



Mount Olivet United Church of Christ

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Like a good spring cleaning, it's a great time for
SPRING SELF-CARING!

Taking care of yourself isn't being selfish, it's actually the first step in giving your best care to others. A great example of this is demonstrated thousands of times a day. When boarding a flight before take-off, the airline attendants will give instructions about exit doors, fastening seatbelts, and instructions of what to do if there is a loss of cabin pressure. In the case of loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will drop from an overhead compartment. The instructions for adult passengers traveling with a younger child or children is to put the mask first on yourself and then assist the child. **The oxygen mask represents taking care of yourself so that you can care for others.**



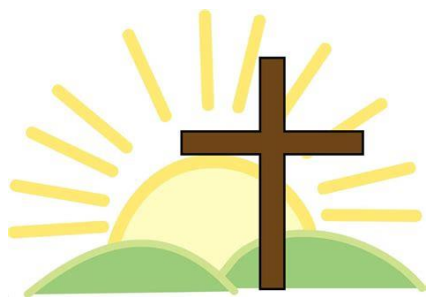
This time of year creates opportunities to take care of yourself physically by getting outside; walking, riding a bike, or working in the garden. It's even better if you do it with a partner or a group, which is also beneficial to our social wellbeing.

A spring clean-up could also mean assessing eating habits of what we are putting into our bodies. The saying is so true "you are what you eat", especially as we get older. **Let's work on our holistic quality of life; physically, socially, and spiritually.** I'm here to assist you in becoming (being) your best self to serve God and others.



Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. (3 John 1:2).

Blessings,
Pastor Michael



April Assignments

Altar Flowers

April 4 – EASTER FLOWERS

April 11 – available

April 18 – available

April 25 – available

- Signup sheets are available at the bulletin board.

Liturgists

April 4 – Trent Rapp

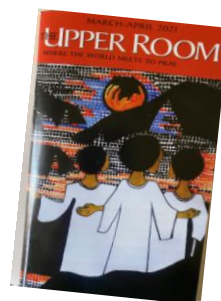
April 11 – Tammie Jones

April 18 – Lucy Dispenza

April 25 – Tina Turnbull

- See Kay Williams to be a Liturgist in May.

The March/April Upper Rooms
are available in the Sanctuary.



April Birthdays

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



CONSISTORY NEWS by Tammie Jones

Okay, here goes—my first notes as Consistory President! First, I want to thank Barb Feaster for her six years of service as President. Barb's knowledge of all things Mt. Olivet is amazing and her commitment to her church family is beyond question. It's not going to be easy to follow her - which is why I intend to call on her frequently!



Mt. Olivet continues to offer both in-person and virtual worship services, Lenten Bible studies and an adult Sunday school class, as well, the children's Sunday school classes have resumed. The children are excused to class after Kid's Time during the worship service. It's been great fun! Hopefully, you've had a chance to check out the various ways that Mt. Olivet is remaining accessible. With the weather finally getting nicer, we are looking forward to offering outdoor services again. Of course, The Grove area needs a little sprucing up - so stay tuned for information about a Grove cleanup day. Many hands will make light work!

The adult Sunday school class – **Movers and Seekers** - is continuing with its study of *'Traveling Light'*, by Max Lucado. We have had some fantastic discussions! If you haven't had a chance to join us, please consider it. I think you will find the fellowship and study to be uplifting. In addition to the study, the class has planned a COVID friendly Easter Egg 'Hunt' this year. Although there won't be much hunting, all the kids will be able to take home some eggs. We will be filling plastic Easter eggs during class on March 28, and then giving them (permanently) to our young ones, and to either children at Akron Children's Hospital (if permitted), or our shut-in members who are homebound. Join us if you're interested!



Speaking of Easter - discussions continue about the **SonRise** breakfast, which will take place between the two Easter morning services. The question is the menu - full buffet with traditional casserole or simple pastries and coffee? If you have thoughts about that, let us know!

We will be enjoying the freshly painted New Fellowship Hall no matter what menu is chosen. The new curtains are up, it's painted, and the floors will be professionally cleaned. And, finally, new lighting for NFH is in the works thanks to the generosity of Tami Tomich and Tina Davis.

We will continue to work on updating the lights in the rest of the building. Issues with the bathrooms and boiler have been taken care of - thank you, Frank. The elevator should be more reliable, too, as new parts are being installed to prevent it from getting too cold, again, thanks, Frank.

Ground sausage is still available for purchase from the Community Day Camp of North Lima. Contact the church office; or see John or Nancy at church to pick some up. It is \$4 per one-pound pack and the proceeds go to support the day camp. Plans are underway to try to offer day camp this summer, even with modifications. That is such an awesome program, that means so much to so many children and their families within the community. Stay tuned for more details.

A **Youth Movie Night** is planned for **Friday, March 26**. All children that are potty-trained through college age are welcome to join in. We'll enjoy pizza, popcorn, snacks, drinks, and good times together. The children will be divided into two groups with age-appropriate movies for each group. I'm very excited to begin working to re-involve the young people in church! I'm hoping that we can build an active and relevant youth program here at Mt. Olivet!

Whew! There is really a lot going on and I'm sure I missed something. I look forward to working with the new Consistory members, and with all of you to continue the mission of Mt. Olivet!

Youth Movie
Night
FRIDAY, MARCH
26TH
7PM-10PM
MT. OLIVET CHURCH

Pizza, Popcorn, Drinks Provided





GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PIGS IN A BLANKET



**Sunday
March 28**

**12pm – 4pm
or till sold out**

Meal includes: stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, applesauce, and buttered green beans

All for only \$13

PRE-ORDERS WELCOME!!

Call or Text Michael with Barber Drive Barbeque
330-727-0437

please pickup pre-orders between 12pm-1:30pm

We serve you at your car in the parking lot, no need to get out!

12030 Market Street, North Lima



A Word From Our Treasurer...

by Linda Eisenbraun

Understandably, Linda will not be submitting a report this month. If you have any immediate questions, please email her and she will get back with you. We keep Tom in our prayers as he continues to heal.



Mt. Olivet Grief Support Group **Next meeting on Saturday, April 17 at 9am**

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

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

The May meeting will be on **May 15th at 9am.**

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

This month we are exploring, 'What helps me remember you?'

We welcome everyone to come join at any time!

Happy Spring

Spring is finally here and it's a wonderful time to welcome back God's magnificent creations like birds, butterflies and beautiful flowers! Sunny, warmer weather also brings back the joys of long walks and working in the yard. Staying active is great and being outside gives us the opportunity to slow down and open all of our senses to what is going on around us. There is life everywhere!



Hummingbirds are already down south and working their way up to see us! Males tend to be about two weeks ahead of the females. In our region, hummingbirds can be expected to arrive mid-to-late April and into May. Feeders are recommended to be placed out at one to two weeks ahead so that early arrivals have access to nutrition, making for a successful migration, especially since there is not a lot of flowers available yet. **To make a healthy, homemade nectar recipe for our friends try this: mix one part plain granulated, white table sugar to four parts water in a small saucepan. Heat slowly for a couple minutes, this allows the sugar to dissolve and to reach a slow fermentation. Allow the mixture to completely cool before putting into a feeder.**



There are around 140 butterfly species that make their home in Ohio. In the early spring, over-wintering butterflies and caterpillars are still in diapause (hibernation). Don't be in a hurry to mow or cleanup your yard too soon, it will destroy the habitat the insect has used as shelter over the winter. Use care when trimming bushes and trees, because some species hang out through the winter in a cocoon or chrysalis from branches and twigs. When the time is right, they will emerge to collect nectar and pollinate. Plant milkweed if you want some Monarch butterfly visitors! Native plants provide the most benefit to the butterflies and other pollinators.



Spring wildflowers are one of the highlights of the season as their colors emerge from the decaying forest floors. This is a great time of year to take a trip to one of Ohio's parks and enjoy the scenery. Ohio has 74 state parks, 21 state forests, 136 nature preserves, and 117 wildlife areas, including one national park – Cuyahoga Valley. There is over 600,000 acres to explore. These parks include trails that are easy, some including paved access, to more difficult adventures. There is also a vast amount of county, city, and Metroparks to utilize. Take your family or friends on a picnic and take a walk to see how many birds, other critters and flowers that you can find. For more information on Ohio's state parks, please visit Ohio Department of Natural Resource's website. You can also use the AllTrails app or webpage to get details on specific trails.



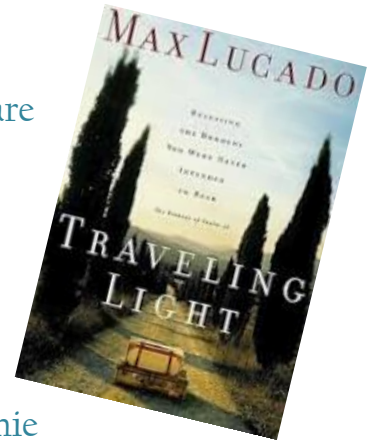
MOVERS & SEEKERS

**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! If you are not able to come in-person, contact Tammie Jones or the office and we will get you the Zoom link to participate.



**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.



Healing at the Cross

By M.S. Lowndes

We know when Jesus was crucified
Upon the wooden cross,
Our every sin was laid upon Him
All for loving the lost

And we know that when He rose again,
He conquered death and hell
Through His resurrection we have
Eternal life as well

For this we praise our gracious Lord
And thank Him for His love,
For we could never have had this hope
If it wasn't for His spilled blood

But we can know His resurrection power,
Right now, while we are here,
For we can come to the cross of Christ
And lay down our burdens there

For everything that may hold us back,
The hurts from yesterday,
At the foot of the cross we lay it down
And then just walk away

For I believe that there is healing
At the cross of Christ
We do not need to carry these loads,
For they've all been crucified

Receive from Jesus the healing you need
For your spirit, body and soul
Then you can arise, freed from your past
To walk completely whole

For what He accomplished on the cross
Goes on into eternity,
Just reach out your hand and He will too
And receive His victory.





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

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, April 8th @7pm
Consistory meeting: Wednesday, April 14th @6pm



News and other items for the **MAY VOICE MAGNIFIED** is due NO LATER than **Sunday, April 18th**! Items submitted after this date **will not** be included. Thank you for your cooperation!



The Mt. Olivet Cemetery Board has announced their
SPRING CLEANUP DAY!

Please come join us on
Saturday April 10th at 9am.

Bring garbage bags if you have some extras and a pair of gloves.
MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle



plant a garden
plant a tree
pick up litter



APRIL 2021 CALENDAR

THURSDAY APRIL 1
FRIDAY APRIL 2

SATURDAY APRIL 3

SUNDAY APRIL 4

ALL-DAY
ALL-DAY
7PM
ALL DAY
7PM
ALL-DAY
8AM
9AM
9:30AM
10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
HOLY SATURDAY
AA MEETING
EASTER SUNDAY
SONRISE SERVICE
BREAKFAST
EASTER EGG 'HUNT'
WORSHIP — COMMUNION

MONDAY APRIL 5
TUESDAY APRIL 6
WEDNESDAY APRIL 7
THURSDAY APRIL 8
FRIDAY APRIL 9
SATURDAY APRIL 10

SUNDAY APRIL 11

6:30PM
ALL DAY
7PM

9AM
7PM
9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
NATIONAL WALKING DAY
SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING

CEMETERY WORK PARTY
AA MEETING
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP — TAMMIE JONES

MONDAY APRIL 12
TUESDAY APRIL 13
WEDNESDAY APRIL 14
THURSDAY APRIL 15
FRIDAY APRIL 16
SATURDAY APRIL 17
SUNDAY APRIL 18

6:30PM
7PM

9AM
9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
CONSISTORY

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP — TAMMIE JONES
VM NEWS DUE

MONDAY APRIL 19
TUESDAY APRIL 20
WEDNESDAY APRIL 21
THURSDAY APRIL 22
FRIDAY APRIL 23
SATURDAY APRIL 24
SUNDAY APRIL 25

7PM
6:30PM

ALL DAY

7PM
9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
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EARTH DAY

AA MEETING
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP

MONDAY APRIL 26
TUESDAY APRIL 27
WEDNESDAY APRIL 28
THURSDAY APRIL 29
FRIDAY APRIL 30

6:30PM

BOY SCOUTS



Celebrating Mother's on Sunday, May 9th

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Address service requested

Michael Smith, Pastor

Stacey Jarrett, Office Manager

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