

The Window

The Ontario United Methodist Church
We Care as Christ Cares

JUNE 2021

From Pastor Chris...

For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21, NIV

The book of Philippians is filled with many wonderful verses coined by the Apostle Paul by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. When I was very young, and first read Philippians 1:21, I realized that the verse went against many things I had learned in life about “becoming successful and prosperous.” You know the old saying, “you only live once.”

At times as Christians, we keep our personal life separated from what we call our Christian life. Our Christian life could be defined as those distinct characteristics that we say or do that some may think makes you a Christian. Such as going to church or maybe volunteering at a homeless shelter. Although these things are good and can train us in our faith and teach us about servanthood, they should not be separate from our personal life. I have realized and discovered what the Apostle Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:31, “*I die daily,*” or at least I want to. Living for Christ is something we do every day. The Apostle Paul reveals in Philippians 3:7, “*But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.*” Paul knew what it was to store up rewards and treasures for himself on this earth, but he came to realize that those things he took pride in and cherished in his personal life were a loss for Christ. We have to combine our personal and our Christian life and let it become our life lived in Christ.

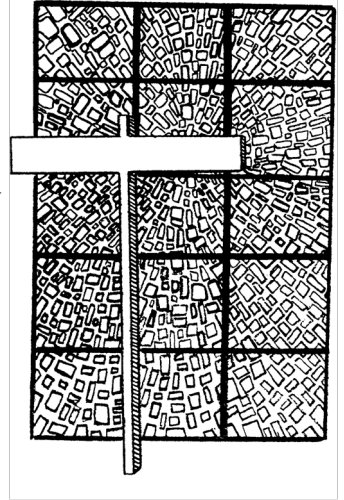
For many years I lived two lives: I wanted to live for Christ, but I also wanted to live and make decisions for myself or my personal life. When I considered what I was doing, I realized that I trusted myself more than I trusted God. There is a scripture in Romans 9:20 which reveals, “*Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’*” Have there ever been times in your life when you’ve asked God that? Or “*Why did you allow that to happen to me?*” There are times in our life when we snatch the remote control from

God’s hands, perhaps because we do not like the channel of our life and want to change it.

Whenever I feel doubt and discouragement set in, I pray a silent prayer and listen, and more often than not, I hear a still small voice say, “trust me.” I have found that voice to be reliable, trustworthy, and true.

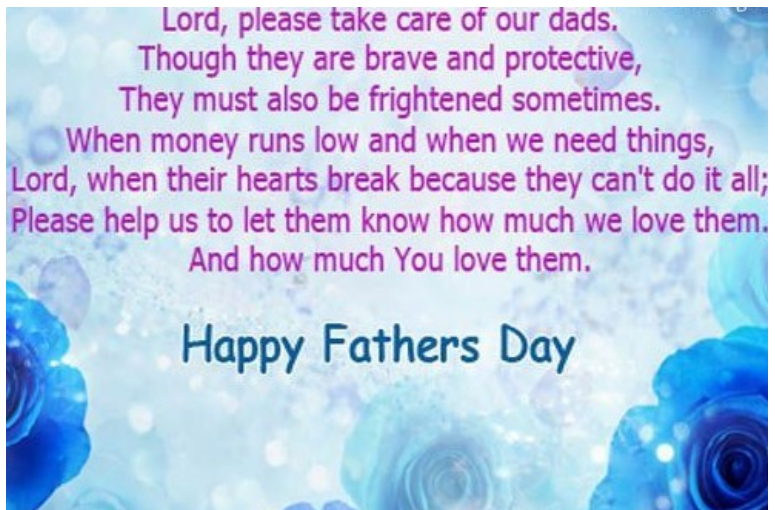
When our lives become centered and focused on Christ, and we have combined “our personal life” with “our Christian life,” we will begin to see what Paul means when he says, *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.* Suddenly, our doubts and discouragement will become dim in the light of Christ. As summer approaches and we just celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit, turn every care and concern over to Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you.

God bless you.

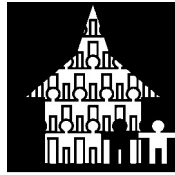


Lord, please take care of our dads.
Though they are brave and protective,
They must also be frightened sometimes.
When money runs low and when we need things,
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.
And how much You love them.

Happy Fathers Day



Our OUMC Family



Our condolences to~~~

To the friends and family of Tom Bence.

To the friends and family of Bob Wolfe.

To the friends and family of John Boals.

To the friends and family of Georgie Kaber.

To the friends and family of Natasha Hahn, mother of Valerie Toth.

Our congratulations to~~~

Robey Bolen, 2021 graduate of Ontario High School.

Celebration Days~~~

Birthdays

3 Val Toth	15 Ron Seifley
6 Rachel Miller	15 Lyn Fisher
7 Linda Eyerly	23 Alice Seifley
8 Beth Strohming	25 Rob Roth
10 Rob Chilcote	29 Jeromy Bolen
11 Katherine Beech	29 Kyler Dille

Anniversaries

1 Wayne & Jenny Motley
7 Bob & Linda Eyerly
7 Tim & Kathy Strunk
16 Keith & Sue Kisling
24 Dennis & Ruth Atkeson
27 Terry & Gloria Loughman
30 Dave & Bonnie Fisher

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!!

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.

THANK YOU ~~~

Dear OUMC Family,
Thank you Pastor Chris and all of you for your prayers, calls and cards. Also special thanks for the delicious meals and those who walked my dog.

God bless.

Prudy Love

Dear Church Family,
Your faith, love and support meant so much. Your prayers, hugs, cards and words of encouragement are everything. We need each other. Mothers are hard to lose, but knowing where she is and knowing she's waiting there, give comfort and peace.

Blessings,

Connie Smith and the all of the family of Wilma Palmer

Dear OUMC Family,
Thank you for the kindness shared for our dad, Bob Wolfe, through a year of quarantine and during his illness and passing. His church family always meant a lot to him, and he appreciated all of the cards, prayers, and visits.

From the Wolfes: Debbie, Dan, Diana, & Molly

Dear Friends of OUMC,
Thank you for the calls, cards and texts while I was in the hospital. I appreciate you all for caring. Things are looking up and hopefully I will feel better soon. God is so good all the time.

Blessings to all,

Debby Grove

Pastor Chris, Friends and Family of OUMC
Thank you for your support, encouraging words and prayers over what was to be simple and is still very annoying. You don't appreciate your vision until there is a problem.

Love to all.

Millie Keith

FREEDOM'S COLORS

"Red is for Bravery",
blood shed in sacrifice.
Freedom came with lives the price.

"White is for Liberty",
freedom's purity.
Life be free from God's decree.

"Blue is for Justice",
as vast as the sky.
Over freedom's land to occupy.

MISSION NEWS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

The starting day for PB&J will be Monday, June 7th from 10- noon and 5:30 - 6:30 pm. To begin with we will be delivering the food to the cars. We will continue to need food all through the ten weeks this summer, so please continue your generous donation. Our pantry looks pretty good right now, but when we get started, it will deplete quickly.

MAGGIE'S HOUSE

Thanks so much for supporting the new homeless facility for women. It is good that we can help as many people as possible with our giving in memory of our Mothers and special women.

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of songs.

FATHER'S DAY

Again this year, we are encouraging you to purchase a blanket in honor or memory of Fathers or special men in you life. \$5.00 buys a blanket. Make you donations on your envelopes or pick up a special envelope on the ushers table starting May 30th.

FLAT ROCK

Do you have an interest in special needs individuals? Flat Rock is looking for churches to Adopt-a-Home. Each home has 2-6 people and the idea would be to remember them during birthday and holidays plus help supplies as needed. The cost would be about \$31 a month or \$400. a year. The purpose is to build a caring relationship between residents and you. Pray about this and let Pat Bell know if you are interested.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it take to sit down and listen.

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ⁶ Zoom Bible Study	2 ⁷ Choir	3	4	5 ⁹ -Noon 5 day club training
6 ^{10:15} Worship	7 ^{10-noon} PBJ 5:30 - 6:30 PBJ 11:30 All Staff Mtg	8 ⁶ Zoom Bible Study	9 ⁷ Choir	10	11	12
13 ^{10:15} Worship 1:30 - 5:30 private event Giffin Hall	14 ^{10 - Noon} PBJ 5:30 - 6:30 PBJ	15	16 ^{Annual Conf} 7 Choir	17 ^{Annual Conf}	18 ^{Annual Conf}	19 ¹²⁻⁸ Private Event Giffin Hall
20 ^{10:15} Worship FATHER'S DAY	21 ^{10 - noon} PBJ 5:30 - 6:30 PBJ	22	23 ⁷ Choir	24 ⁷ Book Club	25	26 ^{Recycle Trailer}
27 ^{10:15} Worship	28 ^{10 - noon} PBJ 5:30 - 6:30 PBJ 6 - 8 5 Day Club	29 ^{6 - 8} 5 Day Club	30 ^{6 - 8} 5 Day Club 7 Choir			

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BIBLE QUIZ

Complete this proverb: “Like snow in _____ or
, rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.”

- A. springtime
- B. Summer
- C. Seedtime
- D. Autumn

Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV)

BOOK CLUB

Dear friends,
We have come up with the next two books for Book Club. They are varied. Hope you enjoy them.

June - “The Women of the Bible Speak” by Shannon Bream.

July - “The Address Book” by Dierda Mask.

Discussions will be held the last Thursday of June and the last Thursday of July. Hope you can come join the discussions.

79 IS ALMOST 80

On Sunday May 17, we saw the entire collection of homemade quilts be blessed to send to the Flying Horse Camp. Our goal was 80 quilts but due to Covid 19 restrictions we were very close with 79, We were able to do this because of the work many of you did at home. Thank you for the use of your wonderful sewing skills. This wouldn't happen without all of you.

We will have quilt kits available in the church office this fall. The Flying Horse Camp provides summer camp experiences for physically challenged children. Each camper goes home with a quilt. Donations of all cotton fabric would be welcome.

We meet in person every Thursday morning at 9 am. Sewers are welcome as well as help with fabric cutting and ironing. The goal for 2021 is 100 quilts. Your help is needed and would be appreciated. Thank you again.