

The Window

The Ontario United Methodist Church
We Care as Christ Cares

MAY 2021

From Pastor Chris...

This year in May, we will celebrate Mother's Day and the Day of Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit came to earth). Where would we be without our mothers? The most obvious answer is that we would not be here. However, we don't realize all that our mothers have done for us until we are grown and moved away have our own families. The love and support given, cooking of meals, preparing of lunches, washing of clothes, and don't forget the chauffer services! Unfortunately, we always expect mom to be there and don't realize until she is gone what she meant to us.

The same is true of the Holy Spirit. I do not think we will realize all that the Holy Spirit has done for us and meant to us until we leave this earth. Just as a mom's job is never done, it is also true of the Holy Spirit. We refer to the work of the Holy Spirit as the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Let's take a closer look at what the Holy Spirit does for us. Of course, the ministry is very far-reaching. I do not have time or space to list all the attributes of the Holy Spirit. Let's begin with Acts 1:8. We find two things: first, we are endued with power, then we become witnesses. In defining, the word "power" we will need to go to the Greek word *dunamis*. This is not just any power working through us but God's power. Strong's Concordance says this, **for the believer, power to achieve by applying the Lord's inherent abilities**. The English word for dynamite comes from the Greek word *dunami*, it is an explosive power. Next, we become witnesses for Christ. The Holy Spirit often leads and guides us to who we should witness to and when we should witness. Also, our testimony about Christ will be one filled with enthusiasm and life because the Holy Spirit is real.

John 14:26 says, *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.* The Holy Spirit helps us live out our Christian testimony by convicting us of sin (John 16:8), by showing us the direction to take (Acts 16:6). The Holy Spirit is alive in God's

word or the Bible, and that's what makes the Bible

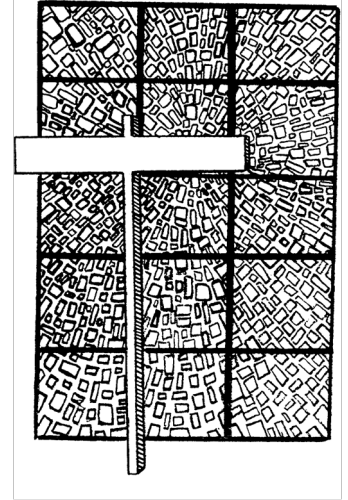
so very special. We find this in Hebrews 4:12. The amplified version, *For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]*, and the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Holy Spirit fills us with joy. We find numerous examples in the Bible, one being Acts 2:15. *These people are not drunk, as you suppose.* The 120 were filled with such joy that the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost assumed they had been drinking. The Holy Spirit desires to fellowship with us as revealed in 2 Cor. 13-14.

Remember, the Holy Spirit is God and is also Christ. 1 Peter 1:11 refers to the Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of Christ." The Holy Spirit is one who gives us our spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:4). The Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray as we should and even prays through us (Romans 8:26-27). Last, the Holy Spirit lives with us on this earth and inside of us (Ezek, 36:37). For that, we should be forever grateful for the day of Pentecost and our Savior Jesus Christ, finished the work of redemption.

Today, if you are feeling drained in your spiritual life, turn to God and ask God to renew the Holy Spirit within you, so you can experience the full reality of what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

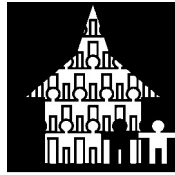
May God Bless you.



LOOK AHEAD

The spirit of complaint is born out of unwillingness to trust God with today. Like the Israelites, it means you spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now.

Our OUMC Family



Our condolences to~~~

To the family and friends of Joe Stuckert

To the family and friends of Wilma Palmer.

Our congratulations to~~~

Celebration Days~~~

Birthdays

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| 1 Myra Myers | 9 Debby Grove |
| 2 Jackie Duncan | 18 Linda Stout |
| 3 Sharon Urschel | 19 Dave Fisher |
| 5 Megan Reiners | 21 Becky Beeman |
| 6 Marvel Auck | 23 Dick Kaber |
| 6 Steve Toth | 27 Nan Shaw |
| 8 Cindy Ronk | 28 Bob Wolfe |

Anniversaries

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| 4 Jeff & Joni Davis |
| 7 Steve & Lori Santmyer |
| 13 Rob & Marcy Roth |
| 14 Bruce & Claudette Smith |
| 19 Steve & Val Toth |
| 30 Dick & Jill Kaber |

Congratulations on your special day!!

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

5 DAY CLUB

The church will host a 5 club June 28-July 2. The time will be from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Please mark your calendars for your kids to attend!!

Do you miss seeing people? Are you available Thursday mornings? If so, we are resuming Thursday morning quilting for the Flying Horse Camp. We will meet at 9:00 am beginning May 6th and hope to see you there. We have sewing machines and fabric. What we need is you. If you have any questions, please call Pat Storms 419-545-4432 or Jackie Motley 419-529-6184.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!!

THANK YOU ~~~

I am writing on behalf of our family to express our appreciation for the many kind thoughts, deeds and prayers that have been lifted for us during the time of Joe's last few days and his passing. The transition of caring for himself, being able to get around on his own seemed to change in a rapid time frame. It was difficult for our family to see the decline that took the man he had always been to someone who was a shell of that wonderful, caring man. As we listened during his service, whose who shared were eloquent in knowing just who Joe had been, in the many ways each person had know him. We were honored to have all who attended his service and then stayed and shared during the luncheon following. I thought that Joe was looking down on us and wanting walk around to each table and share laughs and conversation with all who were present. Words are inadequate to express how much we have felt your care during these days. The cards, the words of comfort and your prayers carry us through each day. May you feel the presence of God daily as you reach and and care for us and others needing that care.

Blessings from the family of Joe Stuckert

Thank you to all the church friends who sent birthday cards to my mother, Mildred Mandley, for her 103rd birthday. She was happy to get the cards and I read each of them to her. We had a cake and flowers and sang Happy Birthday to her. She is glad to see spring arriving and has been able to get outside a few days to enjoy some sun and the yard. We talk about her Ohio home and the community there. Thank you for your support and kindness to her.

Grace Kornke

Dear Church family,

I'm not sure that I know the right words to express how grateful we are for all your prayers and support for our sister, Kathy Taylor. Kathy was diagnosed with lung cancer in July of 2015. This church prayed for Kathy since the beginning and you never stopped praying for her. Your support and love was very appreciated by Kathy and her family. Thank you all for your love, support and prayers.

Tony & Jackie Duncan, Gary Taylor, Cindy Townley

Thank you to the Ontario United Methodist Church family for your many cards and expressions of caring thoughts on my father's passing. I enjoyed hearing your special stories and remembrances of both my father and mother. A special thanks to Pastor Chris and Karen for their visits and words of support to dad as well as us during our time of loss.

Ron and Suzanne Smith

MISSION NEWS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

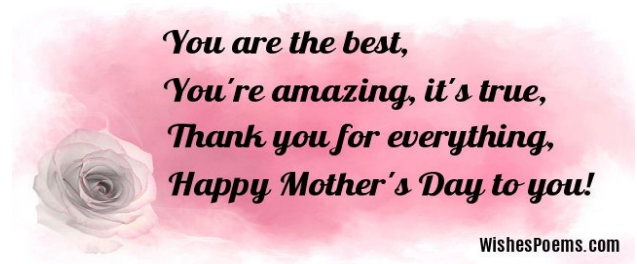
This year, our church will again be providing a drive-up pantry for children in Ontario Schools who qualify for free lunches. It will be every Monday from 10 am to 12 pm and 5:30 to 6:30 pm starting June 7th and running through August 9th. During this ten week period, we will need your help with food and school supplies. As many of you know, groceries seem to be more expensive these days. The pantry can use cereal, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, soups, vegetables, canned meats, canned fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, mac & cheese, Hamburger Helper and rice. May God richly bless this ministry.

PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

We need at least 5 people to be present at each time to distribute food. If you are interested, please contact Pat Bell at 419-589-2198. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY

This year the Missions Committee is adding another outreach happening in our community. "Maggie's House", a place being developed at 125 Blymer by Angie Henke for homeless women. It is property which needs remodeling/renovation. The Missions Committee would like to invite you to honor or remember your mothers or women friends with a donation to this ministry. You may use our current envelopes for this donation by using the Other section any time before Mother's Day, May 9th. Thank you.



May 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 10:15 Worship 5 - 7 Youth Group | 3 11:30 All Staff Meeting | 4 6 Zoom Bible Study | 5 | 6 4 Kids Club | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10:15 Worship | 10 | 11 6 Zoom Bible Study | 12 | 13 4 Kids Club | 14 | 15 |
| 16 10:15 Worship 5 - 7 Youth Group | 17 6 Finance 7 Ad Council | 18 6 Zoom Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10:15 Worship | 24 | 25 6 Zoom Bible Study | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10:15 Worship | 31 Church Office Closed | | | | | |

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BIBLE QUIZ

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.”
What “former book” did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with
your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into
the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education to
use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of
life even when faced with challenges and
difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they
grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your
beloved Son. Amen.



Of all the special
joys in life,
The big ones
and the small,
A mother's love
and tenderness
Is the greatest
of them all.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY