

The Window

**The Ontario United Methodist Church
We Care as Christ Cares**

APRIL 2020

From Pastor Chris...

The angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen just like he said, Come and see the place where he lay."
Matthew 28:5, NIV

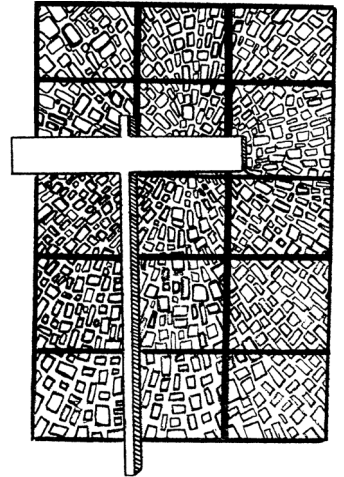
In March of 2006, I had the opportunity to visit the tomb in Jerusalem that is presumed to be the tomb Jesus Christ was laid to rest in for those 3 days so many years ago. As I waited in line, my excitement kept growing and growing; perhaps similar to what one might feel while waiting in line at Cedar Point to ride a roller coaster or waiting to see a loved one who has been away for several years.

When I entered the tomb, I don't know what I was expecting to find or see, but it was empty! Just like Mary and Mary Magdalene realized when they visited the tomb. But hadn't Jesus told them that before he was crucified in Matthew 26:32, *"But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."* What else is it that Christ has said that we are not listening too? Worry and fear is running rampant right now because of the stock market and the closing of businesses. But didn't Jesus Christ say in Matthew 6:34, NLT "...don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." Trying to figure out next week, next month, next year...will only cause anxiety and fear. Don't you think Jesus Christ already has it figured out?

As you and I get older and go through different passages in our life, I am reminded of the verse in Isaiah 46:4, *I will be your God throughout your lifetime—until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.* The millennials say it like this, "No worries!"

Learn to pray about your daily needs, and look around and see how you can help someone

else. Because God will care for us until we breathe our last breath. God bless you,



YOUTH NEWS

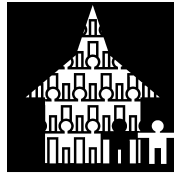
Please check with Ricky for future youth group dates since Coronavirus has the church shut down for a bit. Thank you.

FLYING HORSE FARMS

Are you interested in touring the Flying Horse Farms on Route 95 outside Mt. Gilead? The scheduled tour will be April 16th at 10:00 am for about an hour to hour and half. We will ride golf carts. Please let Janet Bixler know if you are planning on taking the tour so Flying Horse Farms knows how many staff members they will need to drive the carts and be our guides. This camp is for children who have severe medical problems. Our quilting ladies have been making quilts for the campers to take home.



Our OUMC Family



Our condolences to ~~

Congratulations to ~~

Celebration Days~~

Birthdays

1 Kristy Garver	16 Gary Palmer
1 Prudy Love	18 Moe Bolen
2 Jeff Davis	21 Mary Beech
7 Randy Storms	21 Kristina Kisling
8 Wayne Bell	21 Heidi Miller
11 Lisa Lark	29 Bob Stoffer
15 Pat Beech	29 Garrick Bryan
16 Terry Loughman	

Anniversaries

4 John & Pam Boals

Congratulations on your special day!!

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

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Nails

Nails symbolize Jesus' passion and suffering because they were used at his Crucifixion. They are often depicted in groups of three because two nails were used to secure Jesus' hands, and a third was used to secure his feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.



THANK YOU ~~~

Dear Ontario UMC:

Thank you for your donation of \$1200.00 to help Love Inc. Ministries help people in need here in greater Mansfield. Help from people who care like you have made it possible for Love Inc. Ministries to help families in our area with food, transportation needs, household needs and to help to reestablish a home in the great Mansfield are
Thank you for caring and helping whe your neighbors need your help the most.

Dear members of OUMC:

Thank you for the generous monetary gift from your church. This will help with our campers this summer.

The Flying Horse Farm

PRAYER AND FASTING

As a church let's spend extra time in prayer and fasting on Saturday morning if possible, to see God at work in our lives. During this time, let one of your prayer concerns be for our denomination.

"Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them Daniel 10:12, NIV.

BIBLE QUIZ

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)

"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

I take, O Cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world bo by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.
—Elizabeth C. Clephane

MISSION NEWS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

Please begin your search of your grocery store ads for items on the shopping list for PB&J. The last two weeks Kroger had a deal for peanut butter, tuna and Hamburger Helper. We know that you can't spend your grocery money totally on PB&J, but one or two items does make a difference. The shelves are bare now.

TOILET PAPER DRIVE

With the time off from school, we are continuing to plan to start PB & J on Monday, June 1st. As of this writing the shelves are not very full in the pantry. We still need some of everything: peanut butter (given every week), jelly, cereal, crackers, soup canned vegetables and fruit, fruit and pudding cups, canned chicken and tuna, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, canned pasta, Hamburger Helper, rice meals, and mac and cheese. Please help.

HONORING MOTHERS

This year for Mother's Day we will be making donations to Design Outreach. This organization provides deep water wells in areas where water is not easily available. Your donation of \$10.00 toward this project to honor or remember Moms or special women in your lives will make a BIG difference in the lives of people. Envelopes will be available April 26th and May 3

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on April 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Blessed Lord, we pray today for our nation. Give our country peace; let us live in you. Give our country wisdom. Let us live in faith. Bless everyone who celebrates today, a nation with Generosity of spirit and grace of purpose. Amen.

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Silvers Meal 7 Choir	29 Quilt Group	3	4
5 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship 2:00 Eggstravaganza 6:00 Youth Group	6	7 6 Bible Study	8 7 Choir	9 9 Quilting Group 7 Maundy Thurs Service	10	11
12 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship Easter Sunday	13 11 All Staff Mtg	14 6 Bible Study	15 6 Cub Scouts 7 Choir	16 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Grandparents	17	18
19 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship Fellowship meal 2:00 Piano Recital	20 Noon Private Event	21	22 7 Choir	23 9 Quilting Group 7 Book Club	24	25 Recycle Trailer In Parking Lot
26 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	27	28	29	30 9 Quilting Group		

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ALL THINGS IN COMMON

Just as the bread is made out of many grains and mixed together, and out of the bodies of many grains there comes the body of one bread, in which each grain loses its form and body and takes upon itself the common body of the bread; and just as the drops of wine, in losing their own form, become the body of one common wine and drink - so it is and should be with us,...

Through the interchange of [Christ's] blessing and our misfortunes, we become one loaf, one bread, one body, one drink, and have all things in common.

—Martin Luther, Treatise on the Blessed Sacrament

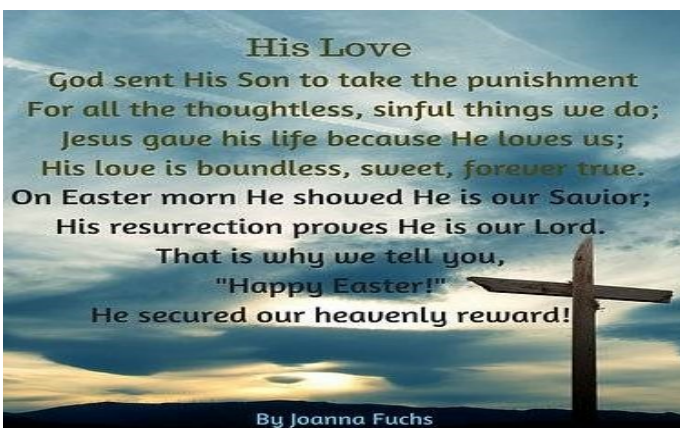
A MODERN-DAY PARABLE

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables about the precious being lost and, at great lengths, found again. The kingdom of heaven, he says, is like that. But most of us don't shepherd sheep and wouldn't fret over one lost coin. A child, on the other hand...

In fall 2019, as night fell in northern Minnesota, 6-year old Ethan and his dog wandered off.

Family and police grew frantic because the area consisted of fields, woods and swamps. Authorities requested assistance.

The kingdom of heaven, Jesus might say, is like 600 volunteers searching diligently in the dark for a child they didn't know. It's like Steve Fines who, though also a stranger to the boy, grabbed his company's pricy heat-seeking drone and worked the camera for hours, until it detected the boy huddling with his dog, safe but cold. Yes, the kingdom of heaven - indeed God is like people giving their all and refusing to quit until the lost is found.



HAPPY EASTER!!

Annual Conference, 2016 "Jesus is Calling Us Out"

Ontario UMC church family, I am very honored to have had the privilege to serve as your delegate this summer at Annual Conference. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and much to celebrate throughout the week.

Terry and I began our week by attending the conference retiree's dinner on Sunday evening. It was so good seeing Pastors and colleague's that I served with through the years.

On Monday, Conference was called to order by Bishop Hopkins in Hoover Auditorium. Bishop Hopkins delivered a meaningful message followed by a service of Commemoration and Holy Communion. This is such an amazing service. It is heartwarming to sing and share Communion with Pastor's and delegates from East Ohio. In the early evening we attended the annual Ministry Fair. (Terry, of course, handed out information at the Camp display). The evening program was, "The Celebration of the Ministry of Bishop and Elaine Hopkins in Hoover Auditorium".

On Tuesday morning we began with the worship. We were reminded to "remember our baptism, and be thankful". Our preacher for the morning was Bishop Peter D. Weaver. His message, "Up and Out", reminded us that Jesus is calling us to get up out of our comfort zones and go out for Jesus to make disciples. During our business session we had only 2 Resolutions to vote on. The first Resolution dealt with preparing Clergy to address domestic violence with classes and information. The Conference voted yes with no discussion. The second Resolution dealt with promoting, "Appointment and Salary Equity for Clergymen and Clergymen". This Resolution also passed with no discussions. The Missions Committee report that there were 3,315 health kits brought to the Conference, 490 flood buckets, and 546 School kits. Money collected so far was \$8,500. This was a very good response. Thank you!

On Tuesday evening we celebrated with this class of retiree's.

Wednesday began with worship and a very inspiring message from Bishop Gregory Palmer. We are called out, to live our lives as people of God, living for Christ. God continues to call us out of darkness and out of the ways of the world. We walk in God's light. We have a tendency in the church to point to ourselves, instead of pointing to God. We sometimes try to get out of the world and God is trying to break in. Bishop Palmer gave us some final words to ponder: "Can people walk out of our Church's and say they learned about God?"

Wednesday evening we celebrated the Commissioning for Ministry and The Ordination of Elders and Deacons. What a beautiful service!

Thursday morning began with worship and once again we heard from Peter D, Williams. Following a break we had our final business sessions. We were also blessed with singing from our VBS children. They are so precious.

This Annual Conference was one of the most relaxing conferences I've ever attended. We celebrated together, worshipped together, and really enjoyed one another's company. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be your delegate. Terry and I thank you for sending us with the Trust and Love!

Blessings,
Terry and Gloria Loughman

The following is a transcript of a video greeting from Bishop Maline, who will begin as our new bishop September 1, 2016:

“Greetings, Lay and Clergy of the East Ohio Annual Conference. It gives me great joy to have been assigned as your bishop. I look forward to connecting with you, building relationships with you, and hearing about the many and varied ministry mission-al initiatives both in the local churches and in the annual conference.

I also am interested in learning how we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It will give me great joy when we get together to dream together and imagine together how we can even develop new strategies for making disciples that we might meet and greet more people, more diverse people, and more younger people for the sake of the kingdom.”

Bishop Malone was elected in July at Jurisdictional Conference. She was serving as District Superintendent of the Chicago Southern Region of Northern Illinois and was Dean of the Cabinet when she was elected to the Episcopacy on July 13. Prior to her appointment as superintendent, she served as the senior pastor of Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton, Illinois, a 1,000-member congregation. Bishop Malone is a distinguished, award winning pastor, author, professor and leader of the church international. We are fortunate to have her as our new Episcopal leader. Bishop Malone is married and has two daughters.



GRACE IN, GRACE OUT

The computer acronym GIGO—“garbage in, garbage out” — describes how putting wrong code into a Machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Mathew 15: “What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person” 9v. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) “in” our hearts, Jesus’ goodness will shine “out” through our lives. And when God’s grace enters and changes us, we’ll also reach out and share that good new with others.



BIBLE QUIZ

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- A. When a curse was spoken against him
- B. When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- C. When his hair was cut
- D. When he was bound with ropes that had never been used

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 7, 2016 for outdoor worship and picnic to follow at Lion’s Park at 10:15 am. If inclement weather, the service will be held at the church.

OUMC BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES BY MONTH

Updated March 2016

AUGUST

- 4 Eric Grove
- 5 Jeanne Johnson
- 5 Kathy Dille
- 5 Tyler LaSusa
- 7 Melinda and Jim Shaum's anniversary
- 8 Gay Woodard
- 8 Aaron Santmyer
- 12 Marvel and Les Auck's anniversary
- 13 Lee Kirsh
- 14 Charlene and Harry Frietchen's anniversary
- 15 Taylor Dille
- 15 Shirley and Frank DeWitt's anniversary
- 17 Becky and Bill Miller's anniversary
- 18 Gary Garver
- 21 Ruth Strohminger
- 25 Ralph Beer
- 26 Alison and Jeromy Bolen's anniversary
- 27 Louise Stoffer
- 27 Ginny and Herald Carlson's anniversary
- 28 Kathy Strunk
- 29 Madison Dahlberg
- 29 Pam and Ron Dille's anniversary
- 30 Ada and Chester Bryant's anniversary
- 31 Nancy and Rick Shaw's anniversary

SEPTEMBER

- 2 John Boals
- 3 Mildred Blaney
- 5 Reta and Lee Kirsh's anniversary
- 6 Shirley Wright
- 7 Sylvia Mueck
- 8 Elaine Craven
- 9 Ashley Orewiler
- 13 Rilyn Duncan
- 14 Dale Perry
- 17 Leatha Franta
- 17 Phillip LaSusa
- 24 Jan Zody
- 25 Pat Bell
- 25 Dottie and Tom Blaney's anniversary
- 28 Terri Rupe
- 28 Heidi Miller
- 30 Bruce Boyce

OCTOBER

- 1 Glenna Smith
- 1 Joe Stuckert
- 4 Kathleen Santmyer
- 7 Jan Bowling
- 8 Emily Miller
- 10 Melinda Shaum
- 12 Joni Davis
- 13 Frances Beckett
- 14 Pauline Theaker
- 14 Lois and Carl Crider's anniversary
- 15 Norma Perry
- 15 Claudette Smith
- 15 Tom Bence
- 16 Lois Crider
- 16 Richard Fisher
- 18 Taylor Mullins
- 19 Marge Ridenour
- 19 Dennis Strohminger
- 19 Marge and Ron Ridenour's anniversary
- 20 Rick Turpin
- 22 Tony Duncan
- 23 Alice and Chester Hellinger's anniversary
- 24 Wilma Palmer
- 26 Dee and Bruce Engle's anniversary
- 27 Blake Wagner
- 31 Charlene Frietchen
- 31 Becky Miller
- 31 Amy Vincent

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NOVEMBER

2 Chester Bryant
4 Dale Smith
6 John Grove
9 Ken Starbuck
10 Avalon Evans
13 Kathleen Franta
17 Bette Smith
17 Cole Dille
17 Pat and Wayne Bell's anniversary
19 Leroy Santmyer
21 Bob Wagenhals
22 Cindie Phelps
22 Roger Mowry
23 Ginny Carlson
23 Ed Beeman
28 Diana Garver
28 Mick Motley
29 Bob Eyerly
29 Aiden Metcalfe
30 Esther Case

DECEMBER

2 Connie Turnbaugh
3 Thurley Bittenbender
7 Jean Wagenman
7 Jackie Motley
8 Dottie Blaney
9 Gloria Loughman
9 Karin and Ken Starbuck's anniversary
11 Zanna Bolen
13 Connie Smith
13 Herald Carlson
13 Max Roth
14 Carolyn Keisser
15 Victoria Cochran
15 Bruce Smith
21 Natalie Stevens
22 Carl Crider
22 Alice and Ron Seifley's anniversary
23 Brandon Grove
23 Leatha and Dick Franta's anniversary
25 Darlene Taylor
28 John Cochran
29 Phyllis Zahn

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