

# Mount Olivet United Church of Christ



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From the Christian perspective - you and I are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27), the interconnected Trinity (*Father, Son & Holy Spirit*) that reveals/models how to attain our best selves and optimal wellbeing, through sacred wholeness. Jesus articulates the human model of interconnected unity, balance and wholeness when asked what is the most important commandment?

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

## **Jesus calls us to a love of God, neighbor, and self.**

Jesus emphasizes the holistic oneness of The Trinity and lays out the necessary steps for human optimal health and wellbeing. Loving God with all our being, and loving others with same measure of loving self. It could be understood as total dependence on God (Spiritually), interdependence support and accountability with others (Socially), and inherent love and care of self (Physical).

*Connecting Matt. 5:28 with Mark 12:29-31 (above).*

*"In Matthew 5:28 Jesus says, 'you must be perfect as your father in heaven is perfect.' In original Greek, the word 'teleios' means: to bring to completion. The passage contains no reference to purity or blamelessness. God's desire for us then, is wholeness."*

From "The Journey toward Wholeness" written by Kenneth L. Bakken & Kathleen H. Hofeller (1988).

## **Are we connecting in all three areas to be whole-people of God?**



Blessings,  
*Pastor Michael*



# October Assignments

## Altar Flowers

October 3 – available  
October 10 – available  
October 17 – available  
October 24 – available  
October 31 – available

## Liturgists

October 3 – Trent Rapp  
October 10 – Niki Dispenza  
October 17 – Cynthia Walker  
October 24 – Paula Ritter  
October 31 – Stacey Jarrett

- Call the office to sign up for flowers.
- See Kay Williams to be a Liturgist in October.

The September/October edition of the Upper Room is available in the Sanctuary, office, or on the stand in *The Grove*.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We do not publish our member's birthdays in the online version of the newsletter.



## **CONSISTORY NEWS** by Tammie Jones

As I pulled in for the camp out last Saturday, I was swarmed by folks just wanting to welcome me and help unload supplies. My heart swelled as I was reminded of just what a wonderful, loving church family I have here at Mt. Olivet. That feeling continued through the Rally Day picnic as I watched everyone helping out, sharing, talking and laughing, packing food to send home to those who couldn't make it out, cleaning up and just taking care of one another. God's love was shining brightly!

Rally Day was a success! Though small in numbers, those who camped out Saturday night had a GREAT time. Thank you to Mike Libb for singing before we watched the movie *"Open Season- Scared Silly"*. (Thanks to Heath and Hannah for their technical assistance!) We had a perfect bonfire and roasted hot dogs and smores. While there wasn't much sleep, we did enjoy a yummy breakfast prepared by John Crouse before church. If you missed it, you really missed a good time.

The Children's Sunday School class kicked off the year with the children learning about God's creation and caring for our world and ourselves. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with the children. After worship, we had that wonderful Rally Day picnic I was describing. A special thank you to John Crouse for all of his hard work to make this so nice for all of us. He made multiple trips to bring in a smoker, grill, propane tanks and corn roaster, even before cooking up the delicious fire-roasted corn and grilled burgers and hot dogs. Thanks also to Barb, Tina, and Nancy for serving the food.

We are looking forward to a GREAT year here at Mt. Olivet! If there is something we can do to make it easier or more comfortable for you to join us, please let us know.

There are lots of events planned for October! Family Fun Day with the favorite chili cookoff is planned for Sunday, October 17. Watch for the sign-up sheets and come with your best recipes for chili, corn bread and/or apple desserts! Even if you don't compete, come enjoy a fantastic day of fellowship and fun.

Also, watch for the "Spooktacular" on October 30! Another evening of fun and fellowship is being planned and should start right after the North Lima Trunk or Treat.

The Consistory has been busy taking care of things around the church. Replacement of the roof on the pavilion and some updated landscaping should be completed before November. And the phone system will also be updated soon, after the failure of the old system. Thank you to John Crouse and Frank Einsiedel for the time and effort they have put into getting bids, meeting contractors, etc.

I believe there are still pepperoni rolls available to purchase for the benefit of day camp. The cost is \$2.00 per roll (from That's a Wrap Café). See any of the day camp board members— John Crouse, Barb Feaster, Tammie Jones, Tami Tomich, Nancy Crouse, or Tina Davis if you are interested!

If you have any questions or concerns about anything going on at Mt. Olivet, please reach out to me or another member of Consistory. We are here for you. Keep sharing God's love!



## A Word From Our Treasurer...

by Linda Eisenbraun

### August

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,384.69
Income	\$31,305.00
Expense	\$(15,209.40)
Ending Balance	\$19,480.29

We had a number of large contributions this month that have really helped the current expense reserves. Thank you everyone for your continued support. We are still waiting for confirmation that Huntington has received the funds from the SBA and it is officially paid in full.

Thank you to all for your continued support of Mt. Olivet's mission to serve God, serve others.



### **Mt. Olivet Grief Support Group**

**Next meeting on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**We are working on using journaling to help express our feelings of grief.  
We welcome everyone to come join in at any time! Our journal prompt this month is:  
How your loved one died...memories of the calling hours/funeral.**

# Mount Olivet UCC's



**Drop-offs Accepted:**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

**ONLY During Hours:**

**Mon, Wen, Fri, Sat**

**9am-12pm**

**Tues & Thurs**

**6pm-9pm**



## NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>

**Thursday – 9am-6pm - Bake Sale**

**Friday - 9am-5pm - ½ Price Day**

**Saturday - 9am-noon - \$1 Bag Day**

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## Niki's Favorites

*Heavenly recipes tested by Mt. Olivet's official FOODIE*

Dallas has discovered his affinity for fried pickles. I think I might soak these in buttermilk before flouring them. That's my favorite way to do onion rings! I like the Zatarain's Cajun, but it has been difficult to find lately. Let me know if you try these and what you think!

# SOUTHERN FRIED PICKLES



### Ingredients:

- 1- 16 oz jar of dill pickle slices, drained
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp Cajun seasoning
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- vegetable oil for frying

### Instructions:

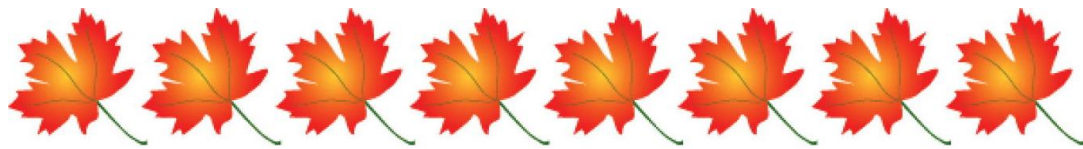
- Add oil to a heavy bottomed pot and heat over medium high heat to 350 degrees.
- Place the drained pickles on a paper towel lined plate and pat dry.
- Add flour and seasonings to a large plate and stir together.
- Working in batches, add the pickles to the flour and coat on both sides, shaking off excess.
- Gently place in the oil and cook for 1-2 minutes until slightly brown and crunchy.
- Remove to a paper towel lined plate to drain.
- Serve right away with Ranch or Cajun dip.



**Photo and Recipe credit to: Nicole Hood - creator of 4 The Love of Food Blog**

<https://www.4theloveoffoodblog.com/southern-fried-pickles/>





# **Family Fun Day!**

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**12pm - 3pm**



**AS WELL AS A  
CORNBREAD BAKEOFF  
AND FALL DESSERT CONTEST!!!**



**YOU CAN ENTER ONE CATEGORY OR ALL THREE  
WATCH FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEETS.  
GAMES FOR ALL AGES!**

*Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite  
non-spooky costume. Prizes will be awarded!*



**With something for everyone, there is no reason not to stay after  
church and enjoy a Fun Day with your Church Family!!!**



# Mr. Olive Women's Guild News

By Phyllis Manning & Millie Stratton

## Rummage Sale November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

Collection begins Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Collection follows this daily schedule –

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 9am-12pm

and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-9pm.

- Please note that we do not accept exercise equipment, televisions or encyclopedias. All donations should also be gently used and able to be sold.

We need helpers for collection to assist with

**unloading, organizing and marking** the items that come in.

Sign-up sheets will be found in the hallway in the next couple of weeks.

The **setup** for the sale will be on **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, after church** –  
we do a **potluck lunch** for all the helpers. Many hands make for faster work!

After that, we need help with the actual sale. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday we need: **cashiers, general helpers, parking lot attendants & outside sales** (attention all you handsome, strong men!); Thursday & Friday we need **kitchen staff for food sales**; and then on Saturday, **clean-up helpers** that are usually done by 1pm. Please say, “I’d be happy to!” when you are called to work the event. If you want to work a certain day, time or position – let me know. We also need bakers for the bake sale items!

Last but not least, we are also planning on our annual **Harvest Homes** event **through the month of October** that ends on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. For the last 40-50 years we have brought in canned goods and paper products for collection at the baskets in the hallway. The donations go to Protestant Family Service for distribution to needy families. You can also donate cash or write a check, just make your checks payable to the Women’s Guild, and Guild adds to those donations. PFS is still going strong, even after the death of Jackie Burley. They have many needs and a new director.

Guild also continues to have the **Prayer Chain** in operation. Please feel free to call **Edith Dunlap** with any prayer requests. Pastor is also always available for immediate needs.





# THANK OFFERING

**COLLECTION WILL BE SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Donations will be going to **Senior Support Action Group**, a nonprofit that helps in Mahoning, Columbiana, and Trumbull counties. Leah Sakacs formed the group during the pandemic in order to give aid to needy seniors through food, transportation, and phone calls. They are a part of AmeriCorps Seniors and RSVP Mahoning Valley. Ordinarily, Sakacs' enlists seniors to volunteer throughout The Valley with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, but because seniors were told to be more cautious during the pandemic, she turned to finding younger people to help the seniors, instead.

They do apply for grants but, otherwise, receive no monies other than donations. All services are accomplished through volunteers who are recruited. See their Facebook page for more information! We will also hear more about the group on Thankoffering Sunday.



## **Stewardship Testimonials**

Stewardship will present four weeks of testimonials beginning **October 24<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Each Sunday, during the service, we will hear an individual's personal story of their faith journey, which is always heartfelt and extremely moving.

Mt. Olivet Women's Guild presents

# HARVEST HOMES

A mission for Protestant Family Services – Youngstown

**Collection baskets will be available from  
September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**We need the folks at Mt. Olivet to OVERFILL THESE BASKETS with  
Christian LOVE & COMPASSION for our neighbors  
struggling to take care of their families.**

**Items needed include:** (cash or check donations welcome! Please make payable to Women's Guild)

- ♥ Non-perishable food items (canned/boxed/bottled)
- ♥ Diapers (all sizes) & wipes
- ♥ Toiletries (deodorant, soap, lotion, toothpaste, razors, feminine hygiene, etc....)
- ♥ Cleaning supplies, laundry soap



Contact Phyllis Manning with questions!  
For more info: <https://protestantfamilyservice.com/>



*The Vision of Protestant Family Service is to provide, in a  
Christian manner, the necessary care and needs to the individual  
that will give hope for a better life.*



## 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](mailto:office@mtolivetucc.org).



Spiritual Council meeting: Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm  
Consistory meeting: Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



News and other items for the **NOVEMBER VOICE MAGNIFIED** is due NO LATER than **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**! Items submitted after this date **will not** be included. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mt. Olivet will once again be participating in the **Beaver Township's Trunk or Treat!** Scheduled for **Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm** – held at the **South Range Plaza** parking lot. We are asking our members to help support us by **bringing in bags of candy** to be handed out to the children. You can begin bringing in your bags **anytime during the month of October** – either on Sundays or during office hours; just leave them by the **main table in the hallway**. We appreciate everyone's help with this fun mission to the community. Also, if you would like to help with decorations or handing out candy, you are more than welcome to join us!



## Neighbors in Need Campaign



In the fall, the UCC advocates for a special-mission, financial campaign that works to serve those people around us that are in need of justice and compassion. Neighbors in Need (NIN) works to serve the underprivileged masses through financial and spiritual support. To learn more about this program visit: <http://www.ucc.org/nin>. Expect envelopes to be available for Sunday Worship on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you aren't able to make it, you can donate directly online.





# OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR

FRIDAY	OCTOBER 1	-----	AA MEETING
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 2	7PM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 3	9:15AM 10:30AM	WORSHIP — COMMUNION
MONDAY	OCTOBER 4	10AM 5:45PM-8PM	AL-ANON GIRL SCOUTS
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 5	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 6	3:30PM-5PM	3CS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT OLD SCHOOL
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 7	5:45PM 7PM 8PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE CHOIR PRACTICE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 8	-----	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 9	7PM	AA MEETING
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 10	9:15AM 10:30AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP -
MONDAY	OCTOBER 11	10AM 5:45PM-8PM	AL-ANON GIRL SCOUTS
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 12	6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 13	7PM	CONSISTORY MEETING
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 14	5:45PM 7PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE CHOIR PRACTICE
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 15	-----	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 16	9AM 9AM-12PM 7PM	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RUMMAGE COLLECTION BEGINS! AA MEETING
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 17	9:15AM 10:30AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP — FAMILY FUN DAY! VM NEWS DUE
MONDAY	OCTOBER 18	9AM-12PM 10AM 5:45PM-8PM 7PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION AL-ANON GIRL SCOUTS BOY SCOUTS
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 19	6PM-9PM 6:30PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 20	9AM-12PM 3:30PM-5PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION 3CS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT OLD SCHOOL
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 21	5:45PM 6PM-9PM 7PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE RUMMAGE COLLECTION CHOIR PRACTICE
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 22	9AM-12PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 23	9AM-12PM 7PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION AA MEETING
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 24	9:15AM 10:30AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP — HARVEST HOMES STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIALS #1
MONDAY	OCTOBER 25	9AM-12PM 10AM 5:45PM-8PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION AL-ANON GIRL SCOUTS
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 26	6PM-9PM 6:30PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION BOY SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 27	9AM-12PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 28	5:45PM 9AM-12PM 7PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE RUMMAGE COLLECTION CHOIR PRACTICE
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 29	9AM-12PM	RUMMAGE COLLECTION — LAST DAY!!
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 30	5PM-7PM 7:30PM-? 7PM	TRUNK-OR-TREAT @ PLAZA HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR AA MEETING
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 31	9:15AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP — REFORMATION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIALS #2 RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP/LUNCH



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Natalie Biller, Handbell Director

Spencer Reed, Organist

Vaughn Colkitt & Ryan Turnbull, Audio/ Visual Coordinators



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*Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All*