

The Window

The Ontario United Methodist Church
We Care as Christ Cares

AUGUST 2019

From Pastor Chris...

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV

Have you ever made a decision in your life that was really just a bad decision and you ended up suffering the consequences of that decision? I think we all have done that, and perhaps some more than others. If we believe that God knows what the future holds for us (Jeremiah 29:11), then why don't we ask God? Here are a few reasons why:

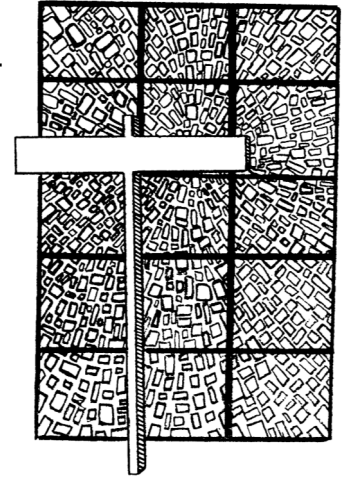
You might be one of those people who are logical and if it's logical you are going to do it. I am like that. I am grateful I am a logical person. But I have missed out by not asking God first and waiting for an answer. The Scripture passage found in Proverbs says, *not to lean on your own understanding*, and the book of Proverbs was written by Solomon. Solomon, according to the Bible was/is the wisest man who ever lived or will have lived.

Another reason why we don't ask God is because we don't think God is concerned about every minor detail in our life. This is simply not true. God's love and care goes beyond our level of understanding. In Matthew 10 we are asked this question: *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.* Just think if God cares that much about two sparrows that sold for a penny, how much more is God concerned about you and me.

The last reason we don't ask God is—we simply want our own way. We are not willing to give up what we want because we believe Christ's plans or direction is not as good as our own. Unfortunately there are many Christians who live the majority of their life this way and then realizing toward the end of their life there that

was much more. Jesus Christ made a great sacrifice for you and me to gain access to God. Imagine the God who made the universe and raised Jesus Christ from the dead is concerned about what you do on a daily basis.

God bless you and I am praying for you.



YOUTH GROUP

Please check the youth bulletin board to see when the youth will be meeting. Thank you.

UMCOR DONATIONS

If any are feeling helpless concerning the plight of innocent children at the US southern border, know that UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is joining with others feeding and sheltering the many children who, through no fault of their own, are being forced to flee violent situations. Our monetary donations provide health/hygiene kits and other immediate food and clothing needs. Please make your check out to UMCOR and write **Advance 3022144** on the memo line of your check. Drop your donation in the morning offering plate, or leave it in the church office. Pray, too, for the many United Methodists in border towns who have already been volunteering to feed, clothe, and comfort thousands of these desperate children and their parents.

Our OUMC Family



Our Condolences To~~~

To the family and friends of Betty Coon.

To the family and friends of Dennis Simpkins.

To the family and friends of Carl Duffner, Jr.

Celebration Days~~~

Birthdays

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| 4 Eric Grove | 15 Taylor Dille |
| 5 Kathy Dille | 18 Gary Garver |
| 5 Tyler LaSusa | 25 Ralph Beer |
| 8 Gay Woodard | 27 Louise Stoffer |
| 8 Aaron Santmyer | 28 Kathy Strunk |
| 13 Lee Kirsh | 29 Madison Dahlberg |

Anniversaries

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| 1 Blake & Gere Wagner | 15 Frank & Shirley DeWitt |
| 7 Jim & Melinda Shaum | 26 Jeromy & Alison Bolen |
| 12 Les & Marvel Auck | 27 Herald & Ginny Carlson |
| 14 Harry & Charlene Fritchen | 31 Rick & Nan Shaw |

Congratulations on your special day!!

Leave your birthday and anniversary dates at the Welcome Center to be included in Celebration Day lists.

SERMON SERIES FOR AUGUST

“The Keys to True Prosperity and Success”
Based on Joshua 1. “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you whenever you go.”

“Sometimes when you’re in a dark place you think you’ve been buried, but you’ve actually been planted. Bloom!”
Christine Caine

THANK YOU ~~~

Dear Church Family,
Someone asked, “What will you do your first day of retirement?” The answer is: “Write thank you notes!” My heart is so filled with joyful memories and gratitude, that it may take longer than one day. Thank you to the kitchen crew for the fabulous meal, the SPRC for their detailed planning, Nan, Sue, Marge and Alison for the adorable decorations. Thank you for the speeches, gifts, cards and the caring. Thank you for being the hands and feet of God. With Love, Pastor Peg

Dear Ontario United Methodist Church
Thank you so much for choosing me for the \$500 scholarship. It will help me so much as I continue for academics in college and in the Air Force. I pray that your church will continue to thrive and make Ontario a better place everyday.
Sincerely, Mitchell Pittman

Dear OUMC Church family,
Thank you so much for the last three months of prayers for me. Spring was not very nice to me. I was in the hospital once in April, again in May and had surgery in June. During the time in the hospital and at home recovering, I read my Bible frequently, had talks throughout the day with God and continually prayed that things would start turning around. My thumb is still recovering and this will be a long process. I am learning to live each day with asthma and learning to control it. Please continue prayers for healing. A big thanks to Pat Storms and Connie Stuckert for filling in for me all the times I was not here. I appreciate each and everyone of you. God is so good!!
Blessings, Debby Grove

BIBLE QUIZ

During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

- A. 144,000 worshipers
- B. The bottom of God’s robe
- C. Smoke
- D. Priests offering sacrifices

Answer: B and C (See Isaiah 6:1-8)

“Forever is composed ofnows.”
—Emily Dickinson

MISSION NEWS

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

It doesn't seem possible that by August 12th, we will be done with our pantry for the children in Ontario. We do ask that you continue with your donations for food for the pantry. Any food left in the pantry will be given out to the families at the dinner on August 12th. At the dinner we will also be giving out our basic school supplies:

- 24 box of Crayola crayons Colored pencils
 - #2 pencils sharpened Fisker scissors
 - Spiral notebooks Post-it notes
 - 3 x 5 file cards Sharpie pens
 - Dry Erase markers Large tube Elmer's glue
- Please check sales and donate what you can both food and school supplies.

THANKS

We were able to send blankets in memory and in honor of Fathers. This church is so good about

supporting these special offerings to help the people in the US and Abroad. Thank you.

THE NEW STORE

The missions of the New Store is to dress children appropriately for school. The children we serve are in preschool through 8th grade. They need to be referred by the school. The children will get all NEW clothes. If you are interested for your child, contact your school; if you are interested in volunteering, call the phone number.

The New Store
 P O Box 2525
 Mansfield, OH 44906
 Phone Number 419-566-7595
www.thenewstore.org

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing the book, "The Unknown" by Patrick K. O'Donnell.

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship	5 10:00 PB&J 5:30 PB&J	6	7	8 7 PM Worship Meet	9	10
11 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship	12 1:00 District Training 5:30 PB&J Dinner 6:00 District Training	13 Noon Retired Pastor's Lunch 6:30 Nominating Committee	14	15	16	17
18 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship	19	20	21	22 9:00 Sewing 7:00 Book Club	23	24 Recycle Trailer
25 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship	26	27	28	29 5:00 FB Team Meal	30	31

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COMING UP ROSES

A rose can be quite eloquent
when standing all alone;
It needs no vast accomplishment,
No pompous, royal throne,
For beauty is not always found
In suave sophistication,
But often stands just by itself
As simply God's creation!
—Peggy Ferrell

BOUND BY GRACE

Grace binds you with far stronger cords than the cords of duty or obligation can bind you. Grace is free, but when once you take it you are bound forever to the Giver, and bound to catch the spirit of the Giver. Like produces like, Grace makes you gracious, the Giver makes you give.

*I can do all things through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13*

A DAY AWAY IN A QUIET PLACE

Maya Angelou said, "each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away - not just alone, *but with him* - to be refreshed. Spend a relaxing day at the lake. Go on a leisurely hike with a friend. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember Matthew 11:28, NIV), "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."