



# Good News in Ono November 2025

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**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good. God's faithful love lasts forever!  
Give thanks to the God of all gods—  
God's faithful love lasts forever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of all lords—  
God's faithful love lasts forever.  
Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders— God's faithful love lasts forever.  
-Psalm 136. 1- 4 (CEB)**

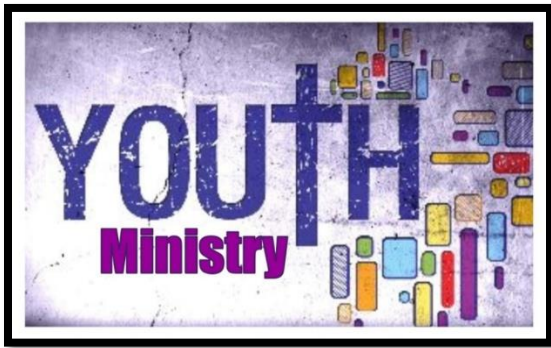
Psalm 136 is a great reminder of two wonderful theological truths: we should give thanks and that God's love endures forever. The phrase give thanks occurs fourteen times in the twenty-six verse Psalm. It reminds me of our command to give thanks in all things (1 Thessalonians 5. 18). I think this is a spiritual discipline that we are too lax in participating in daily. Perhaps if we did a better job at being grateful for what God has done, we would be more focused on what He might be doing. Personally, I know how quickly I forget what God has done for me. The Psalmist, on the other hand, begins from the start of creation then proceeds through Israel's entrance in the promised land. I hope this encourages us to be more thankful for what God has done for us.

I give thanks to God for the family that He provided me with throughout my life. I am grateful for a large family that was diverse in opinions and abilities but always seemed to remain supportive of each other's dreams. I give thanks for parents who demonstrated the values of dedication and commitment. God blessed me with parents who empowered my religious upbringing from the nursery through confirmation. I am grateful for a grandmother who wrote new life for me in that cheap gift Bible she gave me for graduating High School. I give thanks that God led me to the people in college who spoke Jesus into my life. I am grateful that He called me into ordained ministry and

strengthened me to persist. I give thanks for Dee who shared and continues to share that call with me. Jesus sends the disciples out in groups of two for a reason. When the world seems against you, it is so much easier to walk with another. I give thanks for Ono Church. The people here have truly blessed us and our extended family. I have been able to walk with Jesus with you all. Above all, I am grateful for this wonderful gospel reminder- that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Every single verse of Psalm 136 ends with that phrase: God's faithful (steadfast) love endures forever. There are so many things to be grateful for, but without a God who loves us steadfastly, they would all end up short. Life can have a lot of wonderful things, but if it simply ends after eighty or so years, then it seems so shallow. Not to mention if every time I failed God gave up on me, well, I would have been finished years ago. Instead, we get to lean into a God whose love is steadfast. It does not waver with our doing well or being focused on Him. It does not shrink when we make bad choices. It is steadfast. When our hearts fail, it is good to know God does not. Finally, it endures forever. Why do Christians have no fear of death? Because death does not have the final word. God's love is greater than even death. Why should we be so certain of our eternity? Because God's love remains there with us. Yes, in all things we should give thanks. Not because all things are good, but because in all things God's steadfast love endures forever. This November, let us practice our spiritual discipline of gratitude as we remember God's steadfast love that endures forever.

Pastor Robb

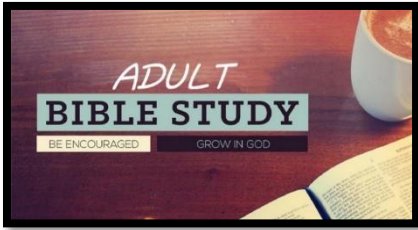


The Ono Youth and Kids had blast on Wednesday October 29 carving and painting pumpkins. It was a beautiful evening and everyone enjoyed being creative. Afterwards we had yummy hot chocolate and snacks, played some games and had a short devotional time together.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Fall Car Hop! We had a great evening of serving you and are very grateful for everyone's generosity

to support the summer mission trip to Puerto Rico in June 2026!

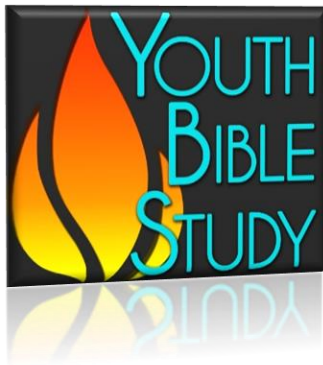


Wednesday evenings  
with Pastor Robb

At 6:30pm



**YOUNG ADULT  
BIBLE STUDY  
And DESSERT!**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's  
at 6:30pm



**Youth led Bible  
Study**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's  
at 6:30pm



**November 26<sup>th</sup> -**

T-Time is Church Family Time!

At 5:30pm, we gather for a Pot-Luck Dinner then spit off into groups!

Men's group – Women's group – Bible study – Youth group – Kid's group  
Something for everyone!



1st and 3rd  
Thursdays  
9:30-11:00am.  
Led by Jess G.  
Fellowship Hall



**Youth Monthly  
Prayer  
Gathering**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
each month.



## Free Food Box Saturdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 1pm  
Jonestown UMC  
***Please pass the word!***



All ages are welcome to be a part of our choir this Christmas season as we prepare a cantata for the congregation on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 7pm beginning Oct. 16th



### **YOGA IS BCK!**

All are welcome to join us Monday's @ 6pm.  
Bring a H2O bottle and a mat.  
(Fellowship Hall)

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**Ono will be sharing the worship service and a meal at the Gospel Center in Lebanon on Saturday, Nov. 1st @ 4pm. Please let Jeannette Shuey @ 717-644-1831 or or Kim Moyer @ 717-926-5077 know if you would like to be a part of this service ministry.**

Food Collection for Food Boxes – As we continue to provide food boxes to the local community, we are in need of items which we are unable to obtain. We still get much food from Midwest Food Bank and Blessings of Hope. However, canned meat/stew and peanut butter are foods which are never available for the boxes. Therefore, we will continue collecting thru November, we are asking all six Methodist Churches in the Northern Lebanon Cluster to collect these items. We are specifically asking for the following foods: **Canned chicken, canned tuna, span, stew, and peanut butter.** There is a collection area in the narthex for you to drop off your purchases. Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us provide our community with much needed food. Please continue to pray for this ministry! Questions, please contact Becky Moyer at 717-512-6439.





11/1 Jamie Knauff  
11/2 Ken Eisenhour  
11/2 Andrew Davis  
11/3 Eric Brummer  
11/3 Ashley Miller  
11/3 Claire Schneider  
11/3 Halle Schneider  
11/4 Ernest Miller  
11/5 Haley Blauch  
11/6 Christopher Peiffer  
11/6 Bev Ulrich  
11/7 Audrey Gongloff  
11/8 Debbie George  
11/8 Gail Wise  
11/9 Lawson Rudy  
11/10 Scott Miller  
11/11 Barry College  
11/12 Geri Bashore  
11/12 Cindy Myers  
11/13 Gene Ulrich

11/14 Diane Nichols  
11/14 Jamie Warner  
11/17 Owen Blauch  
11/19 Pat Helsel  
11/19 Judy Seaman  
11/20 Tanya High  
11/21 Don Murry  
11/23 Alva George  
11/25 Betsy Mease  
11/26 Donald Moyer  
11/27 Christa Light  
11/29 Jacob George  
11/29 Carson Spohn  
11/30 Amber Blair  
11/30 Tighe Eshleman  
11/30 Cindy Funck  
11/30 Shannon Spohn

A common thing I would hear my grandma say was, "I saw your buddy today Leah". This statement alone would confuse me but after a few more context clues I'd be able to figure out who she was talking about.

Often times, whoever it was my grandma saw, they weren't really my friend, just someone I worked with or someone the same age as me.

Thinking back on this, it reminds me of the man who asked Jesus, "who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus tells his Good Samaritan parable.

Who is your buddy you will see today?

~Leah Staley



## SISTERS 25

All Sisters in Christ are encouraged to join us on **Saturday, November 15 from 4pm-9pm** for a time of "Drawing Near" to God. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, food, worship, games, prayer, teaching, discussion and more! Please reserve your seat at the table by contacting Jess Grimes @ 717-877-0506 by Nov. 9.



### Brief History of Veterans Day

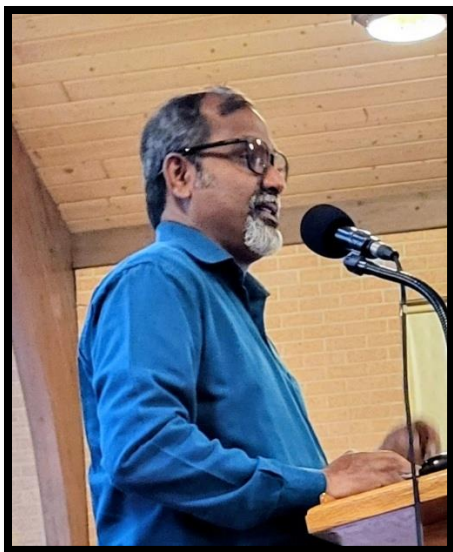
- The Treaty of Versailles signed on June 28, 1919 in Versailles, France based on an armistice seven months earlier that went into effect on the **eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month**. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "The War to End All Wars"
- November 11, 1919 – Armistice Day first commemorated as proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson
- 1938 – Armistice Day designated a legal holiday, dedicated to world peace & to honor veterans of WWI
- 1954 – Name changed to Veterans Day, a day to honor American veterans of all wars
- 1968 – After brief change as a result of the "Holiday Bill", Veterans Day reverts back to celebrating on November 11<sup>th</sup>



# SANCTUARY

Join us for an evening of  
Worship on Sunday, Nov. 9  
6:30-8:00pm





We were so thankful welcoming Pastor Britto, (a missionary we help sponsor from the Independent Church of India) to the sanctuary on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Along with updates of the many men, women and children accepting Jesus, he challenged **us** to be God's light every where we go!

This months needs are: Green Beans, corn, beets, potatoes, baked beans, applesauce, peaches, pears, pineapples and soups. We have a container at the Missions Corner by the elevator. Thank you!!



Collection Sunday in November 16<sup>th</sup>. Boxes and labels are available in the narthex.



# Those to glory gone.

## Tradition of All Saints Day

In studying John Wesley's theological method, scholars have found four, inter-related theological guidelines: Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. These are the sources of our understanding of our faith.

By *tradition* we mean all that has gone before us in the Christian church. We are part of a long history that goes back through John Wesley, to the early days of the Church, and the apostles of Jesus. When we think theologically, we need to keep in mind the creeds, prayers, sermons, books, music, and all other ways Christians have understood the work of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

On All Saints Day we can remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We share stories of those "to glory gone."

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

### Saints on earth

Charles Wesley's hymn tells us those "to glory gone" are joined by the "saints on earth." We think of the inspirational people with whom we worship on Sunday, and those across the world we will never meet. We celebrate fellow United Methodists who inspire us, and those of other denominations whose lives encourage us. We give thanks for those with whom we agree, as well as those whose views we do not share.

Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

### One song

On All Saints Day, we recognize that we are part of a giant choir singing the same song. It is the song Jesus taught his disciples; a tune that has resonated for more than 2,000 years; a melody sung in glory and on the earth. Our great privilege is to add our voices to this chorus.

The last verse of "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above" encourages us to sing faithfully while on earth, so we might join the heavenly chorus one day.

Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,  
and shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear His trumpet sound.

O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!  
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints.