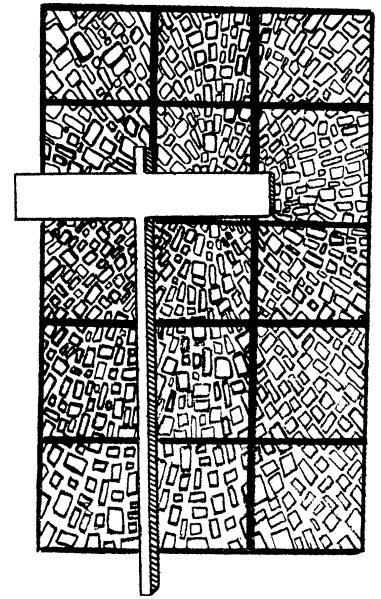


The Window

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

MAY 2015



From Pastor Peg...

Dear brothers and sisters,

May is such an exciting month!

We're springing into new life with Graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, SPRING! In the church, we celebrate all of those, plus recognize teachers and observe Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Speaking of Pentecost, please **wear red** on May 24. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit, come to inspire and equip the minds and hearts of the first Christians, and us as well. You can read the full story in the book of Acts, the second chapter.

We're springing into new life in Bible Study as we begin a study of the book of Romans. Romans is the perfect launching place for discussions about who is God and how God acts, as well as who God intends for us to be. We love to have folks join us who have never studied the Bible before. Your questions make us dig deeper into familiar material. The workbook is available on the display table in the lobby.

We're springing into new life through a new sermon series. It's always good to go back to basics, so we are studying the Ten Commandments together in worship. Those commandments summarize what God believes is the healthiest human morality and behavior, as well as what God wants from humanity in the form of devotion, faithfulness and worship.

We're also springing into new life as we accomplish spring clean-up. You may notice the new shine on the Giffin Hall floor and the daffodils in bloom.

Remember the bitter winter? In the midst of warm breezes and blossoming flowers it may be hard to recall. The psalmist was right. Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. [Psalm 30: 5] Now is the morning time of this new year; let's see what God will do in our midst.

OUMC Has an App!

Our church now has its own App. It's easy! Here are the simple steps to follow:

1. Go to the App Store (This is NOT at the mall, but on the front page of your computer, iPhone, iPad or tablet.)
2. Hit "search" in the upper right corner
3. Type in "Ontario UMC"
4. Hit "Install" You may need to enter your password.
5. You'll see the App appear, and you're finished!

Things you will find:

1. Location
2. Church and Sunday School schedule
3. Breaking News
4. Contact Us
5. Blog from Pastor Peg
6. Jesus—want to know more
7. Making Music

The App is updated weekly. Have fun learning about our church!

Third Sunday Breakfasts Going "Continental"

On the third Sunday of the month, the day we have a Fellowship Lunch after worship, Grace & Eggs will be serving a continental breakfast. This will help ease kitchen congestion for both the breakfast and lunch teams. An added plus is that breakfast goers can save room for lunch, too - and save our waistlines a little!

The third Sunday breakfast menu will include toast, English muffins, bagels, cold and instant hot cereals, coffee cakes, juice, milk, coffee and tea.

Thanks for supporting both Grace & Eggs and the Fellowship Meals. The church that eats together.... well, has more fun and fellowship!

Our OUMC Family



Our Sympathy to ~~

To the family and friends of Marilyn Jones

To the family and friends of Dorothy Noblet,
including sister-in-law Wilma Palmer, niece Connie
Smith, and nephew Gary Palmer.

Congratulations, Graduates ~~

Our very best wishes to these OUMC seniors who
will graduate from Ontario High School on May 29:

Emily Toth, daughter of Val and Steve Toth

Steven Toth, son of Val and Steve Toth

Kyle Wills, son of Sue and Tom Wills

These OUMC members also celebrate the following
graduations:

Derek Smith (OSU) and Cory Gwin (Shelby HS) -
grandsons of Shirley Wright

Brady Smith (Colorado School of Mines, Petro-
leum Eng.) - grandson of Claudette and Bruce Smith

We will publish graduation news as it is received

New Baby Congratulations ~~

To Ashley and Andy Orewiler on the birth of
Ellie May Orewiler on April 21. Lori and Steve
Santmyer are proud grandparents, and Kathleen and
Leroy Santmyer are great-grandparents.

Celebration Days~~~ Blessings on your special day!

Birthdays:

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Myra Myers | 17 Wilma Elliott |
| 2 Jackie Duncan | 17 William Miller |
| 2 Jessica Semon | 17 Danielle Seveigny |
| 3 Sharon Urshcel | 19 Dave Fisher |
| 6 Emily Toth | 21 Becky Beeman |
| 6 Steven Toth | 23 Dick Kaber |
| 8 Cindy Ronk | 26 Herb Krichbaum |
| 9 Debby Grove | 27 Nancy Shaw |
| 12 Phil Giffin | 27 Ash Welch |
| | 28 Bob Wolfe |

Anniversaries:

- 4 Joni and Jeff Davis
- 10 Miriam and Buzz Rupe
- 13 Marcy and Rob Roth
- 14 Claudette and Bruce Smith
- 19 Val and Steve Toth
- 30 Jill and Dick Kaber

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

Thank You~~~

Our sincere thanks to our Ontario UMC family
for the love, friendship and support you have shown
us during the past 11 months. Thank you for the
cards, phone calls, flowers, meals, and especially the
hugs. You have made the load of a very difficult
time a little lighter. You are a wonderful, caring
group of friends. With sincere appreciation,

—Don Yeager and
Ron and Suzie Smith

Thank you to our church for the prayers, calls
and cards regarding our beloved father and father-
in-law. He enjoyed living in Mansfield and enjoyed
attending church and Bible study. We are so thank-
ful and blessed that God lead us to such a loving and
caring place of worship. —Vic and Libby Clark

Thank you for the cards and prayers while I have
been in the hospital and recovering. The beautiful
cards have blessed me. You are all so precious and
so important to me. I cherish the cards and prayers
so much. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

—Ramona Schwertfager

To all our church family and friends, Thank you
so much for all the cards, calls and visits after my
surgery. Recovery is going fine and we hope to see
all in church soon.

—Bob Eyerly

Cards, words of concern and caring, prayers—
many prayers. I know all of these have helped me
breeze through all the recent health issues. Thank
you so much for all the support.

—Cindy Ronk

A belated “Thank You” to my church family for
all the cards, calls, concerns and prayers as I recover
from my eye problems. Thanks to Pastor Peg for her
hospital visit, to Joe and Larry for taking on my
church duties, my daughter, Pat, for keeping my
keys and driving me where I needed to go. It is going
to take time until my eyesight is back to normal, but
it seems to improve every day. It sure has me thank-
ful for sight. Thank you all! I hope to really “see”
you all soon.

—Shirley Wright

Applications are being accepted for the
positions of Music Director (full time) and Organist
(fall thru spring). See Tim Strunk, chairperson of the
Staff Parish Relations Committee, for details.



Bonnie Fisher Retiring

May 24th will be Bonnie Fisher's last Sunday as Director of Music at OUMC. Over five years ago she and Dave purchased what is now Hope Cabins and Banquet, bringing them back to their home roots. We were blessed when their "church shopping" brought them to us. Bonnie has been the organist, sharing that position with Dottie Blaney, and was also our choir accompanist until two and one-half years ago when she became the Music Director. Bonnie has also introduced a hand bell choir, starting pretty much "from scratch." Favorites for the choir and congregation as well were the Christmas and Easter presentations she produced. A Living Last Supper and Seder Meal was also a highlight.

Bonnie began choir directing at age 14 at the Iberia United Presbyterian Church, and following graduation from Ashland College, she continued at Hilliard Resurrection Lutheran Church for 19 years. A highlight there was the Fishermen, a men's chorus she organized. Bonnie then served Northwest UMC in Upper Arlington with equal success. She was there for eleven years before heading to Ontario. Bonnie has been involved with choir directing or music ministry for 45 years!

Our church will miss Bonnie's weekly preludes and offertories, as well as her talent, enthusiasm and her love for this congregation. Bonnie and Dave are not sure what will be "next" in their lives, but are sure the journey will continue to be good.

On Bonnie's last Sunday some special music selections will be part of the worship service. And following the service you're invited to a meal in Giffin Hall in her honor. Please join the Staff Parish Relations Committee in thanking her for her service and wishing her the best in retirement.

Keeping in Touch with Our Homebound

If you would like to brighten the day of our homebound members by sending a card or stopping by to say hello, pick up a copy of our Homebound List from the church during office hours.

New Appointment Announced

Congratulations to Karen Wagenhals on her appointment to serve Steam Corners and Johnsville UMCs through the East Ohio Conference. Though we will miss her on Sunday mornings, we will continue to share our joint special services.

Pastor Karen will also be appointed to serve us here at Ontario UMC as Visitation Pastor. Although she is already serving in this capacity here, these appointments will take effect July 1, 2015.

Save Lives with Mosquito Nets

On May 4th you have the opportunity to buy a mosquito net for \$10. You will be helping stop the spread of malaria while remembering or honoring your mother or other woman you admire. The list of those names will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin.

Peanut Butter & Jelly

PB & J collections for May will focus on cereal, crackers and snacks. Our shelves are getting full and we thank you for your generosity. We will need to keep supplying the pantry all summer long so your continued support is appreciated.

Help Fill a Flood Bucket

Flood Buckets are given to victims of floods and other natural disasters to help with the huge process of clean-up. We will fill flood buckets to add to others being collected at Annual Conference, so items should be brought to the church by June 14.

Each flood bucket includes the following:

- 50 oz. laundry detergent
- 16-28 oz. liquid dish soap
- 1 can air freshener
- 1 insect repellent spray
- 18 Handi Wipes or reusable wipes
- 7 sponges
- 5 scouring pads
- 50 clothes pins
- 2 50 ft. clothes lines,
- 24 heavy duty trash bags
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
- 1 pair of work gloves.



Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.

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"If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you." (Author unknown)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 9:20am Godward 9:40am Choir | 4 7:00pm Univ of WVa Concert Choir performs here | 5 11 am All-Staff Mtg 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellow Sup 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study | 6 12:00pm Silvers Meal 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir | 7 11:00am Bulletin items due | 1 | 2 |
| 10 9:20am Godward 9:40am Choir  Happy Mother's Day! | 11 5:00pm Private Event, Giffin Hall 7:00pm Trustees | 12 12:00pm Ret Clergy 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellow Sup 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study | 13 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir | 14 11:00am Bulletin items due ASCENSION OF THE LORD | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:20am Godward 9:40am Choir Fellowship Meal after worship June Newsletter Items due | 18 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Ad Council | 19 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellow Sup 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study | 20 12:00pm Silvers Meal 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir | 21 11:00am Bulletin items due 7:00pm Scout Ldrs | 22 | 23 Recycling Trailer here thru Sunday |
| 24 PENTECOST 9:40am Choir | 25  Memorial Day | 26 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Fellow Sup 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study | 27 | 28 11:00am Bulletin items due 7:00pm Book Club "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot | 29 Ontario HS Graduation  | 30 |
| 31 TRINITY SUNDAY 1:00pm Private Event, Giffin Hall | | | | | | |