

# The Window

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

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

*So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay freed, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Galatians 5:1, NLT*

The fourth of July holds special meaning for most Americans. We celebrate and remember July 4th because that is when we declared our independence. No more tea (only if you want it)! By signing the Declaration of Independence we were declaring our freedom from Great Britain. The 13 colonies that formed our country wanted to live under the laws that they established for our country, not the laws and taxes of another country that did not benefit us. Wouldn't it be ridiculous to start sending tax payments to Great Britain again?

In Galatians 5:1, the Apostle Paul is saying pretty much the same thing. Why would you want to go back and keep the old law when you have been set free from it? You have been liberated. No longer do you have to live the way you have been living, your free. Romans 8:2 reveals, *...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

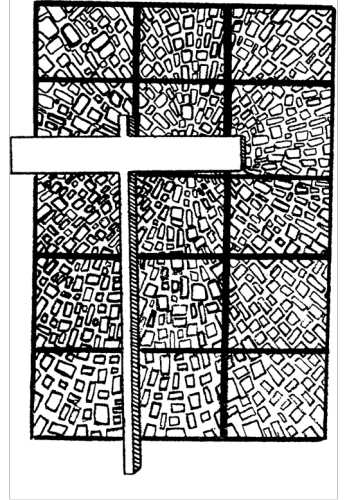
Unfortunately, all too often we live our Christian lives like we are not free. One of the reasons is that we still pay taxes to sin or we still allow sin to remain in our life, so we continue to be in bondage or slaves to sin. Paul tells us in Romans 8:12-13...*[that we] have no obligation to do what [our] sinful nature urges [us] to do. For it [we] live by its dictates, [we] will die. But if through the power of the spirit [we] put to death the deeds of [our] sinful nature, [we] will live.*

There is a wonderful hymn that many of you are familiar with - *Jesus Paid it All*. From Christianity.com I found out that the words to the hymn were written by Elvina Hall in 1865, she was 45 at that time. One Sunday morning at Monument Street United Methodist Church of

Baltimore, during the pastor's prayer, she thought my "how long the Pastor's prayer this morning."

"Elvina's mind turned to our need for salvation and the price Jesus paid for it" scibbling on her hymnbook the chorus and verses to the this hymn. After church, she gave it to the pastor. His face formed a little smile because earlier the music director had also handed

the pastor a new tune. The words and tune fit perfectly together for the hymn - *Jesus Paid it All*. Here is verse 3 of that hymn - *Lord, now indeed I find. Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the \*leper's spots (\*leopard's). And melt the heart of stone.* Verse 3 speaks of that wonderful freedom and change that can be found in Jesus Christ. God bless you,



## **YOUTH NEWS**

Keep checking the bulletin and your emails to see when youth group activities will start again.

## **TREASURE THE PRESENT**

Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest...to taste the here and now, to be where we are. When we are impatient, we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later, and somewhere else. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand.

—Henri Nouwen

"Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have. What you are will show in what you do."

—Thomas Davidson

## Our OUMC Family



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

The friends and family of Thurley Bittenbender.

The friends and family of Linda Evans.

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

John Grove on his retirement from Farm Credit Services after 41 years of service.

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

#### **Birthdays**

4 Alice Hellinger	17 Steve Santmyer
4 Miriam Rupe	19 Helen Kurbad
6 Karin Starbuck	19 Jenny Motley
6 Karen Wagenhals	24 Tim Strunk
7 Fran Sites	25 Scott Bryan
8 Barb Petit	27 Owen Roth
9 Ron Dille	28 Kelly Kisling
13 Bev Bence	29 Jerry Stager
15 Lauren Townley	29 Dick Thomas
15 Carla Smith	

#### **Anniversaries**

1 Ash & Peg Welch  
3 Rick & Dawn Turpin  
3 Dennis & Beth Strohminger  
7 Ed & Becky Beeman  
10 Bob & Louise Stoffer  
19 Gary & Diana Garver

*Congratulations on your special day!!*

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

### **CHRISTIAN SYMBOL JERUSALEM CROSS**

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament Law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel. The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They're also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet, and side).

### **THANK YOU ~~~**

Dear OUMC church members and staff,  
Thank you for your prayers, texts, phone calls and cards while I was in the hospital. You never know what will happen in the blink of an eye. I appreciate Pat Storms and Connie Stuckert for keeping my seat warm while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Pat for doing some computer work that needed done while I was away. I appreciate all of you.  
Debby Grove

Dear Ontario UMC

Thank you for your support of UMCOR's Global program. Your participation during these difficult times for refugees has been especially important.  
Global Ministries

### **FLYING HORSE FARMS QUILTS**

This past winter the quilting ladies have been busy making bunk size quilt tops and pillowcases for the campers. This is a camp near Mt Gilead for special needs children. Despite not being able to meet at the church for 3 months, we managed to sew 94 quilts and 48 pillow cases.

Anyone is welcome to join the group regardless if you can sew. There is plenty to do.  
I would like to thank Jackie Motley, Pat Storms, Jean Wagenman, Clarice Desiderio, Ruth Hatfield & Sue Martin for their sewing and pressing talents!

Check out their website to learn more  
[www.snuggledinhopequilts.com](http://www.snuggledinhopequilts.com).

Blessings,  
Janet Bixler

### **DESIGN OUTREACH NEWS**

First, thank you for your generous Mother's Day offerings to give to Design Outreach. Getting clean water is so essential for the African people, not only for drinking, but washing their hands. COVID 19 is very real over there and they need to protect themselves too. They are even making masks. There is a Design Outreach engineer living in Malawi and he is training the people how to install a LIFE pump and take care of it. Greg Bixler and his team in Columbus cannot go over there now, but pumps are being installed regardless. Praise God for their engineering skills and their willingness to continue. They are always trying to spread the Gospel and make improvements. Go to their website to see videos and learn more. They do not drill the wells, instead they install the pumps. [doutreach.or](http://doutreach.or).

Blessings,  
Janet Bixler

## MISSION NEWS

### PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

When we started, it seemed like it might be a little difficult with taking the bags to the cars, but everything has been working out fine. We have plenty of volunteers and the shelves are remaining full with your generosity. So far we have served 158 children in three weeks. We are feeding our children which is a wonderful thing.

Please continue to bring your food items like crackers, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned meats, fruit, fruit cups, pudding cups, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, canned pasta and boxed meals.

### MIXED MESSAGES

For their summer offering, Sunday school students donated money to a missionary family. Before teachers sent a care package overseas, they

asked students to write short notes, letting the recipients know they were in children's prayer.

"The family is pretty busy," one teacher mentioned, in case the kids hoped to become pen pals. "You might not get a response, but it's kind of you to write."

When teachers collected the messages, they chuckled at what one brutally honest child had written:

"We're praying for you, but we don't expect an answer."

### BLANKETS FOR DAD

With just getting back to worship June 14th, it was hard to push buying blankets. The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who donated money for blankets. Thank you.

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Church office closed	4 Happy 4th of July
5 10:15 Church Service	6	7 6:00 Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 10:15 Church Service	13	14 6:00 Bible Study	15	16	17	18
19 10:15 Church Service	20	21 6:00 Bible Study	22	23	24	25 Recycle Trailer
26 10:15 Church Service	27	28 6:00 Bible Study	29	30	31	

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### **BIBLE QUIZ**

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug

Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

### **REMEMBER THE SABBATH**

O day of all the days the best,  
When - laid aside each earthly care -  
We meet with God's dear saints so blest,  
Ad in their praise and worship share.  
Not by a rigid code we're bound  
With death to all who disobey;  
But through God's love within us found,  
We keep this precious worship day.  
—Charles W. Naylor

### **FOURTH OF JULY**

Freedom came with a price, the price of Christ  
blood shed on the Cross.  
Our Lord Savior saved us all from our sins.  
Unrighteous we may be, but the grace us God  
set us free.  
Rely on God, He will show our paths.  
The truth is in God's Word, the Bible, His Holy  
Book.  
Helping one another along the way.  
Obedient to what God wants us to do.  
Father, Creator, God is He.  
Jesus died for our sins.  
United one day, we believers will be in Heaven.  
Love one another as Christ loved us.  
You are a special creation made from God, our  
Heavenly Father.

**HAPPY INDEPENENCE DAY!!**

