

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the attendance sheet in the red pad and add today’s date at the top, then pass it Down your row. If you are a guest, we invite you to include your address.
Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the service.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Children may go to Kingdom Kids)
PRELUDE

OFFERING OUR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Hushed footsteps and subdued voices approach the tomb with ointment and spices for the dead, approach with caution and dread.
P: **Christ is alive! His tomb is empty!**
L: Joy is unbound, only the signs of death remain, the wrappings and trappings of darkness and fear. Where have they taken the body?
P: **There is no corpse. Christ is alive! Death could not hold him!**
L: Christ is loose, going before us to Galilee and our town, walking on our streets and hiking up our paths.
P: **He’s not far off and remote, but near at hand in our lives.**
L: Sprint and hobble, whisper and shout, tell the Good News to all.
Christ is ALIVE!
P: **Christ is alive! Let us rejoice!**

OPENING PRAYER
HYMN No. 302 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vv 1-4
OFFERTORY
OFFERING
*THE DOXOLOGY No.95 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER No. 895
CHORAL ANTHEM “Joy in the Morning”

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE John 14
HYMN No. 304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”
SERMON “Ready or Not” Rev. Peg Welch
COMMUNION
*CLOSING HYMN NO. 303 “The Day of Resurrection ” vv 1-3
BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE
*Please stand as you are able

Prayer List

- Ruth Atkeson
- Bill Barndollar
- Tom Bence
- Reva Bixler
- Carol Brandt (Donna Hounshell’s sister– in -law)
- Jeff Davis
- Frank DeWitt
- Wilma Elliott
- Avalon Evans
- Bonnie Fisher
- Jerod Fulmer
- Phil & Meda Giffin
- Eric Grove
- Matt Hollar
- Dawn Kershner
- Tonya Moore (Nick & Nate’s mom)
- Ron & Marge Ridenour
- Buzz Rupe
- Tara Sauer (Jenny Motley’s niece)
- Joan Schaub
- Mark Shaum (Jim Shaum’s brother)
- Sandra Smith (Dawn Kershner’s mother)
- Kathy Taylor (Helen Taylor’s daughter)
- Dick Thomas
- Bob Wagenhals
- Bruce Walker (Ginny Carlson’s son)
- Katy Welch
- Phyllis Zahn

Our condolences to the family and friends of Tom Evans.

This Week at Ontario UMC...
Today.....9:15 am.....Adult S.S.
10:15 am Worship followed by fellowship time
Mon, 4/2.....7:00 pm.....Missions Committee
Wed.,4/4 Noon..... Silvers Meal
6:30 pm.....Webelos
7:00 pm.....Choir
Thurs, 4/5 ... 9:00 am..... Sewing Group
11:00 am.....Bulletin Items Due
Sun 4/8 9:15 am..... Adult S.S.
10:15 am... Worship followed by fellowship time

~~ WELCOME, VISITORS ~~
A warm OUMC greeting to all our visitors!
Please visit the Welcome Center for a small gift, and join us in Giffin Hall after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

Write prayer joys, concerns and announcements
in the Welcome Center pad to be shared during worship.

Hearing devices and large-print bulletins and
hymnals are available at the Ushers Table.

Children’s Worship Activity Bags
are available at the back of the sanctuary.
Please return them to the rack after the service.

Amid candy, egg hunts and bunnies, may we know - and help our children know - the true joy of Easter. Jesus’ resurrection!

Bulletin items are due in the church office each Thursday morning no later than 11 am.

Newsletter items are due in the church office no later than Friday, April 6, 2018. Thank you.

The Lenten Tree on the worship platform is lifeless to remind us of our darkness without Jesus. We added a crown of thorns the first week. Next came pretzels to remind us of Jesus’ arms folded in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then we added a bag of Judas’ coins, symbolizing betrayal. Next we added purple ribbons. Purple symbolizes our repentance, and the cross is present, along with palms. Today butterflies are our symbol of beauty and resurrection.

Grace and Eggs is in need of coffee cakes (homemade or bought) and casseroles. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen. Also needed is help in the kitchen, set up on Saturday and Sunday morning. Thanks to all that have contributed and helped in the kitchen has been greatly appreciated.

The Lions Club is sponsoring a Blood Drive at our church in Giffin Hall tomorrow from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RedCross or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Ontario-Lions.

Be sure to check out the Easter altar display at the front of the sanctuary, which is a work of art depicting the empty tomb of Christ, created by member and choir director Bob Wagenhals.

We are looking for volunteers to do special music for summer of 2018. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Peg or Bob Wagenhals. There will be a sign up sheet outside the choir room.

Happy Easter yet again! We continue in the seven week Easter season because the news of the resurrection life is too incredible to celebrate just once, or even twice. Welcome!!

Thank you to everyone that donated items or helped with our Eggstravaganza. Approximately 100 children Attended. Volunteers provided snacks and drinks for the children and their families. We had helpers at eight different stations. We are truly blessed with a giving congregation.”

<i>Last Week~~~</i>	
Worship Attendance	117
Current Expense Giving	\$3,923.00
Special Funds	547.00
Building Fund	157.00
R & R	215.00

The Ontario United Methodist Church

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Peggy L. Welch, Pastor

Karen Wagenhals, Visitation Pastor

Serving Today~~

Liturgist: Mary Beech	Music Director: Bob Wagenhals
	Organist: Millie Keith
Greeters: Pat & Wayne Bell	Accompanist: Bernice Holeman
Nursery:	Sound Technician: Jeff Davis
Power Point: Sue Wills, John Grove	
Usher: Dick Fisher, Dick Franta, Mick Motley	
Kingdom Kids: Jill Kaber	
Table Hosts: Pastor Peg	
Acolyte: Aiden Metcalfe	