

The Window

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

APRIL 2021

From Pastor Chris...

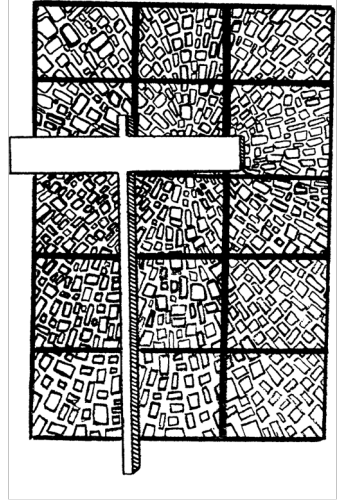
And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. Matthew 28:7, NLT

Have you ever received good news that you wanted to share with someone else? I think we all have. Perhaps, you received an acceptance letter to college, or you just found out you were pregnant or a son or daughter is expecting a baby, and now you will be a grandparent. Even though many exciting events happen in our life, the resurrection of Jesus surpasses them all. During our current Bible study, the book we are using is, *Search for Significance*. We looked at the Biblical truth of regeneration. Regeneration can be explained by a Scripture found in 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV. *Therefore, if anyone, is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* We are made new by having God's Spirit given to us through regeneration. I've heard individuals say, "I need to get a new life." They use that phrase to perhaps mean, "I wish I were someone else." Through regeneration, we can get a new life. John Wesley, from his sermon, *New Birth*, explains regeneration this way,...*it is the change wrought in the whole soul by the almighty Spirit of God when it is "created anew in Christ Jesus;" when it is "renewed after the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness;" when the love of the world is changed into the love of God; pride into humility; passion into meekness hatred, envy, malice, into a sincere, tender, disinterested love for all [humanity].* Wow!

I never get tired of reading the same Scriptures over about the resurrection of Jesus because it renews and instills hope inside of me! But here is the question I often ask myself or have expressed to others, "why are people not beating the church doors down to get in?" Perhaps, one of the reasons is we don't share or teach on regeneration, or as the Christian

psychologist, who wrote the book *Search for Significance* said, "we don't feel different or see a difference in our own lives." Do you remember when microwave ovens first came out? The first time I cooked a potato in the microwave, it only took 6 minutes, but using a conventional oven was closer to an hour. Rarely do I bake potatoes in a conventional oven because I

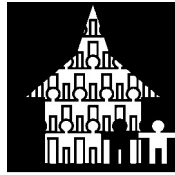
don't want to wait, but one thing I have found to be true - is that the potatoes baked in a conventional oven are worth the wait. So it is true, in our Christian life, waiting on God to change us is so much better than trying to change ourselves. *The Prophet Isaiah says this about waiting on God, ...those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31, NLT).* He has Risen! What are the new things Christ will be adding to your life? What are some of the old habits that Christ is wanting to remove from your life?



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about learning more about your faith, or perhaps, you want to become a part of Ontario United Methodist Church? Beginning in April, I will be offering a small class. Please call the church office or sign up to be a part of this class. Date and time to be determined.
Pastor Chris

Our OUMC Family



Our condolences to~~~

To the family and friends of Howard Cramer, brother of Kathleen Santmyer.

To the family and friends of Don Yeager.

To the family and friends of Carl Mowery, brother of Roger Mowery.

To the family and friends of Stan Nawrocki, father of Trina Dille.

To the family and friends of Kathy Taylor.

To the family and friends of Buzz Rupe.

Our congratulations to~~~

Celebration Days~~~

Birthdays

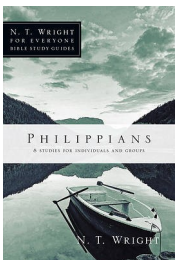
1 Kristy Garver	16 Terry Loughman
2 Prudy Love	16 Gary Palmer
2 Jeff Davis	18 Monroe Bolen
7 Randy Storms	21 Mary Beech
8 Wayne Bell	21 Kristina Kisling
11 Lisa Larck	21 Heidi Miller
15 Pat Beech	29 Bob Stoffer

Anniversaries

27 John & Pam Boals

Congratulations on your special day!!

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



Bible Study will begin on April 20, 2021 via zoom with Pastor Karen leading the series about Philippians. The time will be 6:00 pm.

If you would like to order a book, please call the church office no later than April 5th so the book arrives by the time the study begins.

THANK YOU ~~~~

Dear Ontario United Methodist Church

First of all, I would like to apologize for this being so late. I wanted to thank the wonderful congregation of OUMC for the Christmas cards and gifts. I hope you all have a beautiful year!
Carla Smith

Dear Ontario United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$75.00 that helped so many. In the midst of this busy season, thank you for taking time to think of others. It was Christ who set the example of caring for those who are less fortunate. Your contribution will all The Salvation Army to follow His example by ministering to those in need.
Captains Andrew and Melissa Betts

In the press of the holidays plus getting moved, we were remiss in not letting all of you know sooner just how much we love you and appreciate your prayers, gifts, cards, and well wishes over the years as well as at Bob's mom's recent death. We are so grateful to be able to maintain contact with OUMC thanks to email, zoom and in-person visits. We look forward to continuing this ministry and friendships for a long time to come. God bless you all.
Bob & Karen Wagenhals

Dear Ontario United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$310.00 to help LOVE, INC Ministries help people in need here in greater Mansfield. Help from people who care like you have made it possible for LOVE, INC. Ministries to help families in our area with food, transportation needs, household needs and to help to reestablish a home in the greater Mansfield area
Barb Keller, Treasurer of Love Inc.

Dear Pastor Chris, Pastor Karen and all OUMC Prayer Warriors: Thank you very much for all the cards, telephone calls and especially, all the prayers offered up for me as I recover. Our Precious God is so wonderful with his healing power. We miss you all and really look forward to being able to be back in church every Sunday.

Love you all,
Ruth Atkeson

To my wonderful church family,

A heartfelt thank you to all for the cards and prayers during my fall, my Covid-19 experience and the loss of my sister. Somewhat of an overwhelming time, but your cards and prayers helped so much. God's love shines through all of you. Love and thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Barb Petit

We want to thank this congregation for their support, care and prayers for our family. We all feel the support that is coming for Joe, Amy and the entire family as we take care of all that is needed for both Joe and Amy. It has not been easy, to see loved ones who are so vital to the family, have the daily hurdles that they face, but we do feel the arms of God holding tight, reminding each of us that He is present with us, with Joe and Amy and all who are caring for them. Please keep those prayers lifted as we continue to follow where God leads.
Connie Stuckert and family

MISSION NEWS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

Because of the COVID, it seems the price of peanut butter and some of the other staples for the pantry have gone higher. Canned fruit, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly will all be needed this summer plus cereal, crackers, pastas, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, and macaroni & cheese.

Bring what you can share each week and we will be able to serve the children in Ontario schools.

HARMONY HOUSE

The need to help the homeless in our community has no end. Personal care items like shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes, soaps of all kinds, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, regular towels, wash cloths, pillows and single sheets can all be used. Pray for this ministry in our community.

CHILI

God provided an abundance of Libby Clark's award winning chili on February 28th. We had orders for more than 30 quarts, but when we got all the chili together, we were able to share with anyone who wanted to buy chili. At the last count, we raised over \$600.00 to help Design Outreach with getting water to people in Malawi. God does supply!

CULTIVATING KINDNESS

Kind hearts are gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots. Kind words are like flowers. Kind deeds are the fruits. Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds. Fill it with sunshine, kind words and kind deeds.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."

—Kate McGahan

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No Good News Club 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Worship 10:15 Communion	5	6	7	8 4:00 Good News Club	9	10
11 10:15 Worship 2:00 Recital 5:00 Youth	12	13	14	15 4 Good News Club	16	17
18 10:15 Worship	19	20 6:00 Bible Study Via Zoom	21	22 4:00 Good News Club	23	24 Recycle Trailer here
25 10:15 Worship 5:00 Youth	26	27 6:00 Bible Study Via Zoom	28	29 4:00 Good News Club	30	

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CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

LILY

The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

BIBLE QUIZ

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

Answer: D (See Luke 24:18)

A FITTING TRIBUTE

When Christ entered into Jerusalem, the people spread garments in the way. When he enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves.

—Augustus Toplady

AN EASTER PRAYER

From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to By the power of your Spirit who lives within may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. Amen

Happy Easter

*May your Easter be happy,
May your day be bright,
May you enjoy the treats,
And sweet delights.*

*But remember the meaning,
Remember God's gift,
Remember the resurrection,
May your soul uplift.*

