

# The Window

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

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

My dear friends,

I bought gas at \$3.10 last week. I had the pride of a bargain hunter and wanted to crow from the roof top. The only reason I didn't brag about it to friends is that I knew someone would sneak up and say, "Well, I bought gas at \$2.99 yesterday." I just knew if I shared my secret joy with anyone, someone would burst my bubble, rain on my parade, steal my joy. Why do people do that? Do I do that? Are there times when I'm so competitive I can't let the other person glow and crow?

I resolved to start watching my one-up-manship. There's absolutely no reason why I can't leave it alone when others are rejoicing, and just celebrate with them, even if my news is better than theirs. Listening beats bragging any day. If I listen enough, I might even hear the voice of God.

Speaking of joy, we have several fun events coming soon. I encourage you to stay after worship on October 19 for the Ministry Fair. Many people are putting together creative contests and displays to showcase the ministries of our church. There will be good food, lots of fun and information. I guarantee you'll learn something you didn't know about your church and have a good time doing it.

The next night, October 20, is our Church Charge Conference. This is the annual business meeting of the church. This year's conference will take place at 8:00 pm. We will have light refreshments before the meeting. If you would like to see the church budget and the list of 2015 committees, if you would like to know the direction the broader church is headed, come. All church members are invited.

Sunday, October 26, we'll have our Trunk or Treat, rain or shine. The indoor version last year was so successful, we're going to be indoors again.

This month our prayer focus is First Responders. We'll be praying for all those who serve us, unseen for the most part, around the clock. We'll be praying for firefighters, police, sheriff's department, ambulance attendants, etc.

As I write this, gas prices are back up to \$3.39 per gallon. But I still have some \$3.10 gas in my car. And my heart still rejoices, and certainly not JUST because the gas prices dipped. May your heart rejoice, as well.

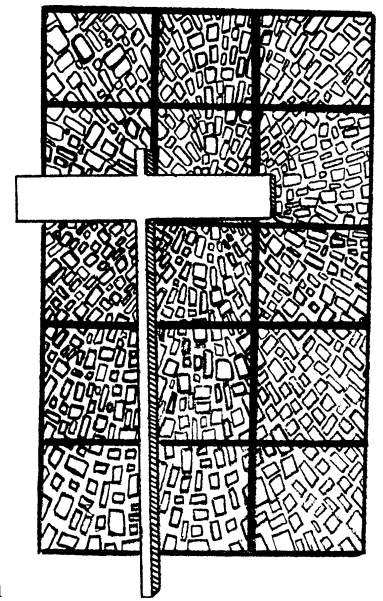


## **All Saints Sunday Is November 2**

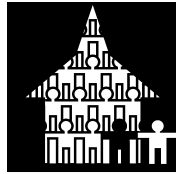
As we observe All Saints Day during worship on November 2, all OUMC members and friends are invited to bring framed photos of loved ones who have passed away since November 2013 to be displayed around the altar during worship that day. Photos can be left in the office throughout October. Be sure to identify them if they are not church members. You can take pictures home with you after the service, or pick them up later in the office.



Forms will be included in bulletins later this month to submit names of those to be remembered during the All Saints Day service. Or you can email or call the church office with that information. Please provide your loved one's name, dates of birth and death, and their relationship to you.



## Our OUMC Family



### Sympathy to~~~

Georgie Kaber and family in the death of her sister, Genevieve Dixon

Bob Henry and family in the death of his sister, Margaret Hause

Glenna Smith and family in the death of her nephew, Michael Winters

Donna Hounshell and family in the death of her husband, Dale Hounshell

Val, Steve, Emily and Steven Toth and family in the death of Val's father, Robert McGathey

Howard Beck, Barb Beck and Bev White and family in the death of their wife and mother, Margaret (Kleinsorgen) Beck.

### Congratulations to~~~

Kelly Kisling and Ryan Crawford who were married on September 6, 2014

Emily Miller and Benjamin Rayborn who were married on September 13, 2014

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

#### Birthdays:

1 Glenna Smith	16 Lois Crider
1 Joe Stuckert	16 Richard Fisher
4 Kathleen Santmyer	18 Taylor Mullins
7 Jan Bowling	19 Marge Ridenour
8 Emily Rayborn	19 Dennis Strohming
10 Melinda Shaum	20 Rick Turpin
12 Joni Davis	22 Tony Duncan
14 Pauline Theaker	24 Wilma Palmer
15 Norma Perry	27 Blake Wagner
15 Claudette Smith	31 Charlene Frietchen
15 Tom Bence	31 Becky Miller
	31 Amy Schmidt

#### Anniversaries:

- 14 Lois and Carl Crider
- 19 Marge and Ron Ridenour
- 23 Alice and Chester Hellinger
- 26 Dee and Bruce Engle

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

### Thank You~~~

Dear OUMC, Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and cards you sent my way for the passing of my 27 year old nephew. It truly is wonderful to feel the support of a loving church family in times of sorrow. Thank you very, very much. Love,

—Glenna Smith

Your lovely cards and attendance at our 60th celebration were very much appreciated. One of our many blessings is having so many wonderful people in our lives. Thank you!

—Lee and Reta Kirsh

Dear OUMC, Thank you so much for your generous support of clean water in Kenya! We are excited to see God work through your church to provide clean water and Living Water to many! God Bless,

—Greg Bixler

On September 19, OUMC became a fast food restaurant. Mick Motley, Rachel Miller and Janet Bixler greeted customers and sold spaghetti suppers to over 100 people who drove up Bemiller Drive. Buyers didn't need to get out of their cars because Mick handed their meals through the car windows. At times we were hustling to get all the food bagged, but we managed and appreciated all the business. Dave Case came and said, "What a great idea!"

In the meantime, the kitchen crew was serving the walk-ins, plus assembling the carry-outs. Pat Storms, Jackie Motley, Mary Ann Stotts, Karen Wagenhals, Sue Kisling and Lisa Larck were busy trying to keep up with the orders. Larry Bixler and Lisa came to eat, but instead we put them to work. We all enjoyed a meal after it was over. Many, many thanks to all who helped and to the cookie bakers. Also, thanks to Madeline Sauer, Pastor Peg, Pat Storms, Connie Smith, Reta Kirsh, Libby Clark, Jenny Motley and Janet Bixler for making meatballs and saucer earlier.

Two more meals are planned for October 3 and 31. If you missed the first one, hopefully you can join us for another great meal. We still have a long way to go to meet our monetary goal. At the time of submitting this, we have collected \$1,400. Only \$6,600 to go! We cleared about \$200 from this first meal and are hoping the others are even better.

Proceeds go to the Kenya pump that Design Outreach and World Vision are installing. Greg Bixler will travel to Africa October 12-26 to see how things are going. Please pray for his safety and health.

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**Trunk or Treat** will be held **rain or shine** in the church on Sunday, October 26, from 3:00 to 5:00. Children in the community are invited. And **YOU** are invited to come pass out treats. Bring some goodies, wear a costume, you can even set up a display to match your character—let your creativity shine! This was a fun time for children and adults alike last year, and you won't want to miss it!



### **Hope Cabins & Banquet Fall Open House**

Bonnie and Dave Fisher invite you to Hope Cabins & Banquet's Fall Open House on Sunday, October 5, 4:00-7:00. All the pancakes and sausage you can eat—catch your dinner as pancakes are flipped to you! There will be horse and carriage rides, crafts and pumpkin-design for kids, inflatable obstacle course and more, plus Shizzle Dizzle Magic performing tableside while you eat, face painting, balloon characters, and for those brave enough, you can even learn some basic line dances! It happens rain or shine, and, best of all, it's all FREE!

### **Christmas Choir**

I can't believe I'm writing this already but... Each year the choir and other church musicians perform a Christmas program. This year, our musical offering will take place on December 14. If you'd like to join the choir for this special event, rehearsals will begin Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. This is a great short-term (6 week) opportunity to sing with the choir!

Won't you consider joining us as we celebrate the announcement and coming to earth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Fisher at 419-462-0334 or [hopecabins@gmail.com](mailto:hopecabins@gmail.com).

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*We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. I t's easy to say, "I t's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.*

*—Fred Rogers, Presbyterian minister and  
"hero" of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*