

# The Window

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

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**JULY 2014**

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## ***From Pastor Peg...***

What a strange year this has been. We had winter in April and summer weather in May. June was wet, and who knows what July will bring. Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for every purpose under Heaven, and we like those times to be predictable. We want to know what's coming, so we can prepare. Spring should be spring, not summer or fall, and life events should take place at their normal ages and stages. But it isn't always necessarily so.

What happens when the world doesn't fulfill our expectations?

I believe the solution is three-fold: work hard, play harder and pray hardest. We need to work as hard as we can to provide for our families and our future, whatever it may bring. We need to play even harder. God created us to enjoy life's blessings, not to worry about tomorrow's problems. And we need to pray most of all. Prayer connects us with God. Prayer keeps our eyes upon eternity rather than the present, and prayer recognizes our priorities and our expectations.

The third chapter of Ecclesiastes begins with its list of life events which each happens in its own Season. But the passage goes on:

"God... has set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil - this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing can be taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him."

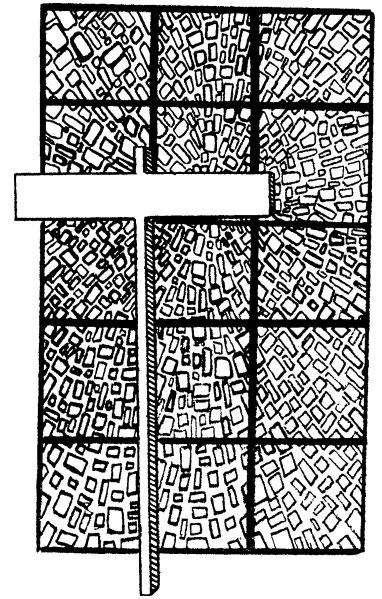
Thousands of years later, that message still pertains to us. Work hard. Enjoy the fruits of your labor. Trust the future into God's hands. God alone knows what will happen in eternity.

Enjoy life, this is not a dress rehearsal.



## ***Mission Trip 2015***

The Manos de Dios mission team has begun planning their next work trip to Honduras in 2015. Anyone interested in the life-changing experience of being the hands and feet of Christ as we build homes for the homeless is encouraged to contact Wayne or Jenny Motley, Mary Ann Stotts or Karen Wagenhals. We'd love for you to join us.



## ***Dinner at Point of Grace***

The Missions Committee has committed to help serve dinner, contribute \$100 for food and take dessert to the meal for the hungry at Point of Grace (formerly St. Luke's Lutheran Church) on Saturday, July 5. Tom Blaney has recruited workers for the dinner, but we are asking for donations of brownies so please watch for the sign-up sheet in the centrum. Bring brownies to the church on July 3 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. (The office will be closed on Friday, July 4.)

## ***Red Cross Blood Drive***

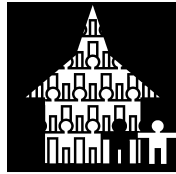
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Ontario UMC on Thursday, July 17 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. The Red Cross stresses that appointments are needed, so please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your time to donate. Volunteers to help with the canteen, bake cookies and to help register donors would be appreciated also.

## ***Outdoor Worship and Picnic***

OUMC's annual outdoor worship service and picnic will be held Sunday, August 10 at Hope Cabins. Enjoy the service by the lake (weather permitting; otherwise indoors) followed by good food and fellowship in the banquet hall. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.



## *Our OUMC Family*



### **Sympathy to~~~**

Linda and Bob Eyerly and family in the death of her mother, Lucille Beer.

Shawn Fyffe and family in the death of his brother, Keith Fyffe.

Dave, Erma and Dick Yaussy in the death of their wife and daughter-in-law, LaDonna Yaussy.

### **Baptisms~~~**

We rejoice in these baptisms on June 8

Taylor Price, daughter of Jane and Jim Price  
and

Angelique Day, who also became a member of  
OUMC that day

### **New Members~~~**

We welcome these new members of Ontario UMC:

Jane Price - Jane is the granddaughter of Betty Coon, and niece of Sharon Urschel. She enjoys her dogs, needlepoint and reading.

Angelique Day - Angelique is Jane Price's step-daughter. She works at Wal-Mart and helps with the children's program here at the church.

Shawn Fyffe - Shawn is a former Navy Seal. He likes to fish, read and hang out with his dog.

### **Congratulations to~~~**

Rachel (VanAuker) Smith, who graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology. She will be starting work on a Masters Degree in Family and Marriage Counseling.

### **Thank you~~~**

We want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food.

—Ralph and Joan Beer

Many thanks to Shirley Wright and her crew for the delicious food they prepared for my husband's funeral luncheon. Also, thanks for all your cards and concerns and especially to Pastor Peg for her care. Your support is greatly appreciated.

—Ruth Ann Staats

### **Thank you~~~**

Thank you to all who sent cards or stopped by to visit. Your kind words helped at the time of my daughter Linda's death. She fought a hard battle. I also want to thank all who participated in the service. It was a great tribute to her. And thank you to all who contributed to the Kindness Initiative Award established in Linda's memory, to be given to the OHS senior class member voted on by their peers who most demonstrates kindness in action. Kindness was one of Linda's passions, as well as "enjoying the journey." Hopefully we will all adopt them as our passions. What a change it would make in our lives and our world.

I also want to thank Mike Fulmer for being such a loving caregiver to Linda. May we all show more kindness and enjoy the journey.

—Dorothy Rader

How can we be so fortunate to have so many wonderful friends? We are so grateful to our church family for their many acts of kindness during Mary Lou's recent surgery and recuperation. Many thanks for all the prayers, caring thoughts, cards and the wonderful food that was delivered to us. A special thanks to Pastor Peg for her kind words and visit during her busy schedule. While Mary Lou has recovered nicely from her surgery, we ask for continued prayers as she prepares for chemotherapy and radiation.

—Don and Mary Lou Yeager

Thank you for all of your acts of kindness, thoughts, cards and especially, prayers during my heart surgery and after. It picked me up so many times. God has truly blessed me in so many ways, and one way is YOU.

—Ramona Schwertfager

OUMC did a super job collecting items for Health Kits and School Kits. We sent 13 School Kits and 18 Health Kits to annual conference, along with 14 Flood Buckets — far exceeding our goal of 4! OUMC reaches out in so many ways to help the victims of disasters and poverty. It is wonderful to be part of this congregation. The Missions Committee appreciates your support.

**Celebration Days~~~ Blessings on your special day!**

**Birthdays:**

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| 2 Pam Dille       | 13 Bev Bence      |
| 3 Ada Bryant      | 15 Lauren Townley |
| 4 Alice Hellinger | 17 Steve Santmyer |
| 4 Miriam Rupe     | 19 Helen Kurbad   |
| 6 Karin Starbuck  | 19 Jenny Motley   |
| 6 Karen Wagenhals | 24 Tim Strunk     |
| 7 Dorothy Rader   | 25 Scott Bryan    |
| 7 Fran Sites      | 27 Owen Roth      |
| 8 Barb Petit      | 28 Kelly Kisling  |
| 9 Jane Price      | 29 Jerry Stager   |
| 9 Ron Dille       | 29 Dick Thomas    |

**Anniversaries:**

- 1 Peg and Ash Welch
- 3 Beth and Dennis Strohminger
- 3 Dawn and Rick Turpin
- 7 Becky and Ed Beeman
- 10 Louise and Bob Stoffer
- 11 Sharon and Roger Mowry
- 11 Mary Lou and Don Yeager
- 19 Diana and Gary Garver
- 23 Beth and Chuck Sherer

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

**Our Lost and Found is Overflowing**

There are several coats, a pair of gloves, purple slippers, a car key, various items of jewelry, and numerous other lost “goodies” waiting for someone to claim them. The coats are hanging on the rack near the kitchen. Ask at the Welcome Center or in the office about other items.

**Help Update Our Records**

We have lost track of some of those in our church membership. If you can supply contact information for adult children who have moved away from the area, or others listed in our newest directory without addresses and phone numbers, please call the church during office hours. Thanks!

**2014 Scholarships Awarded by OUMC**

Dear Ontario UM Church congregation,

Thank you for awarding me the John Wesley Scholarship. It is an honor to receive a scholarship that sets its standards on such high morals... I love helping out my community, maintaining good grades, and overall carrying a passion for Christ... I am taking a year off from college to do a brief mission trip to South Africa where I will be working at an orphanage, helping the youth develop a deeper relationship with Christ. However, I will earn a degree in non-profit business management when I return, with plans to start a non-profit organization to show students the world of art and also the grace that God truly has... I give thanks because God has provided me the chance to help out people in my community and to spread his word even more... Once again, thank you; with your scholarship I am able to pursue my dreams and hopefully lead more followers to Christ.

—Hannah Barnhill

Dear Pastor Peg and OUMC,

Thank you very much for all you have done to help shape me into the young man I am today. This church has been a huge part of my life since day 1. Everyone in the congregation has been like family to me. I am so honored to have received scholarship money from the church. I will use this money to help with the cost of college. Thank you so very much.

—Kyler Dille

Dear Ontario UMC,

Thank you for the OUMC Higher Education Scholarship. The money will help with my college expenses.

—Kyle Renner

*The John Wesley Scholarship is awarded annually by our church. All members of the Ontario HS graduating class are eligible to apply.*

*The Ontario UMC Higher Education Scholarship is available to graduating seniors from any high school who are OUMC members.*



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### **Community Garden News Update**

The OUMC Community Garden committee received a \$300.00 grant from the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (*necic*) with the stipulation that our church would match that amount. This is the second time we have received monetary assistance. We are greatly appreciative of this financial help.

This year our goal was to expand two beds, build a new one, build a picnic table with shade, build a sturdier vertical garden (which the kids are helping out with), and reinforce the short steel fence posts with longer ones. The ideas was to beautify the garden to make it more pleasing for our church family and our neighbors. We hope we have accomplished this. So far things are growing well, and we have cut the greens several times for our neighbors in the apartments next door. Let us know if you would like to have something when it is ready.

Many thanks to Larry Bixler who built the table, the vertical garden, put in the fence posts, cut the lumber and helped Mary Ann Stotts and Janet Bixler assemble the beds. Larry also painted the vertical garden. Janet suggested the rainbow effect. Can you tell? Mary Ann carted extra dirt and mushroom compost to fill the extra beds. Dolce's Tree Service donated bark mulch which is under the table. The compost bins are planted with honeydews, cantaloupe, and watermelon. (We ran out of space to plant viney things.) Janet started the tomato and pepper plants from seed, plus the *necic* gave us some plants.

On Friday mornings, we are meeting at 10:00 to weed, water, harvest or learn about new procedures (like our potato bucket plantings), and possibly make something sometime. Madeline Sauer has been a dedicated helper on Fridays. We could use more volunteers, so come join us if you can.

Throughout the week, Mary Ann and Janet water and mow. We are appreciative of God sending us rainfall at the right time.

Come and visit the garden. It changes from one week to another. Enjoy the surroundings. If you like, leave comments in our notebook found in the old realtor's box inside the garden.

Janet & Larry, Mary Ann

