

# Mount Olivet United Church of Christ



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## Laughter is good medicine ~ Proverbs 17:22

*Bad hair day?*



If we take ourselves too seriously, we tend to lose perspective. We may turn on ourselves in anger and become rigid and tense – both physically and psychologically.

Laughter, itself, has a healing effect. Laughter stimulates the brain to secrete endorphins and enkephalins, powerful chemical pain relievers; adrenaline and similar hormones are released which stimulate the heart and lungs.

*Heart rate increases, blood is more thoroughly oxygenated, and the immune system produces more lymphocytes. During laughter the muscles of the face, thorax, an abdomen contract and relax, prompting Norman Cousins to call it 'Internal Jogging.' It also massages the internal organs. When you stop laughing, arteries and muscles relax, and blood pressure is reduced.*

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

Take time to laugh... it's good for you inside and out 😊

Blessings,  
Pastor Michael



# September Assignments

## Altar Flowers

September 5 – available  
September 12 – available  
September 19 – available  
September 26 – available

- Call the office to sign up for flowers.

## Liturgists

September 5 – available  
September 12 – available  
September 19 – available  
September 26 – available

- 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*.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We do not publish our member's birthdays in the online version of the newsletter.



## **CONSISTORY NEWS** by Tammie Jones

Hard to believe that summer is almost over... although this year, I think everyone may actually be looking forward to returning to the classroom! Speaking of that, **Rally Sunday is September 12**. We are planning a picnic after the service to kick off the school year and there are rumors of a Lock-In (or Lock-Out) on Saturday night leading into Rally Sunday. So, Confirmands get ready!!!

Congratulations to our Confirmands! Four, fine young men—**Heath Crouse, Eli Wonner, Isaac Wonner and Owen Wonner** were confirmed on August 1. Each of them impressed the Elders during our meeting. As you heard from the excerpt, they put a lot of thought into their **Statements of Faith**. I anticipate seeing each of them as leaders at Mt. Olivet. Thanks to Nikki Dispenza for the treats after service on Confirmation Sunday.

With Rally Sunday, the children's Sunday school classes will resume. The children will leave after Kid's Time during the worship service. Let's commit to our youth and really grow the Sunday school program—it all starts with attendance!

The Adult Sunday School class has finished its study of the Beatitudes. We'll begin a video-based study featuring Rob Bell. It is a series of short films (10-15 minutes each) that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. After watching a video, the class will discuss the related scriptures. So, no book to buy, no 'homework'---- just come on any Sunday morning. This class has been amazing—a **wonderful opportunity for fellowship and growing in our relationship with God**

**Youth Movie Nights** have continued. August's event was moved to a Sunday evening to avoid conflicts with football and other fall sports. In addition to dinner and a movie, Pastor Michael joined us to work with the children through song.

Day camp was a huge success! Approximately 83 children participated throughout the week--- and they loved it. Thank you to the many, many volunteers from Mt. Olivet who contributed to the success of this wonderful ministry. It takes a village...and you all rocked it! Day camp does have some **Pepperoni Rolls** to sell. The proceeds will support next year's program. The cost is \$2.00 per roll (from That's a Wrap Café). We'll try to get an order form up -- or just ask a Mt. Olivet member of the day camp board--- John Crouse, Barb Feaster, Tammie Jones, Tami Tomich, Nancy Crouse, Tina Davis (hope I didn't miss anyone).

Mt. Olivet is also busy attending to needs around the church, working on things like - lighting in the sanctuary, a new roof on the pavilion and sprucing up our landscaping. If you are aware of anything else that needs attention, please let a Consistory member know!

My last bit of news saddens me. John Phillips has resigned his position as Deacon. The entire Consistory was reluctant to accept the resignation knowing that John was an asset to the leadership of the church. We thank him for his contributions and know that he will continue to be active at Mt. Olivet in other ways. But we are now **in need of another deacon**. If you are feeling God's call in that direction, please speak up. And, remember, God's call may just come from a member of the Executive Committee!!!

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! ☺



## Mt. Olivet Grief Support Group

**Next meeting on Saturday, September 18<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!



Me: Can I have that ?  
God: Not right now  
Me: **Why !?**  
God:



**HOW YOU LOOK**



**TRYING TO HIDE  
SIN FROM GOD**



# A Word From Our Treasurer...

by Linda Eisenbraun

## July

Beginning Balance	\$16,738.35
Income	\$ 6,195.00
Expense	\$(19,548.66)
Ending Balance	\$ 3,384.69

Income has been severely down over the summer however; we are still operating in the black. 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.

Linda Eisenbraun, Treasurer





# Community of North Lima NEWS

CDCNL was fortunate to go on as scheduled this year after missing out on last year. This year, the numbers of campers were not as high as in previous years, but we still had on average of 75 kids each day. Kids, from kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, enjoyed five, full days of fun, crafts, learning, food, and fellowship.

This year's theme was: **BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION**. The first day of camp the kids were able to build their own church-themed birdhouses and then color them in any way they wanted. They also made a creative structure with dry spaghetti noodles and marshmallows! Ayla Lippert presented her 4H project in the Sanctuary to the groups, introducing them to different Ohio birds and their sounds. There were plenty of cookies and snacks thanks to the cookie bakers/buyers in the participating churches! Due to the hard work of the kitchen volunteers, the kids enjoyed pasta bake and buttered bread for lunch. The scripture piece of the day came from **Matthew 7:24-27** to coordinate with the Message of the Day, 'Foundations'.



Tuesday's projects included creating a Mosaic Cross, where the kids took triangular-shaped, colored, plastic pieces and glued them onto a wooden cross foundation. The kids did an amazing job and the crosses turned out beautiful! Activities for the day included watching a magic show from the Magic Man, musical lessons using hymns from Pastor Michael, and team building activities doing sack races. At lunch, the kids annihilated the sloppy joes and corn. The theme of the day was '**Broken**,' and the verse was from **John 14:27**.



Wednesday was a busy day! During Craft Time the kids painted rocks to go with the message theme, '**Built on Solid Rock**'. A couple Beaver Township Police officers visited and brought their adorable K9, Argo. The campers brought in dark-colored t-shirts and then used

masking tape to make a personal design on the shirt, after which, camp volunteers sprayed bleach solution on the shirt, highlighting their cool designs. Lunch for the day was a big hit with chicken tenders and mac & cheese. Scripture for the day came from **Ephesians 2:19-22**.





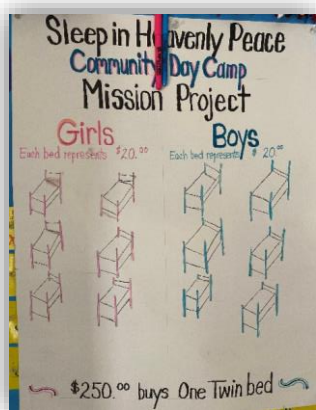


Thursdays are always a highlight at camp for everyone because of **WATER DAY!** The Beaver Township FD brings their firetruck and lets the hose pump water over the hillside that heads down toward the ballfield. It's a refreshingly wild time for all! Kids slide down the hill and that's when the mud....and grass...starts flying! Don't worry though, a quick spray off from another hose at the firetruck cleans the kids off. Lunch included hamburgers and hotdogs fresh from the grill. The craft of the day was Planting Thyme...a clever way of reinforcing the message: *'Rooted in Christ'* from **Ephesians 3:17**. I think we all wish we could plant some more TIME! But, as we know, time comes to a close for all things, and day camp is no different.



Friday is the last day of camp and the day when we all hop aboard a bus for a field trip down to Camp Frederick in Rogers to explore the day away and learned about the ecology of the area from the Soil & Water Conservation District educators. The week went really fast and went smoothly on all accounts. We are very thankful for everyone that volunteered their time or donated snacks for the campers. We will have to work hard this year to build up a fund for next year's camp, so we hope that we will be seeing you in the future as we get back to our fundraisers. Our next meeting has not been scheduled yet but stay

tuned if you are interested in getting more involved.



We also took up a Free Will Offering again this year for the Youngstown chapter of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*, the group that helps to provide beds to children in the community that are sleeping on the floor or on the couch. The **GIRLS** won by a landslide! They collected **\$328.83** versus the boy's **\$254.25**. Thank you, boys and girls, for helping to provide some much-needed funds to this worthy organization!

Thank you to the camp counselors Francisco, Shanika, Andy, Kael, Cookie, Jessie, Marco, and Emily (front) for how well they handled the youngsters, always keeping them safe and happy. We will see everyone again soon! Peace be with you and keep building on that **SOLID FOUNDATION**. (Photos by Hannah Crouse)





# Mt. Olivet Women's Guild News

By Phyllis Manning & Millie Stratton

We hate to see summer coming to an end, but this is a head's up for our **Fall Rummage Sale**, which will be held **November 4, 5 & 6**. We hope that you get a chance to clean your cupboards, drawers, garages, and basements to round up all those wonderful things that you no longer use so that someone else can make use of them. Anyone redecorate this summer? We have a spot for your **NICE, CLEAN** items. However, remember, **ABSOLUTELY NO** – TVs, encyclopedias, or exercise equipment. You may start bringing your rummage in on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup> through FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please hold on to your items till October 16<sup>th</sup>, no early drop-offs! On **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, we will collect from 9am-12pm**; and on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will collect 6pm-9pm**. We appreciate folks bringing items during those times only so that we can be ready to organize it. If you need help carrying items inside, we would be more than happy to assist you, but we cannot do pick-ups. Our set-up for the sale will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> after church services, and we will do a potluck lunch for those that are helping. Soon, you will see sign-up sheets to help with the collection and the sale. Many hands make for light work, and we have a lot of fun doing it, too!

We are now at the last call for the **Ladies' Retreat** at **Camp Frederick** on **September 24, 25 & 26**. Please contact Phyllis by text at \_\_\_\_\_ or call \_\_\_\_\_ by September 20. Cost is \$75.00 per person, also due on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to: Mt. Olivet Women's Guild. You can also leave your checks with Stacey in the office if you can't find me.

The theme for the weekend will be, '**Sisters in Christ**'. Please come and maybe find a new friend or sister. Regular beverages like water, tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring your choice of other beverages. Also, since we are sharing food with Paradise, Mt. Olivet ladies please bring a box of cold cereal. MTO is providing breakfast each day and dinner Saturday night. Snacks are welcome and always in abundance! Also, bring with you a Bible, something to share like a poem or story, your personal care items – towel, washcloth, soap, sturdy walking shoes, warm jackets, comfortable clothing, and a **BIG SMILE!**

Women's Guild will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. We will further discuss Rummage and Retreat. Would love to have your input! Also, we would love to have someone volunteer to be a part of our October project, **Harvest Homes**. It's an easy job! Make sure you join us and make a difference with the Women's Guild!





# 2021 Ladies' Fall Retreat

September 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Camp Frederick ~ Rogers, OH

**Only \$75 per lady**  
**For an all-inclusive weekend**

**Includes: lodging, food & activities**

Space is Limited, RESERVE NOW — Money is due by September 19<sup>th</sup>

Call Phyllis at 330-503-2596 to register or for questions!

*Then, because so many people were coming and going  
that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them,  
“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” ~ Mark 6:31*



Rally

Day

Sunday

Mt. Olivet UCC ~ North Lima

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am OUTDOOR Service**



Potluck Fellowship Picnic to follow

## 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, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
Consistory meeting: **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**



News and other items for the **OCTOBER VOICE MAGNIFIED** is due NO LATER than **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**! Items submitted after this date **will not** be included. Thank you for your cooperation!



**Choir Practice** begins on **Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Handbell Practice** begins on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm.**



## *Memory Keepers*

celebration slated for  
**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Any members who turned 80 since last year, please notify the office so that we can include you!





# 2021 CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 -----  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2 7PM  
 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3 -----  
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4 7PM  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5 9:15AM**  
**10:30AM**

CHOIR PRACTICE

AA MEETING  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**WORSHIP — COMMUNION**



**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6 ALL-DAY**  
 10AM  
 6:30PM  
 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 3:30PM-5PM  
 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 5:45PM  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9 7PM  
 8PM  
 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10 6AM-5PM  
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11 6AM-5PM  
 7PM  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12 9:15AM**  
**10:30AM**

**HAPPY LABOR DAY! (OFFICES CLOSED)**  
 AL-ANON  
 BOY SCOUTS  
 3CS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT OLD SCHOOL  
 BELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
 CHOIR PRACTICE  
 SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
 USE OF CHURCH — BTVFD — KITCHEN  
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 AA MEETING  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**WORSHIP - RALLY DAY SUNDAY!**  
**VM NEWS DUE**



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13 10AM  
 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 6:30PM  
 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15 -----  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16 7PM  
 5:45PM  
 7PM  
 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17 -----  
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 9AM  
 7PM  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 9:15AM**  
**10:30AM**  
 3PM-?

AL-ANON  
 BOY SCOUTS

CONSISTORY MEETING  
 BELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
 CHOIR PRACTICE

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
 AA MEETING  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**WORSHIP — MEMORY KEEPERS CELEBRATION**  
**VOICE MAGNIFIED NEWS DUE**  
 USE OF CHURCH — REED — SANCTUARY

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 10AM  
 7PM  
 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21 6:30PM  
 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22 3:30PM-5PM  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23 5:45PM  
 7PM  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24 3PM-ISH**  
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25 7PM  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26 9:15AM**  
**10:30AM**  
**12PM**

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**LADIES' RETREAT @ CAMP FREDERICK BEGINS**  
 AA MEETING  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**WORSHIP — SPORT'S THEME & HANDBELLS**  
**LADIES' RETREAT ENDS**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27 10AM  
 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28 6:30PM  
 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29 -----  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30 5:45PM  
 7PM

AL-ANON  
 BOY SCOUTS

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
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Spencer Reed, Organist

Vaughn Colkitt & Ryan Turnbull, Audio/ Visual Coordinators



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*Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All*