

# The Window

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

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MARCH 2021

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

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you? To  
act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly  
with your God. Micah 6:8 NIV*

When I was doing research for this article, I found out that Micah 6:8 is sometimes called "The Micah Mandate." According to Merriam-Webster, a mandate is *the granting of power to perform various acts or duties*. Beginning in March, I am going to preach three messages on "The Micah Mandate." In my personal life, I have not always lived out the mandate, but I strive to live it out with the help of Christ. What is it that this mandate will do and say to each one of us?

In 2013, when I was visiting the seven churches spoken of in Revelations (located in Turkey), there was an afternoon I had free because it was a travel day. I went and sat down on the deck of the ship, and a lady started engaging me in conversation. We both exchanged where we were from and a few other things about our lives. Then she started telling me about her aunt, who was a Holocaust survivor, no deceased. After she finished her story, which touched the depth of my soul, she said this to me, "you probably wonder why I told you such a story? It is so that we never forget." I have studied and read stories about the Holocaust, but never received such a vivid account from a relative of a survivor.

I wish I could say that the Holocaust or the period of slavery that we experienced in our own country was the end of these crimes against humanity. Unfortunately, there are still such things taking place in our world today, perhaps not as well-publicized or spoken of but never the less still happening. I often pray and ask God what can I do, please show me? What does God want us to do as a church? There are many things we are already doing to

help others: such as, our PB&J ministry, our fundraiser for Malawi (buy Chili), so villages can have fresh clean water, our Good News Club, sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and helping the children and their families that attend. We want our outreach, to change the "climate" of our society and world. I mention frequently, the

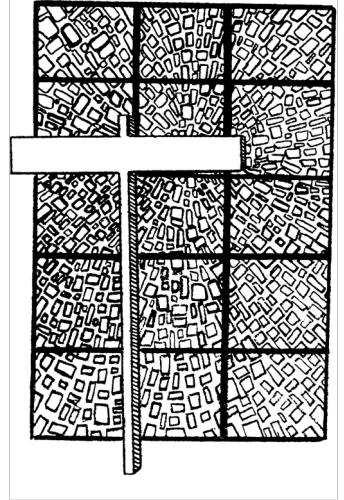
work of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life (Sanctifying grace), here is a quote from an article I read, entitled, *No Holiness but Social Holiness*, that offers John Wesley's description of holiness.

*The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness. Faith working by love, is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian perfection.*

Steve Manskar, the writer of the article said *When Wesley says that holiness is social he means that the depth of your love for God is revealed by the way you love whom God loves*. All that good work that the Holy Spirit does in and through us is meant to not only change us but our society. How we love and treat others daily.

During the Lenten Season let's grow together in the true meaning of holiness and show the world that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is alive and working through us. God bless you.

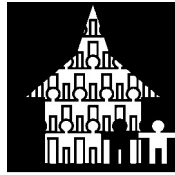
Pastor Chris



"Always show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling the empty places on someone's heart."

—Mandy Hale

## Our OUMC Family



### Our condolences to~~~

To the family and friends of Beulah Miller, Barb Petit's sister.

### Our congratulations to~~~

### Celebration Days~~~

#### Birthdays

3 Amy Bryan	20 Wyatt Dille
5 Willie Keisser	22 Dawn Turpin
5 Todd Dille	22 Bonnie Fisher
8 Pam Boals	23 Meghan Dille
8 Jake Townley	24 Harry Frietchen
18 Greg Wills	30 Chuck Sherer
20 Peg Welch	31 Robey Bolen

#### Anniversaries

4 Larry & Janet Bixler

*Congratulations on your special day!!*

*Leave your birthday and anniversary dates at the*

*Welcome Center to be included in Celebration Day lists.*

## BIBLE QUIZ

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

#### Daffodils

Yellow, yellow daffodils

You're dancing in the sun.

Yellow, yellow daffodils

You tell me spring has come.



## THANK YOU ~~~~

Dear Ontario United Methodist Church  
My heart is warmed by your kind support!

Across the world - in every community we visit - we meet joyful men, women, and children reveling in their new rich lives that are only possible because of the benevolent gifts made by yourself and other like you.

Your gift you made many things possible. You allowed trained technicians to monitor LifePumps 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through Life Pump Link so they can provide ongoing maintenance to prevent any problems from arising, keeping water flowing year-round.

We are grateful for your generous donation. Thank you for prioritizing the lives of individuals who lack access to sustainable technology that protects life. Your friendship is great appreciated.

Greg Bixler, CEO Co-founder of Design Outreach

Greetings Ontario OUMC

On behalf of Flat Rock, please accept our gratitude for your generous contribution. We appreciate your partnering with us in ministry of the disabled adults we serve.

Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Deaconess Sherri Buehl

I received a note from Dick Franta that he would like to step down as our acting Administrative Council Chair effective December 31, 2020.

Dick has served for many years in this position and since I have been pastor at OUMC, I have appreciated his leadership, guidance, and care he has displayed for our church. I will miss serving with him but do understand his need to transition. I want to say a special thank you to Dick and also Leatha for their years of dedication.

We love you,

Your church family

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Cross of Triumph

Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in his kingly office.

"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown."

—William Penn

## MISSION NEWS

### PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

Starting in March, all food brought in will be used for Peanut Butter and Jelly. The food items we need are peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, soups, canned vegetables, canned pasta like Chef Boy-ardee, Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, crackers, cereal, canned fruit, pudding cups and fruit cups, dry pasta, and spaghetti sauce. Please make sure the sell by dates are current. Thanks.

### HARMONY HOUSE

With the cold weather, we need to remember those in need. Items that are always needed: toilet paper, paper towels, soap of all kinds, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, bath towels and wash cloths, deodorant, disinfectant wipes, and socks. Gently used blankets and pillows might help. Thanks.

## CHILI

Thanks to everyone who bought chili on Feb. 28th. We will let you know how much we made for Design Outreach. God bless you.

## A BOUNTIFUL LIFE

"Life is given to you like a flat piece of land," said actress Jeanne Moreau. "I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden." God, who put the first human in a garden to care for creation, blesses us with talents and resources to wisely manage. In gardening terms, God gives us the plot of ground, the seed, the wisdom and strength to bring forth beauty and abundance. Yet we do the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam, we till, but God gives the increase. God's provisions and our labor bring the garden - and our lives of stewardship - to fulfillment.

# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 6 Bible Study	<i>3</i> 4 Kids Club Zoom	<i>4</i> 4 Kids Club	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:15 Worship	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 6 Bible Study	<i>10</i> 4 Kids Club Zoom	<i>11</i> 4 Kids Club	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 10:15 Worship 5—Youth Group	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6 Bible Study	<i>17</i> 4 Kids Club Zoom	<i>18</i> 4 Kids Club	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 10:15 Worship	<i>22</i> 6 Finance 7 Ad Council	<i>23</i> 6 Bible Study	<i>24</i> 4 Kids Club Zoom	<i>25</i> 4 Kids Club 7 Book club	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 10:15 Worship 5- 7 Youth Group PALM SUNDAY	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 6 Bible Study	<i>31</i> 4 Kids Club Zoom			

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### **GOD IN MY HANDS**

When I was ready to give up on the Church, it was the sacraments that pulled me back.

When my faith had become little more than an abstraction, a set of propositions to be affirmed or denied, the tangible, tactile nature of the sacraments invited me to touch, smell, taste, heart, and see God in the stuff of everyday life again. They got God out of my head and into my hands. They reminded me that Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own.

—Rachel Held Evans



**Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour on March 14, 2021.**

