

Mount Olivet United Church of Christ



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I asked my neighbor when her birthday was, and she said March 1st. Been marching for half an hour now, and she still hasn't told me.

Speaking of March, listed below is both our **Lenten Bible Study** outline and Sunday sermon scriptures for the month (*with no marching required*).

Our Lenten Bible Study focuses on Psalms, the hymnbook of the Bible, dividing the book into five sections (we covered the first section in February).



Wed. March 3rd - we'll examine and discuss the second section - Psalms 42-72

Wed. March 10th - the third section – Psalms 73-89

Wed. March 17th - the fourth section – Psalms 90-106

Wed. March 24 - the fifth section – Psalms 107-150

Our Sunday sermon scriptures for the month are from your favorite scriptures I've collected so far. Several of you have chosen the same passage. We explored the *23rd Psalm* and *Joshua 1:9* in February, the first two weeks of Lent.

**The third week of Lent - Sunday March 7th
Jeremiah 29:11 - I have plans to prosper you,
says the Lord (celebrating communion).**

**The fourth week of Lent - Sunday March 14th
Isaiah 41:10 – Do not fear I will strengthen you, says the Lord.**

**The fifth week of Lent - Sunday March 21st
1 Corinthians 13 - The great Love passage.**

**The sixth week of Lent - Sunday March 28th Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-44 (one of the traditional scriptures depicting
Jesus triumphal *march* into Jerusalem).**

Remember that you can join us in person on Wednesdays and Sundays with Covid guidelines in place or watch online anytime.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael



March Assignments

Altar Flowers

March 7 – available
March 14 – available
March 21 – available
March 28 – Corinne Price

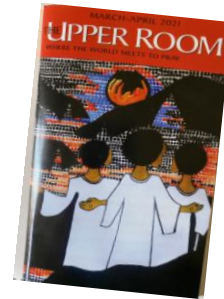
- Signup sheets are available at the bulletin board.

Liturgists

March 7 – Niki Dispenza
March 14 – Salli Dispenza
March 21 – Barb Feaster
March 28 – Peggy Hanlon

- See Kay Williams to be a Liturgist in April.

**The March/April Upper Rooms
are available in the hallway.**



March Birthdays

We do not publish our member's birthdays in the online version of the newsletter. If you are a member, contact the office for a full-version copy.



CONSISTORY NEWS by Barb Feaster

So, in the confusion of transition, I am writing my last Notes from Consistory this month. Consistory did meet on Feb. 17th. The first order of business was to elect new officers which are as follows: *Tammie Jones* - President, *Tina Turnbull* - V. President, *Corinne Price* - Secretary, *Linda Eisenbraun* - Treasurer, *Frank Einsiedel* - Ass't Treasurer. I am very confident that Mt. Olivet is in great hands and I am very thankful that these very capable people have all said, "Yes!".

Life continues at Mt. Olivet, slowly picking up the pace, moving toward our perception of normal. The Fellowship Hall project is almost complete. The new curtains are being hung and the floors will be professionally cleaned before Easter. Contacts are being made about new lighting that will add to and complete that project. New LED lights will also be very cost effective and literally pay for themselves in a short period of time.

We are back to having church and Sunday School in-person, still following all of the safety protocols, while continuing to provide online church in various ways for those who are not comfortable attending. Many people have had at least one dose of the vaccine, and some are even on round two. We certainly hope to have more of our church family together as soon as possible. We are certainly planning for and looking forward to Easter this year. Our *Lenten Bible Study* is on the Book of Psalms. This is also being posted online. I know I really, really miss the wonderful dinners beforehand. I always say, one thing that Mt. O excels at is **FOOD!** Patience is a virtue they say, better safe than sorry! Plans are being made for a Good Friday service, as well as an early Easter service and possibly *breakfast??* Will keep you posted on that. **Easter flower orders are due on Sunday, Feb. 28th**. Please consider ordering, even if you have to call the office last minute. We would love to be able to decorate the Sanctuary and celebrate Easter in a beautiful way this year as we, hopefully, are coming back together.

Many folks in our church family have lost loved ones for various reasons during this past year. It has been a very difficult time for these families who have not been able to celebrate their loved ones in a 'normal' way. Please continue to keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks to Tina Turnbull who has gotten a *Grief Support* group together to help folks through these difficult times. There is a link on the Mt. O website for more information on meeting times. Stacey, our office manager, has been working on updating the website and she has done a fantastic job. If you have not looked at it in a while, you will be amazed. It is a work in process for sure, but it looks great! Thanks, Stacey!

As always there are so many to thank who have gone above and beyond to keep Mt. Olivet available to all, both in person and online. Pastor Michael and Synthea, The Contemporary Team (Phill, Salli, Mike), Vaughn Colkitt, Spencer Reed, Natalie Biller and Kay Williams have made our services as normal as possible at this time. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and commitment. Please continue your love and generous support of Mt. Olivet as it takes all of our collective time, talents, and financial gifts to do God's work here at Mt. Olivet. Stay safe, get your vaccines and I hope to see you all very soon.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Sunday, MARCH 14, 2021



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

Mt. Olivet will be giving a short presentation of this program during services on this day. Money collected for the program will be sent to the UCC headquarters. If you choose to donate to this cause, please make a note what amount is to go to OGHS if you are including it on the same check as your regular offering, or if you are using cash. Make checks payable to Mt. Olivet. Thank you for your support, as it is important for us to support the missions of the UCC.





A Word From Our Treasurer...

by Linda Eisenbraun

Current Income and Expense

December - Ending Balance	\$3,994.38
Void old duplicate transactions 2018-2019	\$(1,629.95)
January Income	\$6,182.00
January Expense	\$(16,572.61)
January - Ending Balance	\$8,026.18

Note: The January 31st offering did not record until February 1st in the amount of \$4,770.00 which is not included in the above figures.

I have filed the forgiveness application for the Payroll Protection Loan that we received last May. Those funds will be moved from the loan payable to the current expense in February. I have also filed and been approved for the second round of Payroll Protection Loans that have been offered. They will be treated in the same manner as the first.

Our first quarter Special Offering is for the *Youngstown Community Food Center*. Located near downtown Youngstown feeding families each Tuesday morning 52 weeks a year. They have been in existence since 1986 supplying food and non-food items to the less fortunate. They are currently providing for over 7,590 families a month. This inter-agency food bank works in the Mahoning and Trumbull and surrounding counties to reduce hunger acting as a non-profit clearing house which helps prevent the waste of edible foods.

We have received a thank you from the third quarter Special Offering recipient, *Christina House*. Thank you to all for your continued support of Mt. Olivet's mission to serve God, serve others.

St. Patrick's Day Facts

As long as you celebrate safely, St. Patrick's Day can be fun for all.
Here are a few facts about the Irish holiday:

- St. Patrick's Day celebrates the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but the United States on March 17, 1737, in Boston.
- More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States. New York City and Boston host the largest.
- There are roughly 35 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry, more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland**.
- You may hear some phrases in Gaelic/Irish on St. Patrick's Day. The most common: Erin go braugh = Ireland forever; slainte = good health/cheers.



Mt. Olivet Women's Guild News

By Phyllis Manning & Millie Stratton

Many have been asking, "*Rummage Sale or no Rummage Sale?*"

Our officers have made the decision to wait for the fall sale in

November. Reason being, most of us

will have had the vaccine by then and feel that it would be safer, especially since so many of us are older. We fear it would be difficult to get enough volunteers right now and we didn't want to place anyone in the position of risking their health, either. We hope that you can hold on to the things you would be donating till then! The fall sale will most likely be tremendous!

We sure miss the fun and fellowship we always have when we work together, especially after such a trying year. Though, we will hold on to all the good, and work through the bad, till we are back together again.

"May your days be many
and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings
descend upon you.
May peace be within you
may your heart be strong,
May you find
what you're seeking
wherever you roam."

~ Irish Blessings

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Mt. Olivet Grief Support Group

Next meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 9am

We will be meeting in the Chapel while maintaining physical distance and wearing facial coverings.

Meetings will be held the **third Saturday of each month.**

The April meeting will be on **April 17th at 9am.**

We are working on using journaling to help express our feelings of grief.

We welcome everyone to come join at any time!



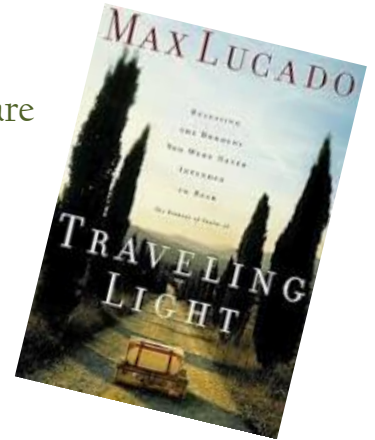
MOVERS & SEEKERS

Sunday Mornings at 9:15am
In the Chapel

Feel free to join in with us at any time! We gather to reflect on scripture, spiritual books, inspirational films and more! Currently we are exploring the Max Lucado book, 'Traveling Light'.

You don't even have to read the book to join in!

The class enjoys some much-needed fellowship as well as learning and growing in our relationship with God. It's not too late to join us..... check it out!



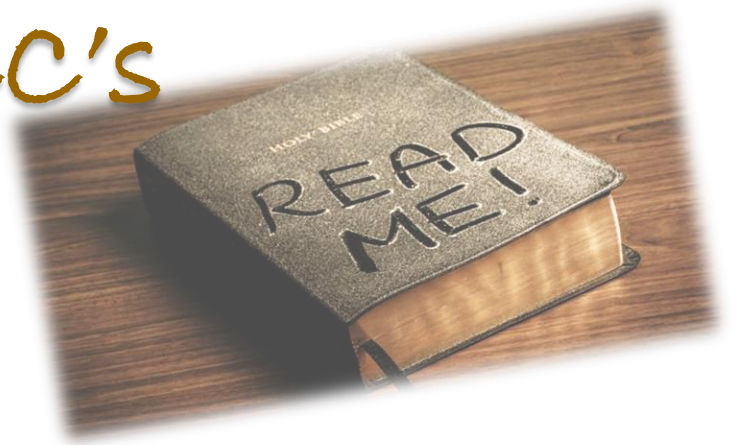
**YOUTH
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Kids aged four through eighth grade are welcome to join in the Youth Sunday School program with Tammie Jones and Nancy Crouse. The kids will follow them to the classroom after the *Kid's Time* in the Worship service.



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Lenten Bible Study

Find wisdom & strength
in the Book of Psalms.
Come and discover
the songs of sorrow & joy
found within the Word.



Bring your own refreshments
and meet us in the Chapel.

February 17th through March 24th
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Everyone is welcome to come join us!



Camp Frederick

Quarter Auction Fundraiser

May 22, 2021

Shrine Club

1735 W. South Range Rd., North Lima

Doors open @ 5:00pm

Auction starts @ 6:00pm

Tickets are \$12 and include one paddle

All-in-Paddle - \$50 with purchase of admission to be included in all auction items.

STAY-AT-HOME option - purchase an 'All-in-Paddle' for \$80
to be included in all auction items.

Bring your own adult beverages/snacks; food truck on site!

Order tickets online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-camp-frederick-quarters-auction-may-22nd-2021-tickets-140051661289>

or call John Crouse @ 330-207-9102

GO CHECK OUT **GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S** **Friday Lenten Fish Dinners!!**

Provided by Barber Drive Barbeque

There will be two lines to help with traffic.
3:30pm-7pm or TILL SOLD OUT

Menus and additional dinner days are subject to change,
see Good Hope's Facebook page for a current menu!



BAKED BOSTON SCROD
OR
BREADED 'N FRIED HADDOCK
BOTH SERVED WITH COLESLAW
AND YOUR CHOICE OF TWO SIDES:
HALUSKI, FRENCH FRIES, PIEROGIS, OR MAC & CHEESE.

ALL FOR ONLY \$13

HALUSKI AND PIEROGI DINNERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR \$10



Don't forget dessert!
Apple dumplings \$3

There are no pre-orders.
TAKE-OUT ONLY
SERVED AT YOUR CAR
12030 Market Street, North Lima

Barber Drive Barbeque donates a portion of sales to
Good Hope to support their missions.

Change of Address

Please inform the office when you move, change your phone number or email address. We appreciate you helping us keep up-to-date. You can call 330-549-2169 or email changes to office@mtolivetucc.org.



Spiritual Council meeting: Thursday, March 4th @7pm
Consistory meeting: Wednesday, March 10th @6pm



News and other items for the **APRIL VOICE MAGNIFIED** is due NO LATER than **Sunday, March 21st**! Items submitted after this date will not be included. Thank you for your cooperation!



"**Check out Hunger**" has begun in your local **Giant Eagle** and **Sparkle Markets**. You can make a \$1, \$5, or \$10 donation right at the register to help feed your hungry neighbors in the Mahoning Valley now through **April 3rd**. Sparkle is also accepting non-perishable food items for the campaign. Thank you for your support!



If you need help paying for electric or gas utility bills, contact MYCAP for more information on how Ohio's HEAP program can help you.

Call 330-747-7921 or visit:

<https://www.mycaphelp.com/index.php/pages/heap-department>





MARCH 2021 CALENDAR

MONDAY	MARCH 1	ALL-DAY	NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S DAY
TUESDAY	MARCH 2	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 3	7PM	LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY	MARCH 4	7PM	SPIRITUAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY	MARCH 5	ALL-DAY	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SATURDAY	MARCH 6	-----	
SUNDAY	MARCH 7	9:15AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:30AM	WORSHIP — COMMUNION
MONDAY	MARCH 8	ALL-DAY	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
TUESDAY	MARCH 9	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 10	6PM	CONSISTORY
		7PM	LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY	MARCH 11	ALL-DAY	JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY
FRIDAY	MARCH 12	-----	
SATURDAY	MARCH 13	BEDTIME	SPRING CLOCKS FORWARD ---
SUNDAY	MARCH 14	9:15AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:30AM	WORSHIP — ONE GREAT HOUR
MONDAY	MARCH 15	7PM	BOY SCOUTS
TUESDAY	MARCH 16	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 17	ALL DAY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
		7PM	LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY	MARCH 18	ALL-DAY	ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE KID DAY
FRIDAY	MARCH 19	-----	
SATURDAY	MARCH 20	9AM	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
SUNDAY	MARCH 21	9:15AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:30AM	WORSHIP — VM NEWS DUE
MONDAY	MARCH 22	ALL-DAY	WORLD WATER DAY
TUESDAY	MARCH 23	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 24	7PM	LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY	MARCH 25	ALL-DAY	INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY
FRIDAY	MARCH 26	ALL-DAY	NATIONAL SPINACH DAY
SATURDAY	MARCH 27	-----	
SUNDAY	MARCH 28	9:15AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:30AM	WORSHIP — PALM SUNDAY
MONDAY	MARCH 29	ALL-DAY	NATIONAL MOM & POP BUSINESS OWNER'S DAY
TUESDAY	MARCH 30	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 31	-----	



The
Season
of
Lent



Palm Sunday – March 28

24-hour Prayer Vigil – April 1-2 (hopefully!) - held in the Chapel

Good Friday Service - April 2 @ 7pm

Easter on April 4 – 8am & 10:30am services, stay tuned to see if we will be able to hold breakfast!

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Address service requested

Michael Smith, Pastor

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Kay Williams, Music Director

Natalie Biller, Handbell Director

Spencer Reed, Organist

Vaughn Colkitt & Ryan Turnbull, Audio/ Visual Coordinators



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Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All