

At the all church meeting on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, it was decided by an 89% vote that the leadership of Ono UMC would seek to separate from the United Methodist Church. As with all things we do, we made sure the meeting remained focused on Jesus by beginning with communion and singing praises to our Lord while the votes were being tabulated. While we might not be in full agreement, we trust that God's presence unites us all. Pastor Robb and Eric Wentling, your lay leader, remain committed to all persons connected to Ono. It is our role to love and serve everyone and we will truly commit to that task. Now what? Well, there are no clear answers. There are lawsuits, meetings with the Bishop, a resolution to be presented at the next annual conference, etc. While this process might take a couple years, we want to stay focused on mission and ministry. We will keep the congregation informed if there are any developments, but in the meantime we ask that you keep the congregation and your leaders in prayer. Pray for wisdom, peace and justice. Pray that our congregation would remain committed to loving all people and to the missions and ministries that God is calling us to do for Him. Pray for one another that we would maintain the fellowship that has carried us over the years. Finally, remain focused on God's presence to lead and guide us all into the future. Thank you for all of your love and support as we move forward with the love of Jesus Christ!