

The Window

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

SEPTEMBER 2020

From Pastor Chris...

*"The Lord watches over those who obey him,
those who trust in his constant love."*

Psalm 33:18, Good News Translation

Isn't it enjoyable to watch a child grow? To see them change even after a few months. Perhaps, they are taller or their voice changes. Maybe you see more independence in them as they try to take on more responsibility or make some tough decisions on their own. As parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles we see them as they are - kids who are really still dependent on us not ready to be on their own and supporting themselves. They still need to look to their mothers and fathers in trust and obedience.

As Christians, we are no different in our growth in Christ. It pleases God when we trust and obey; it also saves us a lot of anguish and despair when we decide to step out of the will of God for our life. I have experienced this first hand in my life. I want to grow in the grace God has so lavishly bestowed on my life. Don't you?

I have found that growth comes through trust and obedience - following Christ daily by listening and responding in faith. I have to wonder what would happen in one's Christian life if one would simply trust and obey God? How would you respond to a son or daughter? Would it not please you?

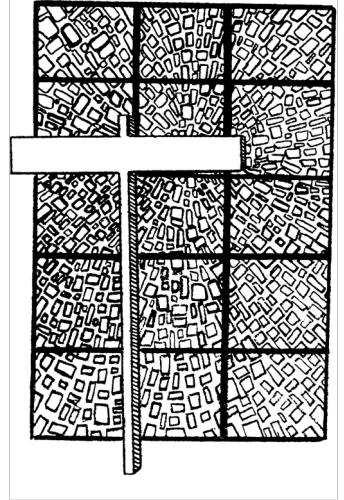
Abraham was a person who trusted and obeyed, and it pleased God. On a side note, starting in September, I will be preaching on *"Living a life of trust and obedience."* I will be using examples from the life of Abraham. Scripture reveals to you and I, *Abram believed the Lord, and [God] credited it to him as righteousness (Gen. 15:6, NIV)*. What that verse means is that God blessed him because he trusted and obeyed.

Abraham and his wife Sarah went from being a childless couple to being a mother and father of a nation; and out of that nation came the lineage of Jesus Christ. What is God wanting to do through our life by trusting and obeying?

Sometimes in our lives, we are like Peter when he saw Jesus walking on the water. Everything was fine until he took his eyes off of Christ. When we start looking at the circumstances in our life or deciding when we can plan our own life, we start to sink. (Matt. 14). In my personal life, I have been guilty of taking the ball and running with it...leaving Christ behind. I usually find myself out of God's will, feeling discouraged and defeated.

Make it a point today to begin to read the Scripture verses on trust and obedience. Begin your day by asking God to help you follow the path that Christ has laid out for you. Then you will begin to see great things happen in your life.

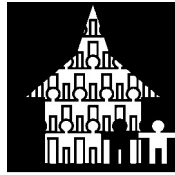
God bless you,
Pastor Chris



ONTARIO UMC AND CHILD EVANGALISM FELLOWSHIP AND FALL RETREAT

Have you ever wanted to learn how to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ with your children or grandchildren or perhaps you are just wanting to learn more about the simplicity of the Gospel for your own faith-sharing? Please join us for the Covid safe retreat on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 am until 12 pm. You can either come to OUMC or join us on Facebook live. The cost of the materials for in person is \$10.00. There is no fee for Facebook live. If you have trouble covering the cost, don't worry about it. Please register for in-house attendance by calling the church office at 419-529-4345 or sign-up at the welcome center.

Our OUMC Family



Our condolences to~~~

The family and friends of Colin and Solomon Grassick.

The family and friends of Betty Miller

Celebration Days~~~

Birthdays

2 John Boals	17 Leatha Franta
3 Ashley Orewiler	17 Philip LaSusa
6 Shirley Wright	25 Pat Bell
8 Elaine Craven	28 Heidi Miller
13 Rilyn Duncan	30 Bruce Boyce
15 Tom Wills	

Anniversaries

5 Lee & Reta Kirsh
25 Tom & Dottie Blaney

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 SEPTEMBER

“Living a Life that Pleases God by Trusting and Obeying”

September 6th: “Trusting and Obeying—when it is time to say goodbye”

September 13th: “Trusting and Obeying—when life isn’t fair”

September 20th: “Trusting and Obeying—when God’s promises are delayed”

September 27th: “Trusting and Obeying—when asked to give all”

“Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.”

—Henry Ward Beecher

“Youth is the gift of nature, but age is the work of art.”

—Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

THANK YOU ~~~

To the members of Ontario United Methodist Church,

I would just like to thank you all for your well wishes and your prayers. I had another scan last week and it came back clean! No more cancer and I’m sure all of your prayers played a big part of that. I am so blessed to have all of you praying for me. Thank you. God bless you, Kathy Taylor

TIME FOR A POP QUIZ!

Tests don’t end once you finish school. Churchgoers of all ages can regularly conduct these quick assessments:

- The worship test: Do I faithfully attend worship services and Bible studies?
- The weather test: Am I a “fair weather” Christian? Do conditions that wouldn’t keep me from work keep me from church?
- The work test: Am I willing to put my talents to use for my church? Can the congregation count on me to help however possible, or am I too busy elsewhere?
- The wallet test: Do I regularly contribute or tithe? Am I giving my “first fruits” to God so the church can conduct his work?

Whatever you do work at it with
all your heart. As working for the
Lord, Not for Men.

—Colossians 3:23



Happy Labor Day!

MISSION NEWS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

We had anticipated that we might be overcome with children needing food this summer. The opposite was the reality. There were fifty families that were signed up with 100 children. The first week we had 26 families with 74 children. The last week we had 19 families and 51 children. God sent us the friends who needed food, conversation and/or prayer. The pantry shelves were never bare thanks to the generosity of this congregation. In fact, the last day the families received boxes filled to the brim with food. The 51 children all received school supplies appropriate for their grade in blue and yellow bags that included masks. Thanks to the whole pantry staff and the Pastors for their ministry. Thanks.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will be meeting the fourth Thursday of each month. Come join us.

HARMONY HOUSE

We are still collecting items for the homeless shelter in Mansfield. Items needed are personal care items, cleaning supplies, paper products especially toilet paper.

SALVATION ARMY

All the food we had left over when we filled all the boxes for our friends at PB&J went to the Salvation Army along with the extra school supplies. We will start collecting for Salvation Army as they feed the needy in our community.

Jackie Motley doesn't do things for recognition. She deserves a special thanks for making the scarf bags for the school supplies and masks to go into the bags.

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:15 Worship	7 Church Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:15 Worship 5 pm Youth Group Reboot	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:15 Worship	21 6 Finance 7 Ad Council	22	23	24 7 Book Club	25	26 Recycle Trailer
27 10:15 Worship	28	29	30			

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REBOOT YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Please join us if you are interested in being part of our youth group. We are having a meeting on **Sunday, September 13th at 5 pm** to discuss what youth group will/can look like during Covid-19.

All youth are invited ages 12-18

All adults are invited ages 19-100

How can we serve Christ by serving youth and our community?

Please be asking God to give us a vision for what Christ wants for our youth and community.

See you in Giffin Hall!

Pastors Chris and Karen

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

—Anthony J. D’Angelo

BIBLE QUIZ

Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness

Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14-12:32.)

LABOR DAY PRAYER

Lord, on this Labor Day,
We celebrate the work we do,
and we thank you for the
blessing of our jobs.

ALPHA & OMEGA

God created this world,
everything that it holds.
And God still is creating
As each day unfolds.
What we once called the future,
we now call the past.
While the present is fleeting
God stays - first and last!