



Good News in Ono January 2026

Ono United Methodist Church

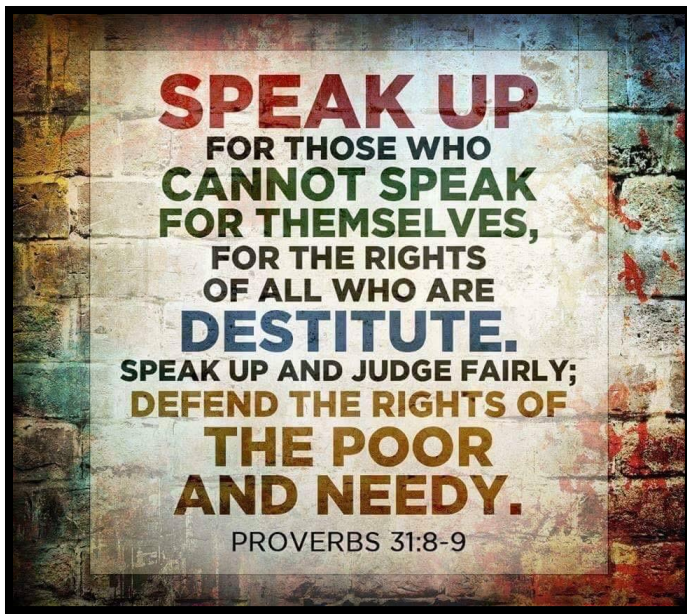
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I have a large voice. I am not talking about volume or my physical voice. I am talking about my position in this world. Having a large voice truly is a position of power in this world. This is why we can and should be so critical of the media's responsibility to use their voice justly. For me, every week for 26 years I have had the opportunity to stand in front of people and proclaim what God has laid on my heart. I think of this as an exceptional divine privilege and responsibility. A privilege that in our tradition took time and effort to earn, but remains rooted in the concept of being called into the position. For me, I had the support of my church's SPRC (staff-parish relations committee), Church Council, District Committee and eventually the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. It meant I did the work to earn a Bachelor's degree and a Masters of Divinity. After all these things agreed that this was my calling, I was entrusted with the privilege of a large voice. And as I stated earlier, I feel this privilege carries great responsibility.

My father once told me that I was like his dad- I would rather talk with the town drunk than the mayor. I don't know if that is a complement or an insult. What I do know is that Scripture is full of people given the

opportunity to speak for God. Overwhelmingly, these people reminded the faithful that they were responsible for their actions and attitudes towards others- typically stressing the oppressed. This is why Israelites were told to *be kind to foreigners for they were foreigners in Egypt (Exodus 22. 21, Leviticus 19. 34)*. I would argue the reason the Israelites were removed from their land is their failure to uphold laws that support the poor and prevent oppression of any group. Proverbs reminds us that those with a larger voice need to help support the cause of those with little or no voice. This is a part of my responsibility as well. To make sure I use my voice that honors a God who expects justice and compassion. I pray I use my voice in a way that honors the call God placed on my life years ago.

I realized this year I want to help others have a bigger voice. How can I help those who seem ignored or devalued to understand that God values them? How can I make sure that the voiceless are given the opportunity to be heard? As I pondered these things I realized there is a better idea here. What if we all did a better job of listening instead of insisting on our right to be heard? I think this is why James tells us to *be quick to listen and slow to speak and anger (James 1. 19)*. I think there is true power in listening. I find even people who I disagree with appreciate when I am willing to hear their perspective. I believe this allows us to join together in our common humanity and recognize our need for love and grace. I hope 2026 brings great things for each one of us as individuals and collectively as Ono Church. I hope we listen to one another and settle on a decision that says we will love one another and help each one of us to become the child of God that He desires for us to be. If we successfully do this, then I will say that the body of Christ is alive and well in Ono, Pennsylvania!

Pastor Robb



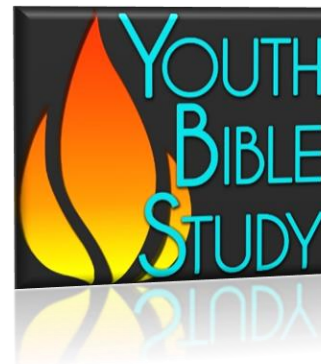
Get flexible in the New Year!

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

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



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



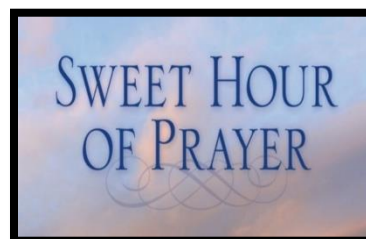
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**Wednesday evenings with Pastor Robb
At 6:30pm**



**Youth Monthly
Prayer Gathering**
1st Wednesday
each month.



*Happy New Year everyone! May you be
blessed in abundance!*

Free Food Box
Saturdays

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



1/2 Dale Gongloff
1/2 Linda Saich
1/3 Elizabeth Piotrowski
1/5 Blake Sallada
1/8 Janel Weaber
1/8 Emily Marinkov
1/9 Margaret Bomgardner
1/9 Jared George
1/10 Marie Warner
1/11 Dee Faller
1/11 Jim Edris
1/11 Richard Grubb
1/11 Miya Broughton
1/12 Bruce Peiffer
1/14 Mike Wiest

1/15 Paul Wentling
1/17 Tom Zeigler
1/17 Mitchell Edris
1/18 Mitch Walker
1/19 Dennis Hetrick
1/19 Maya Harmon
1/21 Eva McFeathers
1/22 Megan Atkins
1/23 Daryl Emrich
1/27 Steve Schriver
1/27 Linda Umbrell
1/28 Misty Edris
1/30 Rhoda Lauver
1/31 Mark Nichols
1/31 Joan Parker



Community Connectors Services

Do you have a business?

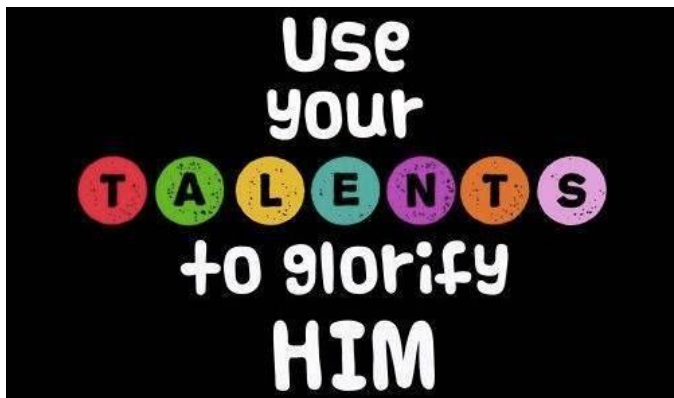
Do you have a specific talent or gift?

Would you like others to know about it?

All are invited to be a part of the:
Ono Community Connectors and Services

There is a box located in the Main Narthex. There you can submit your business card or contact information with your business, gift, talent or service. A booklet will be compiled and updated as new entries are collected.

Looking forward to realizing the diverse and talented people that walk through these halls!



See Dee with questions.



Jan.
There are many ways you can share in this food ministry: Donations of food, money, gift cards, bake a dessert, help serve the meal, share a musical talent during

worship service or share a testimony. Pls contact Jeannette Shuey, 717-644-1831 or Kim Moyer, 717-926-5077 with questions.



Place
Push
Pull

LIFE SAVING DEVICE



Two LifeVac Anti-Choking Devices have been added to the building for use in choking emergencies. One is located in the main hallway across from the office with the AED box. The second is in the kitchen, on the wall by the phone.

Seeking Storage Containers:



The Altar Team is in need of some storage containers. As we decorate our church for holidays and special occasions, we sure could use some

clear plastic w lids containers. If you are able to gift one, please be sure it is at least 12 gallons in size. Thank you so much!



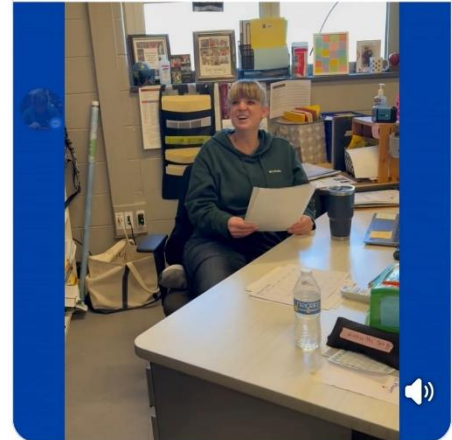
Mira Grimes, Jenna and Lauren Murray and team traveled to NYC with the Northern Lebanon Service Club again this year to distribute coats and blankets and hats/gloves to homeless folks on December 16th. Thank you to all who donated!

“John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’” – Luke 3:11

ONO’s GOT TALENT 2 is **January 11th!** Be sure to sign yourself up to share your talents and gifts! You know, the things that bring you joy! Singing, dancing, poetry, artwork and everything in-between! We cant wait to see and celebrate with you. There is a sign-up sheet located in the main narthex.

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us on January 24 at 3:00 PM for their induction ceremony that will be held between the boys’ and girls’ doubleheader basketball games.

Please share your memories and stories of our inductees in the comments.



Join us on January 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM at the Northern Lebanon High School Gymnasium as we celebrate the careers and accomplishments of Jim, Daryl, and Pam during their induction into the Northern Lebanon Hall of Fame.



The Ono Kids and Youth enjoy a fun evening of Grichmas! A special appearance from the Grinch himself and his dogs was a great treat for everyone! We watched the original Grinch carton and talked about spiritual take-a-ways from it, decorated yummy green grinch cookies, and played some games with the Grinch!



The Youth Group held its

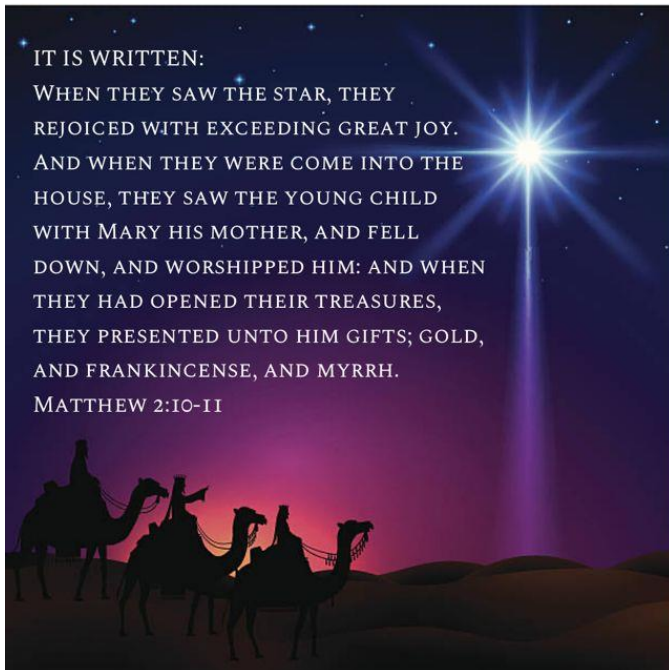
Christmas Party on Sunday December 21. We gathered at The Grimes' house and went out to a Christmas light display and a drive thru Bethel event.

We then came back to the house for pizza and a sweet treat exchange. We also had a great discussion on what Christmas really means...



which got pretty deep! We are so blessed to have so many young people who love Jesus!

Thank you to the youth group for sorting cards and organizing the Ono Post Office this Christmas season. We hope everyone enjoyed all your Christmas cards! Please be sure to get your mail by January 11th.



How will you be following His star this year...

Many people naturally spend time around the new year practicing self-reflection. They consider the past, look toward the future, and perhaps make resolutions or set goals based on what they've learned about themselves. Review your previous year, noticing themes and considering what [intentions](#) God might have me set for the upcoming year!

Positive Self-Reflection is Good For Us! Instead of ruminating on what didn't go well last year, let's reflect on the past thoughtfully and prayerfully so that we can carry the true, beautiful, and good into this year. And let's consider our hopes and what God might be inviting us into.

Questions to Ask Yourself

If you're not naturally introspective, it's good to keep handy a list of questions to ask yourself when making space for self-reflection. Here are seven reflection prompts you can use at the beginning of the new year.

- 1. As I reflect on the past year, what are 1-2 lessons learned that I want to bring into this year? Why are these lessons significant to me?**
- 2. What 2-3 core values would I like to shape my life, work, and leadership this year? What might those values look like in action?**
- 3. What brought me joy this past year? How can I get more of that joy this year?**

- 4. In what areas of my work and leadership do I sense God calling me to exercise faith this year? What might it look like to exercise faith in these areas? How might I learn to depend on God and God's people in new ways?**
- 5. What might it look like for me to be more loving in my work relationships this year? Who, specifically, might God be inviting me to love better?**
- 6. What is one professional relationship I would like to improve this year? What [inner work](#) do I need to do to be a better contributor to this relationship?**
- 7. What are 2-3 skills, habits, or traits that I need to cultivate to be a more effective people leader this year? Who could [mentor me](#) to help me develop these skills, habits, or traits?**