

# The Window

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

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## **From Pastor Chris...**

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the  
heavens: Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV*

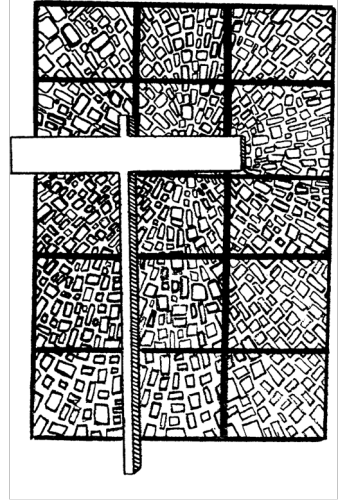
With the arrival of June comes summer. Summer is my favorite season. I enjoy the heat and humidity, the long days, and summer life seems to bring more of a carefree attitude. Dinners made simple, by grilling hamburgers or hot dogs. Time spent on your front porch or back deck simply enjoying the evening. As a girl growing up, I would often watch the World and National News with my parents because back then every house had only one giant TV that sat in the living room. As I watched the news, I would see pictures of people in other countries who were experiencing such hardship and suffering that you could see it on their faces. I would sit and wonder why God allowed me to be born in a country where I had everything I needed. I didn't know what it was to go hungry or experience living in a country that was at war and having those I loved snatched from me and become an orphan.

The more I became acquainted with God and the Bible, I would spend more time reading the Bible like you would a novel. The Old Testament was easy to read because it contained many stories. After I read the book of Esther, I realized that just as Esther's Uncle Mordecai told her perhaps she had been born *for such a time as this* (Esther 4:14), could God possibly have something for me to do?

Have you ever wanted to do more for God, but felt you could not? You need to realize that you were put on this earth *for such a time as this*. Not only that, but we also serve and worship together at OUMC. God has put us together as brothers and sisters in Christ to share Jesus Christ with others. What do you feel

God calling you to do?  
We are all called to share  
and love Christ together.  
This summer will be  
different. Our Methodist  
camps will be closed and  
many ways that ministry  
was done in the past will  
not take place. However,  
God has a plan, a plan for  
all of us to become in-  
volved together to share  
the love of God with  
others *for such a time as  
this*.

God bless you,  
Pastor Chris



## **A KINDLED FIRE**

"I can worship outside among nature just as well as I can inside a church building." That claim is especially common during the summer, when church attendance tends to decline.

Certainly it's possible to worship and talk to God among his creation. In fact, George Washington Carver called nature "an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." And Martin Luther said, "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."

Yet corporate, or church, worship is still vital. Luther also noted: "At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through." When we're away from God's house, we miss blessings and opportunities including communion, fellowship and support. So this summer, spend time in nature but don't neglect "to meet together" (see Hebrews 10:25)!

## *Our OUMC Family*



### ***Our condolences to ~.***

### ***Congratulations to ~~~***

Frank and Shirley DeWitt who became great-grandparents of Liam Michael DeWitt.

### ***Celebration Days~~~***

#### ***Birthdays***

3 Val Toth	15 Ron Seifley
6 Rachel Miller	15 Lyn Fisher
7 Linda Eyerly	23 Alice Seifley
8 Beth Strohminger	24 Buzz Rupe
10 Rob Chilcote	25 Rob Roth
11 Katherine Beech	29 Jeromy Bolen
15 Georgie Kaber	29 Kyler Dille
15 Don Yeager	

#### ***Anniversaries***

1 Wayne & Jenny Motley  
7 Bob & Linda Eyerly  
7 Tim & Kathy Strunk  
16 Keith & Sue Kisling  
24 Dennis & Ruth Atkeson  
27 Terry & Gloria Loughman  
30 Dave & Bonnie Fisher

*Congratulations on your special day!!*

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

## **CHRISTIAN SYMBOL OLIVE**

The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support as we navigate the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. We are incredibly thankful for your generous donations of products that will be helpful to our healthcare team in providing care to our patient in the communities we serve throughout Ohio.

We are also humbled by the care and compassion that you have shown us, which exemplifies true community partnership. We are in this together.

Steve Marovich, MD  
President and CEO  
Ohio Health

Dear OUMC,

Words cannot express my thanks for all of the cards that were sent in the loss of my daughter. The thoughts and countless prayers, I felt them all. Special thanks to Pastor Chris and Pastor Karen for your calls of support. All was greatly appreciated. Ginger Wolford

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for both myself and Wayne while I was hospitalized and since returning home. Also, many thanks for the delicious food, phone calls and cards. It all meant so much.

I would also like to add a belated note of thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and for those who came to the memorial service for our niece, Tara Sauer.

We are certainly blessed with a caring and loving church family. We miss all of you. Blessings and love, Wayne & Jenny Motley

The family of Randy Schwertfager would like to send a very warm thank you and may God bless you to all those who sent cards and prayers over Randy's illness and then his death. I felt honored and blessed to be the mother of a son that loved God, his land, and his people. Memories and prayers bring peace and comfort to us, but his presence will forever be missed until we have our homecoming in Heaven one day. Your thoughtfulness and caring are precious gifts. Again, thank you.

Ramona Schwertfager

### **LOVE — THE BEST PRAYER**

He prayeth best who loveth best  
All things, both great and small;  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

## MISSION NEWS

### PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

We will be starting the pantry June 1 for students in the Ontario Schools Free or Reduced Lunch program. This may be a bigger task this year with so many people not having jobs. Please pray for the people we serve and be the hands and feet of God by buying items for the pantry. Crackers, soup, canned fruit or cups, jelly and canned meats are always in sort supply. God bless us all.

Love Inc., of Greater Mansfield will be having a Dump in the Truck donation drive thru on Saturday June 6th from 10 am until 2 pm. Items that are in are hand soap, body soap, children's soap, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, adult and child toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouth wash, men's and women's razors, shave cream, toilet paper, paper towels, hand lotion, men's and women's deodorant, hand sanitizer, garbage bags, multi-purpose cleaner and disinfectant spray. Locations for drop off Area agency on Aging, Boliantz Hardware, Lexington Senior Civic Center.

The calendar is blank for now.  
You will receive an email or robo  
call from the church when we can  
gather again. Thank you.

## THANKS FOR REMEMBERING MOMS

The missions committee would like to thank all of you who donated to Design Outreach to honor or remember women on Mother's Day. We raised \$1,010.00. Wonderful!!

## FATHER'S DAY

The missions committee invites you to honor or remember your father or other special men in your life by giving \$5.00 for the purchase of a blanket through Church World Service to help people here and around the world survive during times of disaster. Mail a check and designate in the memo on check for this special fund to the church office. Please have your checks in the office no later than June 26th.

"Solutions are not found by pointing fingers; they are reached by extending hands."

—Aysha Taryam

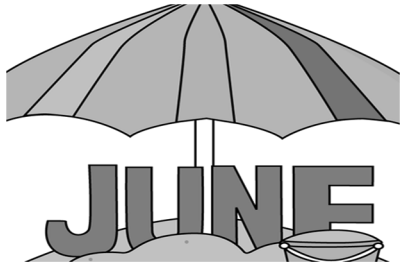
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## BIBLE QUIZ

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. A time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. A time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. A time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. A time to work and a time to rest

Answer: B ( See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

*Oh*, that YOU would  
bless my *summer*,  
and **ENLARGE** my  
**patience**, that YOUR  
hand would *be with*  
my **FAMILY**, and  
that YOU keep them  
from the **EVIL** of  
**bickering**, that I may  
not **LOSE** my **temper**.

## Dad

Thanks for the love you have shown,  
The words of encouragement  
I have known,  
Thanks for showing that you care,  
That you are always willing to share.

Thanks for knowing just what to say;  
When things were not going my way,  
Thanks for being there for me,  
We both know you didn't have to be.

May God bless and keep you  
This Father's Day and always.

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**