

# The Window

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

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

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let our hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27, NIV*

I enjoy being with people and watching people. People can be so animated at times, but also, some can be very unpredictable in any given situation. During our present pandemic, there are many different responses and reactions. Some are very cautious of the virus and others don't think too much about it. Some believe it is exaggerated and others feel it should be discussed more. There are many opinions but not a lot of agreement, except that everyone wishes that things could just go back to "normal."

As a pastor, I meet and talk to a lot of people and some of these people are unhappy, troubled, and filled with anxiety. Some are looking forward to the general primary with the expectation of hope and promises. During the first century, when Jesus Christ started his ministry, there was the same hope and expectation that political upheaval would bring change, but Christ did not come to change the government, but to reconcile humanity back to God and offer forgiveness for our sins.

How difficult it must have been during the first century living under Roman rule. There was no democracy as we know it, but rather, rulers were appointed because of their family ties or political connections. There was a great disparity between the rich and the poor; and Jewish people were despised simply because they were Jewish. But during the first century, a man was born who was called Jesus and during one of his teachings, he said this: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matt. 5:9). I have to wonder if some of the people listening did not gasp when

he encouraged them to make and promote peace and to love their enemies (Matt 5:44)?

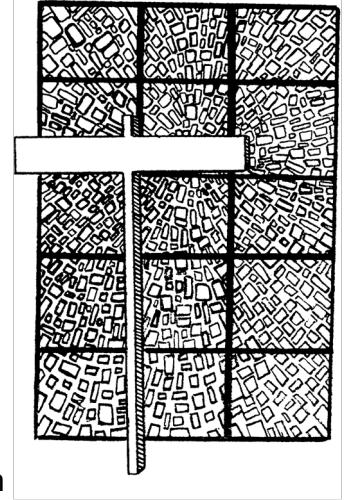
You and I as Christians, carry this same gospel message inside of us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Today, what message are we carrying to our jobs, our schools, and throughout our day, is it the message of peace and that one can

have peace through Jesus Christ? Is it reconciliation of the heart, so one can love those who are do different from us?

Many years ago someone was talking to me about a politician that they did not like, and I asked them if they had ever prayed for this particular person? They responded by saying that thought had never occurred to them to pray for them. I started thinking, "do we only pray for people we like or care about or people we agree with or who agree with us?"

You and I have a marvelous task set before us to enter our prayer closets and pray for peace and to become peacemakers for a generation that is looking for peace, change, and reconciliation, and if you are seeking peace today, it can be found in Jesus Christ.

God bless you,



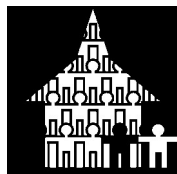
## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Larry and Janet Bixler have moved to Columbus. Their new address is 136 Walcreek Dr, East, Columbus, Ohio 43230

"Nothing [is] more truly artistic that to love people."

—Vincent Van Gogh

## Our OUMC Family



### Our condolences to~~~

The family and friends of Valeta Miller.  
The family and friends of Matt Hollar.  
The family and friends of Carolyn Hambly, Mary Beech's mother.  
The family and friends of Wanda Butler, Avalon Evan's sister.

### Our congratulations to~~~

Tyler & Liana LaSusa who were married on September 19, 2020 at St. Cashmere Church in Cleveland, OH.

### Celebration Days~~~

#### Birthdays

1 Joe Stuckert	16 Richard Fisher
4 Kathleen Santmyer	18 Taylor Mullins
7 Jan Bowling	19 Marge Ridenour
8 Emily Miller	19 Dennis Strohminger
10 Melinda Shaum	20 Rick Turpin
12 Joni Davis	22 Tony Duncan
13 Frances Beckett	24 Wilma Palmer
14 Pauline Theaker	27 Blake Wagner
15 Norma Perry	31 Charlene Frietchen
15 Claudette Smith	31 Becky Miller
15 Tom Bence	31 Amy Vincent
16 Lois Crider	

#### Anniversaries

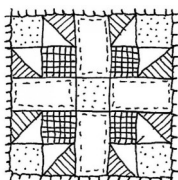
7 Tom & Sue Wills  
14 Carl & Lois Crider  
19 Ron & Marge Ridenour

*Congratulations on your special day!!*

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

### CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

The OUMC sewing group had been making quilt tops for the Flying Horse Camp for the last three years, but like many other things, this year is different. We will not be meeting on Thursday mornings, instead we have quilt top kits. These are very simple 57 x 67 quilt tops. If you can help by sewing one or more of these quilt tops, please contact Jackie Motley at 419-529-6184 or Pat Storms at 419-545-4432. Thank you.



### THANK YOU ~~~~

Thank you for all the prayers you said for our friend in Michigan. Mike is home after 46 days in the hospital—most on ventilator. He is still on oxygen and using a walker but has the biggest smile ever. Marel is doing good and happy to have him home. Prayers do work! God is great!  
Carl & Lois Crider

Dear friends and family,  
Terry and I want to thank you for the cards, phone calls and all the prayers that were lifted during Terry's hospital stay. He is feeling better and doing well following the list of restrictions the Doctor gave him. Terry is the first in our family to have one, so this is a new experience for all of us. Please continue praying for him and my knee. I am still having issues with my right knee, the one where I tore my meniscus. My leg that is having the Botox injections is doing better. Again, thank you for the prayers. God Bless!  
Terry, Gloria and the rest of the Loughman's

Dick, Leatha and Nate would like to thank all the kind people in our church for their many prayers, cards, food and well wishes during Dick's open-heart surgery and recovery. Dick is doing very well and has been released from Ohio Health care and can now restart his cancer treatments in Columbus. We need your prayers still. We thank God for our beautiful church family.

### BIBLE STUDY

Please join us as we take a look at the early church in Corinth. Corinth was a booming city in the first Century due to its location and the fact that the Isthmian games were held there (second only to the Olympics). The study will also use a book entitled *After Paul Left Corinth* by Bruce Winters, (you do NOT need to buy this book) and a video series on Greece by the same Historian I used last year, Dave Stotts.

If you are interested, this series will begin on Tuesday, October 6th and end on December 1st. The start time is 6:00 pm. Please bring a bible, pen and a notepad.

### ADDRESS CHANGE

Tyler & Liana LaSusa's address is 1259 Thornwood Place, Columbus, Ohio 43212

## MISSION NEWS

### SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army was very appreciative of the food and school supplies we gave them in August. Here is a quote from their thank you letter.

“The Salvation Army strives to be good stewards of your contributions by providing food and other basic necessities to those in need. Through your donation, The Salvation Army can continue in its mission of “Doing the most Good”. From now until Thanksgiving, we will be collecting food to take to the Salvation Army to help with their food baskets. You might consider items like packaged stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, Jello, fruit, creamed soups and things you might have at Thanksgiving. Thanks.

### BOOK CLUB

The book club will be meeting Thursday, October 29th to discuss the book “Killing Crazy Horse” by Bill O’Reilly. Come join us at 7 PM.

### HARMONY HOUSE

Please continue to bring personal care items, cleaning supplies and paper products for the homeless shelter.

**The Missions Committee will be meeting Monday, October 5th at 6 pm to evaluate how we did with PB&J and plan what we can or the coming holiday season. Anyone interested in helping is invited to come.**

**Missions is the overflow of our delight in God because missions is the overflow of God’s delight in being God.**  
—John Piper

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 OUMC & CEF Fall Retreat 9 am
4 10:15 Worship with Communion	5 6 pm Missions	6 6 pm Bible Study	7	8	9	10
11 10:15 Worship	12	13 6 pm Bible Study	14	15	16	17
18 10:15 Worship	19	20 6 pm Bible Study	21	22	23	24
25 10:15 Worship	26 Noon All Staff Mtg.	27 6 pm Bible Study	28	29 7 pm Book Club	30	31

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**The Finance Committee thanks the entire congregation for the tremendous response to the financial needs of OUMC. As many churches have struggled through this pandemic to meet their financial obligations, we have been blessed to have tithes and offerings that are as strong as ever. So we thank you for remembering the church with generous giving.**

#### **A LESSON IN APPRECIATION**

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. Her ears perked up when an older member said, “Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, “The one we have at any given time is my favorite.” What a relief for the pastor to hear - and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God send each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gives to bless us.

#### **CHRISTIAN SYMBOL PLOW**

This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in verses about the harvest. Plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God’s truth, or the “seed” of God’s word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62, NIV). The prophet Elisha burns

his plow to show his commitment to answer God’s call (see Kings 19:21).

#### **BIBLE QUIZ**

In Jesus’ parable about people who hear and live by God’s words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. Sand
- C. Grassland
- D. Soil that was free of rock

Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps you can understand what he is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and you are not surprised. He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not make sense. The explanation - he is building a different house from what you thought. He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it himself. A cottage turned into a palace for God to live!!