

# The Window

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

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JULY 2015

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

When our children were young, we had some traditions we followed every year during annual conference at Lakeside. We always had to have ice cream at the Patio shop on Sunday evening. At some point during the week we had to eat Lake Erie perch. And we always took an outing to Marblehead Lighthouse. Ash and I would sit on the huge boulders and relax while the boys climbed the rocks, then we would skip stones.

This year, I was remembering a particular excursion to the lighthouse a couple of years ago with a friend. As we approached the lighthouse, there was a sweet aroma in the air. We discovered that it was coming from a kind of flowering tree neither of us could identify. It smelled a bit like honeysuckle, but stronger, filling the breeze. The park ranger told us the name of the tree: basswood.

On the far side of the lighthouse there were many of these trees and they formed the shady section under which we had picnicked often when the boys were small. But we had never smelled their sweet scent, because they had never been in blossom before. Sue and I took a break in our wanderings, sitting under the shade of those trees. I was people watching, so it took a while to notice that I could no longer smell the basswood blossoms hanging just over my head. The smell that had been so strong as we approached disappeared as I became accustomed to it.

So it is with many blessings. We lose scent of them as we become accustomed to them. It's important to give thanks for everyday, ordinary blessings: employment, housing, food, health, vitality. It's important to give thanks also for the intangibles: memory, intelligence, ambition, courage, self-control, love, joy, patience, and so much more.

I like to practice an "Attitude of Gratitude." It is akin to practicing the presence of God. Being grateful to God for all my blessings makes me more appreciative, less demanding, more cheerful, less grouchy, and more observant.

I thank God for those basswood trees, and for their message that God is present in the everyday blessings, even when we don't notice them.

*"give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (I Thess 5:18)*

[By the way, now that our adult children (and grandchildren) are at conference with us, the traditions have changed. But we still have to have ice cream at the Patio.]



## **Staff Parish Seeking Monthly Prayer Disciples**

Do you wonder how you could support our pastor and congregation beyond your present commitment? Many of our congregation give of their time and money and prayers to support OUMC.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is in the midst of a yearlong emphasis on prayer from our active members, homebound and friends for Pastor Peg and our whole congregation. Monthly Prayer Disciples is a program of twelve people making an intentional prayer for our church, its pastor, ministries and members at some point during each day for a month. Staff Parish has compiled a list of seven prayer suggestions that can be used, one for each day of the week.

Volunteers will be recruited the last Sunday each month to serve for the coming month. If you're willing to serve you can contact a member of the SPR Committee (Tim Strunk, chair), or the church office.

## **Kids Conquer Challenges at Vacation Bible School**

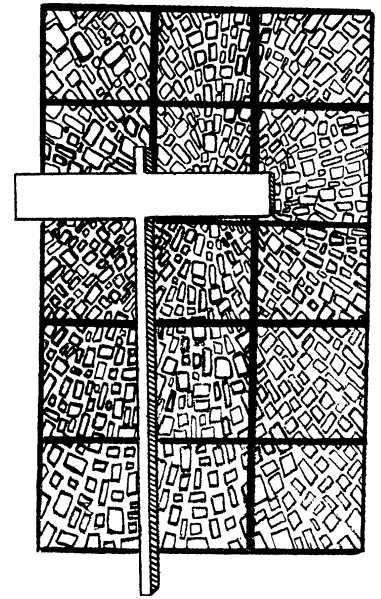
July 12 thru July 16  
6:00 to 8:30 pm

### **Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**

*Come learn about Jesus' love through music, games, food and science*

*Supper for VBS children and their families will be provided at 5:30 each evening.*

*Registration forms are available in the centrum*



## Our OUMC Family



### Our Sympathy to ~~

To Janee McMillan, Christy McMillan, Tom and Norma Kleilein and family in the death of their grandson and nephew, Austin Wehmeller.

### Celebrating Birthdays~~~

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

### Celebrating 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
19 Diana and Gary Garver
23 Beth and Chuck Sherer

*Congratulations on your special day!!*

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

### Thank You~~~

Thanks to everyone who helped serve dinner at Point of Grace in June, and donated brownies. It went well and we were able to serve a lot of people.

Dear Church Family, It seems the Missions Committee is always asking you to donate, buy, or bring items to the church for a variety of projects. We're not expecting everyone will do everything. All we ask is that you prayerfully consider what you and the Lord can do. We so appreciate the support and help provided. You all are a blessing to us and the people you help us serve. With Christian Love, —The Missions Committee

### Greeters and Table Hosts Are Welcoming

Are you looking for a way to serve the church that doesn't involve attending meetings or making a long-term commitment? There is a simple solution that almost anyone can do —volunteer as a greeter or to host the Fellowship Table some Sunday. Both of these are easy, no-fuss ways to serve the church.

Greeters can serve as a couple, or find a friend to greet with you. If you have difficulty standing for an extended time, a chair can be made available. You only need to be at the door 15 minutes prior to the start of the service with a warm smile and a friendly handshake. No preparation is necessary!

The Fellowship Time after worship is enjoyed by many who gather to chat, catch up with friends or meet visitors while having a cup of coffee or glass of punch and cookies. Some of our talented bakers provide homemade goodies, but store-bought treats are appreciated just as much. It's not about the food as much as the fellowship. The table is set-up, paper products are provided, and the coffee is ready to be plugged in. Just provide 10 dozen cookies (or 5 doz. if sharing hosting duties) and a gallon or two of punch.

Both of these opportunities to serve are part of what makes Ontario UMC a welcoming, friendly church both for us and for visitors. Please consider signing-up at the bulletin board.

### OUMC Higher Education Scholarship

For the past 9 years, Ontario UMC has provided scholarship help to our high school seniors who are pursuing higher education after graduation. It differs from the John Wesley Scholarship that we provide to an Ontario graduate in that it is only available to active members of Ontario UMC.

Scholarship monies come from a fund established by the late Alice Walker, whose vision was to help our seniors who were furthering their education. Her hope was that this fund would be added to by others through donations and memorials so that scholarship help would be available to our graduates for many years to come.

To be part of this effort to help our young people further their education, make your check payable to Ontario UMC, and note "OUMC Higher Education Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!</b> Due to changing service providers, our email address is now ontariomethodist@gmail.com Please note the neo.rr.com address will be phased out.			1	2 11:00am Bulletin items due Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry 11am-1pm & 5-7pm	3  Office Closed	4 
5	6	7 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	8	9 11:00am Bulletin items due  PB & J Ministry 11am-1pm & 5-7pm	10 6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal  Office Closed	11 2:30pm Wedding
12 12:30pm Private event in G. Hall	13 7:00pm Trustees	14	15	16 11:00am Bulletin items due PB & J Ministry 11am-1pm & 5-7pm	17  Office Closed	18
<b>OUMC'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 6:00 to 8:30 pm. SUPPER @ 5:30</b>						
19  <b>August Newsletter items due</b>	20 9:00 am Church & Society Comm in church kitchen to prepare 7/21 All God's Children meal	21 9:00am C & S Comm in kitchen 3:30pm Bible Study 4:00pm AGC meal 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	22	23 11:00am Bulletin items due PB & J Ministry 11am-1pm & 5-7pm	24  Office Closed	25  <b>Recycling Trailer here thru Sunday</b>
26	27	28 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	29	30 11:00am Bulletin items due PB & J Ministry 11am-1pm & 5-7pm	31  Office Closed	
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> ~~~ Grace & Eggs @ 8:30...Kingdom Kids @ 9:00...Adult Sunday School @ 9:15...Worship @ 10:15, followed by Fellowship Time						

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### EVERYDAY HEROES

Our July preaching theme is “Everyday Heroes” For a moment in the lives of most children, their parents are superheroes. Even though parents know they are just everyday people, their children see something much more within them. That perspective is the perfect entrance into the biblical narrative. The Bible is full of everyday people whom God used in powerful ways to do heroic things. If we can see these Bible heroes for who they really are, maybe we can hear God’s call on our lives to step out and be the everyday heroes in our world.

July 5—Samuel (Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-11)  
“*IT’S DANGEROUS TO FALL ASLEEP IN CHURCH*”

July 12—Zaccheus (Text: Luke 19:1-10)  
“*SMALL, BUT MIGHTY*”

July 19—Priscilla and Aquila (Text: Acts 18)  
“*TWO BY TWO*”

### ***Calvin Taylor Revisits OUMC***

Pianist and recording artist, Dr. Calvin Taylor, was with us last year and has been invited for an encore performance. He will present the musical worship service “*Holy Scripture - Alive with Sounds of Music*” on Sunday morning, July 27.

Dr. Taylor has toured throughout the world. He holds degrees from Oberlin Conservatory, the U. of Michigan, and the U. of Kentucky, and has authored several music books for piano. Movements from his Sunrise Symphony have been performed by orchestras throughout the United States.

Awarded a full scholarship to Oberlin, his ability to improvise led him to become the first student in the school’s over 175 year history to improvise a graduate concert encore.

Please invite your friends and family to worship on July 27 to hear this outstanding, inspirational program. A freewill offering will be received.

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