

The Window

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

From Pastor Peg...

Dear Church,

This month I'm doing a sermon series on the arts in worship. We'll have a potter preaching with clay, dancers celebrating the creator, and find art and artists throughout the Bible.

Christian art isn't a new idea. There was a time in church history when the arts were considered extremely important and the church helped support artists. A quick glance through any art history book confirms the abundance of Christian-themed artwork that has stood the test of time. Great creative minds like Michelangelo and Rembrandt have become household names. Their work stands as a testimony of the importance art played in history and the ways God was glorified.

At a time when Bibles were scarce and many people illiterate, art became a way to communicate Biblical truth to people who wouldn't otherwise know the stories and concepts of the Bible. That art has survived decades and is recognized today as brilliant and unsurpassed in the art world, despite its Christian overtones. In art classes all over the United States, students study master paintings and sculpture that bring both the Old and New Testaments alive. The study of that art bridges the gap between Christianity and a largely un-churched modern culture. It breaks down the barrier between the separation of church and state. It gives voice to Christian principles many have never heard before.

In its most simple form, worship is an act of reverence. According to Webster's dictionary, reverence is "A feeling or attitude of deep respect tinged with awe and the outward manifestation of this feeling." Worshiping God, then, is an outward display of awe and respect directed to the Lord. That includes worshiping God through artistic expression.

Psalm 113:3 says, "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

When we cultivate an attitude of worship as a way of life, we see the love of God begin to radiate throughout the day. Not only does worship bring personal change, it can change the world. Thanks be to God.



Confirmation Class Begins September 20

All Jr. and Sr. High Youth are invited to be part of the Confirmation Class beginning at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 20. If you have a student in this age group that is planning to participate, please contact Pastor Peg.

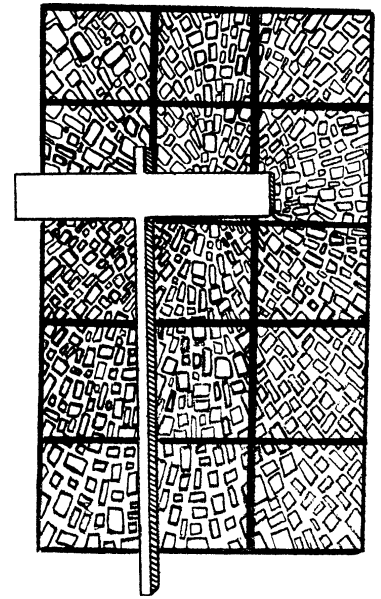
New Bible Study Begins in September

Beginning Tuesday, September 22 at both 3:30 and 6:45, we'll be studying *The Wesleyan Way* by Bishop Scott Jones.

Pastor Peg is excited to lead this well-written study aimed at expanding our faith as we study the biblical foundations that put the "method" in Methodism. Please let her know if you plan to participate so that we can order the right number of books.

Point of Grace Dinner

We will again serve the dinner at Point of Grace on Saturday, September 5, and we need workers from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, plus people to make brownies. They have a picnic supper planned, so our brownies and ice cream will fit right in. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the centrum for you to indicate where you can help.



Our OUMC Family



Our Sympathy to~~~

The family and friends of Ralph Ridenour, including his sister, Thelma and Carl Duffner.

The family and friends of Margaret "Peg" Williams.

Megan Reiners and family in the death of her Aunt Idonna.

Katy and Jay Welch and family in the death of her grandmother.

Pat and Dawn, Phillip and Tyler LaSusa and family in the death of their father and grandfather, Pasquale LaSusa.

Brigitte and George Diez and family in the death of her mother, Maria Brauchler.

Congratulations to~~~

Lee and Reta Kirsh in the birth of their first great-grandchild, Cora Mae Caporini, born to Dr. Mark and Lisa Caporini on July 31 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Nick and Kelley Caporini are the proud grandparents.

Celebrating Birthdays~~~

2 John Boals	17 Leatha Franta
3 Mildred Blaney	17 Phillip LaSusa
6 Shirley Wright	24 Jan Zody
7 Sylvia Mueck	25 Pat Bell
8 Elaine Craven	29 Terri Rupe
9 Ashley Orewiler	29 Heidi Miller
13 Rilyn Duncan	30 Bruce Boyce
14 Dale Perry	

Celebrating Anniversaries~~~

- 5 Reta and Lee Kirsh
- 25 Dottie and Tom Blaney

Congratulations on your special day!!

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

College Bound?

College students, please be sure the church office has your current mailing address so we can keep in touch with you throughout the school year.

Thank You~~~

~~A sincere thank you for the many cards, thoughts and prayers extended to our family in the recent loss of our beloved father and grandfather Pasquale LaSusa.

—Pat, Dawn, Phillip and Tyler LaSusa

~~The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who brought in food all summer to supply the Peanut Butter and Jelly pantry, and the many donations of school supplies. The supplies were given out at the meal held on August 13 with the PB & J students and their families to celebrate the close of the program. We had many heartfelt thank yous from families who participated. The generosity of this church and the Church of God has touched the lives of many people this summer through the 6,855 meals that were provided through PB & J.

In addition to the food items provided through the pantry, each family was given a weekly \$6.00 Kroger food card good for the purchase of bread and milk or other food items. Some weeks we were able to offer hot dogs and farm fresh eggs. This pantry helped keep our children well-fed this summer. Again, thank you!

~~I would like to thank all who helped me with my very first time overseeing a meal with the PB & J family meal. It was a great success with all the volunteers - who did a fantastic job - and the good food. Karen Wagenhals' taco casserole was a big hit with all.

Thanks to Nan Shaw, Mary Ann Stotts, Mick and Jackie Motley, Diane Garver, Jill Kaber, Pat and Wayne Bell, Karen Wagenhals, Marti Wellendorf, Libby Clark and Sue Kisling. (Sorry if I missed anyone.)

It was a blessing to meet and serve the OUMC Peanut Butter & Jelly families at this meal and through the summer. They were very appreciative of the meal, school supplies, books and their weekly lunch food supplements.

Thanks again. I couldn't have done it without all of you. In Christian Friendship,

—Madeline Sauer

~~A special thank you to Pat Bell, Darlene Taylor, Kathy Strunk, Jenny Motley, Karin Starbuck, Toni Smith and Marti Wellendorf who helped make red, white and blue pillowcases for our PB & J kids. I appreciate your help.

—Jackie Motley

As school resumes, noted author Robert Fulgham's poem reminds of some of life's most important lessons...

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
Live a balanced life—learn some and think some
and draw and paint and sing and dance
and play and work everyday some.
Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out
for traffic, hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.




Celebrate and Support Harmony House

On September 24th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, an Open House will be held at 124 West Third Street and all of the other buildings that are part of the Harmony House operation to celebrate their 25 years in service to the homeless of Richland County. You are invited and encouraged to come and see what has happened in these 25 years.

In observance of this 25th year celebration, the Missions Committee is offering an opportunity to give 25 (cents) to help raise much-needed funds to support the ongoing services of Harmony House. There will be a tube bank available each Sunday in September to deposit your quarters for this program.

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"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream..." (C. S. Lewis)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00am All-Staff Meeting 5:00pm Video Stdy 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir	2 12:00pm 1st Silvers Meal of Season 5:00pm Pack 170 7:00pm Choir	3 11:00am Bulletin items due 5:00pm Football Team Supper	4	5 4:00pm Point of Grace Dinner
6	7  Office Closed	8 5:00pm Video Stdy 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir	9 7:00pm Choir	10 11:00am Bulletin items due 7:00pm Scout Ldrs 5:00pm Football Team Supper	11  PATRIOT DAY	12
13 Grandparents Day Sunday School Picnic after Worship 2:00pm Private Evt, Giffin Hall	14 7:00pm Trustees	15 5:00pm Video Stdy 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir	16 12:00pm Silvers Meal 7:00pm Choir	17 11:00am Bulletin items due 5:00pm OUMC Team Supper	18	19 Private event, Giffin Hall
20 9:00am Confirmation Class begins 11:30am Sunday School Picnic October Newsletter items due	21 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Ad Council	22 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study 7:00pm SPRC	23 7:00pm Choir  First Day of Autumn	24 11:00am Bulletin items due 5:00pm Football Team Supper 7:00pm OUMC Book Club*	25 4:00pm Harmony House 25th Anniversary Open House	26 Recycling Trailer here thru Sunday
27 9:00am Confirmation Class 1:00pm Private Event, Giffin Hall	28	29 9:30am Conf Seminar in Giffin Hall 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Prayer Cir 6:45pm Bible Study	30 7:00pm Choir	* September Book Club Selection is "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly		

EVERY SUNDAY ~ Grace & Eggs @ 8:30 am.....Kingdom Kids & Adult Classes @ 9:15am.....Worship @ 10:15 am, followed by Fellowship

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COME TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Everyone Invited!

on

Sunday, September 20th

Sunday School.....9:15

Worship.....10:15

Picnic.....11:30 to 1:30



Lunch (provided), crafts, fun and games

Obstacle course and Mega Bounce House Inflatables