a song called Love of God which has lyrics about God's love and are excited to learn it and share it with the congregation this spring.

Youth Confirmation/Baptism 2025 – Pastor Robb and Jess Grimes will be having a confirmation class this spring for any youth grade 6 -12. The classes will focus on the basic tenants of the faith, church structure and theology. We will meet for 6 weeks beginning April 27 during Sunday school at 9:30am. Teens will hear the personal faith stories of various church leaders and be given a chance for service together as a class. The class will end on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 with a celebration of confirmation and baptism

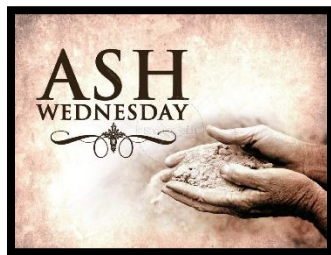




Why does the date for Easter change every year?

The simplest way to explain the date of Easter is that it falls on the first Sunday after the full moon that follows the spring equinox. Because the actual date of the spring equinox can differ by a day or two, the Catholic Church created a fixed date of March 21 to define it, known as the ecclesiastical equinox. And the full moon that occurs just on or after March 21 is known as the Paschal full moon. Paschal derives from "Pascha," the Greek and Latin word for "Passover." The Paschal full moon will appear on April 12th this year. So, Easter is on April 20th, the first Sunday after the full moon's appearance.

Through the service of ashes on the first day of Lent, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.



Ash Wednesday

Service will be at Jonestown UMC on Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm.

Marking the beginning of Lent.

Maundy

Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance



of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment." As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34)

The cross is where we see the convergence of great suffering and God's forgiveness. [Psalms 85:10](#) sings of a day when



"righteousness and peace" will "kiss each other." The cross of Jesus is where that occurred, where God's demands, his righteousness,

coincided with his mercy. We receive divine forgiveness, mercy, and peace because Jesus willingly took our divine punishment, resulting from [God's righteousness](#) against sin. "For the joy set before him" ([Hebrews 12:2](#)). Jesus endured the cross on Good Friday, knowing it led to his resurrection, our salvation, and the beginning of God's reign of righteousness and peace.



Deepen your faith journey with fellow journeyman.

Lent 2025 – The Beatitudes

7pm

March 5 @ Jonestown UMC

Pastor Gail: Poor in Spirit/ Mourn

March 12 @ Fredericksburg UMC

Pastor Al: Meek

March 19 @ Belle Grove UMC

Pastor Tom: Righteousness

March 26 @ Emmanuel UMC

Pastor Matt: Merciful

April 2 @ Trinity UMC

Pastor Robb: Pure in heart

April 9 @ Ono UMC

Pastor Brian: Peacemakers

Hope to see you there!



Easter Choir: will begin practices on Thursday March 13 for all ages and voices!

Our march wish list is:

PJs, shirts – any size
Pants for boys: size 6 and 5T

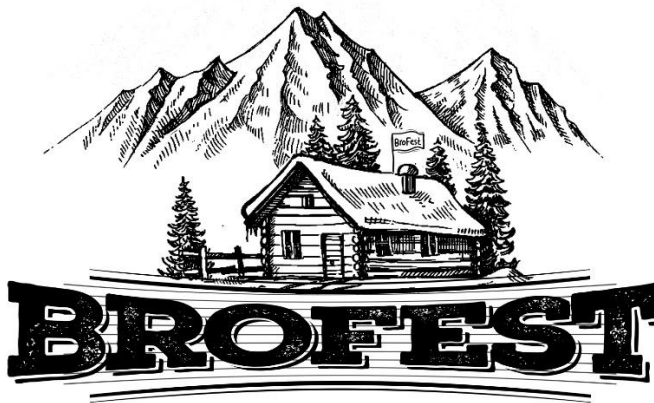
Thank you!

BACKPACKS OF HOPE



Volleyball season is right around the corner!

See or phone Mike Edris: 717-460-4063 for information!
Games are played on Thursdays.



MARCH 16 AT 6PM

Be there or be square!



- 3/1 Ken Seaman
- 3/1 Barry Spohn
- 3/2 Christina Lengle
- 3/4 Jalynn Strickler
- 3/4 Jillian Zechman
- 3/6 Simon Grimes
- 3/7 Makenna Moyer
- 3/10 Tina Boyer
- 3/13 Mary Ritz
- 3/14 Josh Miller
- 3/14 Lynda Ulrich
- 3/15 Steve King
- 3/16 Noah Piotrowski
- 3/17 Ken Hebel
- 3/18 Janelle Paul
- 3/16 Kathy Long
- 3/21 Emery Blauch
- 3/22 Frank Saich
- 3/23 Clarke Helms
- 3/23 Della Moyer
- 3/24 Gladys Hartman
- 3/25 Joyce Krouse
- 3/26 Owen Seibert
- 3/29 Barb Blauch
- 3/29 Linda Hetrick
- 3/30 Amelia Schriver
- 3/31 Michelle Moore