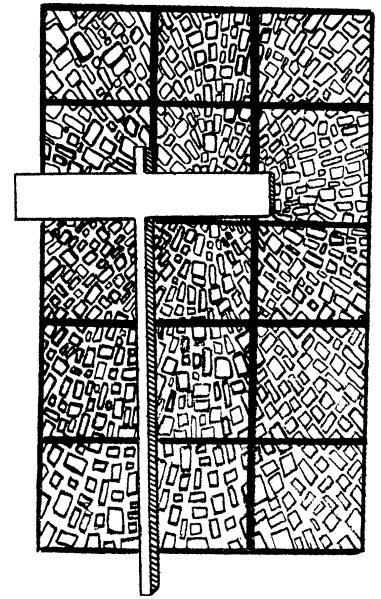


The Window

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

APRIL 2015



From Pastor Peg...

Easter People Raise Your Voices is one of my favorite hymns. It could be sung any time of the year, since the last verse describes us as people to whom every day is Easter. What would it mean to truly be people to whom EVERY day is Easter? Listen with me to the words of this song.

*Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven
in earth should ring.*

Even those who think they can't sing can respond to this call to raise your voice in praise. Being **Easter people** means being people who constantly find blessings everywhere and give thanks to God in all circumstances.

*Christ has brought us heaven's choices, heavenly
music; let it ring.*

Easter people know that we are people of free will, that doubts and fears cannot conquer those who have the choice to live in joy and peace with one another.

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our
pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.*

Easter people know that it is God who empowers us and with God's power nothing can defeat us. Neither life nor death nor powers and principalities can separate us from God's love. Neither economic downturn nor family strife can remove us from God's embrace.

*Every day to us is Easter, with its Resurrection
song. When in trouble move the faster to our God
who rights the wrong.*

Easter people know that prayer is not a last resort, but a first resource. Easter people run fast to God in adverse times.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! See
the power of heavenly
throns.*

Easter people know that none of us can do everything, each of us can do something, and together we can change the world, one life at a time. Easter people know the power of the church to right wrongs, to support one another, to sing God's praises and to storm the gates of hell to redeem one sinner.

Easter people are people of hope. Easter people are people of joy. Easter people are people of confidence. Easter people are people who worship. Easter people raise your voices, see the power of heavenly throngs.

You are Easter people. Now go and show the world the power of our Savior through the Ontario United Methodist Church.

Easter blessings,

Favorite Anthems for May

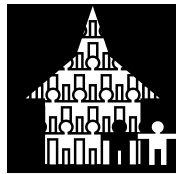
During the month of May, the adult choir will be singing their "top favorite anthems".



Music Director

As Bonnie Fisher winds down her service among us, she invites anyone who has sung in the choir in the past to participate. Bonnie says, "I'd be honored to have you join us for this month of great singing." Please attend rehearsals starting Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm, and sing as many Sundays as you are able.

Our OUMC Family



Our Sympathy to ~~

To Wilma Palmer, Connie Smith, Gary Palmer and family in the death of their nephew and cousin, Roger Rush, Jr.

To Elaine Krupp, Helen Kurbad, Lyn Fisher and family in the death of the husband of their granddaughter, niece and cousin.

To Libby and Vic Clark and family in the death of his father, Phil Clark.

Celebration Days~~~ Blessings on your special day!

Birthdays:

1 Frieda Beech	16 Gary Palmer
1 Kristy Dowman	18 Monroe Bolen
2 Prudy Love	21 Mary Beech
2 Jeff Davis	21 Heidi Miller
7 Randy Storms	21 Kelly Kisling
8 Wayne Bell	22 Julie Mueck
11 Lisa Larck	26 Helen Taylor
15 Nancy Roberts	29 Dee Engle
15 Pat Beech	29 Bob Stoffer
16 Evelyn Wagner	29 Garrick Bryan

Anniversaries:

- 2 Shirley and Richard Fisher
- 3 Virginia and Herb Krichbaum
- 5 Joan and Ralph Beer
- 27 Pam and John Boals

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

We're Doing Some House Cleaning

In an effort to tidy up around the church, we'll be getting rid of some unclaimed items that have been left around the church. If you've lost a coat, piece of jewelry, etc., please check our lost and found. We'll hang onto these items through the end of April; then they'll be donated to charity or discarded.

OUMC Scholarship Available to Seniors

Applications for The Ontario United Methodist College Scholarship can be picked up in the church office. This is open to all high school seniors who are active members of our church. Completed applications should be returned to the office by May 1, 2015.

Thank You~~~

Thank you to all of our church families for all of the beautiful cards, prayers and visits. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Pastor Peg for all of the visits during the holidays and for singing Christmas carols and hymns. Sorry I missed some of you when I had a doctor's appointment. I miss seeing all of you; thanks again! With appreciation and love,

—Phyllis Zahn

Thank you to our wonderful congregation for your loving support, prayers, food, cards and visits while I was laid up for seven weeks following ankle surgery. I feel incredibly blessed.

—Bonnie Fisher

We collected \$380 for the Heifer Project during the Christmas season. The children chose to give the gift of a Llama, a Pig, a Hope Basket (Chickens and Rabbits), and a Flock of Hope (Chicks, Ducks and Goslings). A big THANK YOU to the congregation for donating your coins for this project. Your gifts will help impoverished families worldwide to help alleviate hunger and poverty.

The Missions Committee thanks everyone who brought brownies for the Point of Grace meal on March 7. There were nine of us there to serve and clean up. We were able to serve 83 hungry people in our community. This is how we serve our neighbors for the Lord.

The staff, clients and Friends of Harmony House would like to thank Ontario UMC for allowing us to use Giffin Hall for our Soup Supper and Silent Auction. This couldn't happen without your support. Many of you made soups and cookies as well as serving and helping clean up. What a blessing you are for this special project. God bless you.

How do we become more Christlike in our actions? It just takes a little more...

*A little more kindness, a little less creed,
A little more giving, a little less greed,
A little more smile, a little less frown,
A little less kicking a man when he's down,
A little more "we" and a little less "I,"
A little more laugh, a little less cry,
A little more flowers on the pathway of life,
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.*

—Anonymous

Nothing But Nets

We are again offering you a chance to purchase a mosquito net in honor or in memory of your mother or a special woman in your life. Mosquito nets help save hundreds of lives each year as they provide protection from malaria in countries where this disease is widespread.

Envelopes will be available on Sundays, April 26 and May 4. Names of those providing nets and those being honored and remembered will appear in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 11. Each net costs \$10, but any amount you give is accepted.

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Before we know it, school will be out and it will be time to begin our Peanut Butter & Jelly Program for the summer. During April we will focus on collecting canned fruit, fruit or pudding cups, boxed pudding and jello.

All other items can also be brought in. Check the display in the west hallway for a full list of items that are being stored in our pantry in preparation for helping families in need feed their school children this summer. Cash donations are always accepted, and there will be opportunities to volunteer as summer approaches.

The Trustees have set a Kitchen Clean-Up Day for Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 am. You're invited to help with spring cleaning in the church kitchen that day.



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Easter is the proof that evil men never have the last word about the things of God. (C. Neil Strait)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mt. Vernon Nazarene University's liturgical dance team, LEAP (Living Expressing All Praise), will minister to us in worship on April 12, and also collaborate with our choir for a special piece. You won't want to it!			1 12:00pm Silvers Meal 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir	2  7:00 Maundy Thurs Svc	3  Good Friday	4
5 Hallelujah!  He is Risen!	6 7:00pm Missions and Church & Society Comm	7 11am All-Staff Mtg 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellowship Meal 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	8 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Boy Scout Leaders	9 11:00am Bulletin items due	10	11 8:00 am Kitchen Clean-Up
12 9:20am Godward 9:40am Choir 3:00pm Private Event, Giffin Hall	13	14 12:00pm Ret Clergy 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellowship Meal 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	15 12:00pm Silvers Meal 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir	16 11:00am Bulletin items due 7:00pm Scout Ldrs	17	18
19 9:20am Godward 9:40am Choir May Newsletter Items due	20	21 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellowship Meal 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	22 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pack 170 7:00pm Choir	23 11:00am Bulletin items due 7:00pm Book Club "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson	24	25 Recycling Trailer here thru Sunday
26 9:20am Choir	27	28 No Bible Study 5:30pm Fellowship Meal	29	30	Ontario UMC 419-529-4345 ontarioumc.org ontarioumc@neo.rr.com	

EVERY SUNDAY -- Grace & Eggs @ 8:30...Kingdom Kids @ 9:00...Adult Sunday School @ 9:15...Worship @ 10:15, followed by Fellowship Time

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Thursday, March 26

7:00 p.m.

***Come share in Communion as we observe
Christ's Last Supper with his disciples,
and experience the relief of being
cleansed of sin by His sacrifice for us***

***Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen indeed!***

***Join us on
Easter Sunday, April 5***

***Revel in the Reality
of Resurrection***

Easter Worship is at
10:15 and will include
great victory hymns,
an inspiring message,
and end with Handel's
"Hallelujah Chorus"

A special prelude with
keyboards, handbells,
and trumpet will begin
30 minutes prior
to the service.

