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Do we take the time to think and pray for others?

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert-like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agree that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing the first man prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely, and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that his wife and he could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from Heaven booming, "*Why are you leaving your companion on the island?*"

"*My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them,*" the first man answered. "*His prayers were all unanswered, and so he does not deserve anything.*"

"*You are mistaken!*" the voice rebuked him. "*He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings.*"

"*Tell me,*" the first man asked the voice, "*what did he pray for, that I should owe him anything?*"

"***He prayed that all your prayers be answered***", the voice answered.

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us. When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
Philippians 2:3-4

Blessings,

Pastor Michael





May Assignments

Altar Flowers

May 2 – available

May 9 – available

May 16 – available

May 23 – available

May 30 – available

Liturgists

May 2 – TBA

May 9 – TBA

May 16 – TBA

May 23 – TBA

May 30 – TBA

- Signup sheets are available at the bulletin board.
- See Kay Williams to be a Liturgist in June.

The May/June edition of the Upper Room is available in the Sanctuary.



May Birthdays

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



CONSISTORY NEWS by Tammie Jones

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

What powerful words—full of encouragement, hope and truth!

I'm so glad that we had the opportunity to celebrate our risen Christ as a church family on Easter Sunday. The Sunrise breakfast was fabulous, from the cheerful colors of the table settings to the delicious food choices lovingly made by Nikki, Carol, and Cathy, to the joy found in sharing a meal together. The Easter Egg Hunt put together by the adult Sunday School class was also a success! It was wonderful to see the kid's excitement and hear their laughs. We also donated several treat bags to Akron Children's Hospital. Thank you, Sean Drummond, for delivering them!

You may have noticed during Communion on the 4th that there were prepackaged communion elements in the basket, with crackers and juice boxes. **Your feedback about these--- convenient? too small? too hard to open?---- would be appreciated.**



The Youth Movie Night on March 26th was also a success! We enjoyed pizza, brownies and fresh popcorn as we watched "*The Bigfoot Family*". This animated movie had messages about the importance of family and acceptance, and after the movie, we talked about it briefly. Then, each child took home a small treat bag with bubbles and playdough! I think they enjoyed it because they asked if we could do this every month! OF COURSE!!!! The next **Youth Movie Night** will be on **Friday April 30th**. I'm encouraging the junior high and high school kids to come, too! The plan is to have two groups and then a movie appropriate for each age group. Also, we're working on a really special event for the college-age kids and adults! More like a field trip. Stay tuned!

Nancy Crouse is doing an amazing job with the youth Sunday School class. The crafts are so relevant to the weekly lessons. Check them out as a few are displayed on the table outside the sanctuary. I also want to thank, Sam Flak, for helping out.



A cleanup day for The Grove is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. If you can spare an hour to help spruce that area up in preparation for outdoor services, we'd love to see you! We'll have coffee and snacks in the pavilion!

Check out New Fellowship Hall--- installation of the new lights has started and they look great! Huge thanks to Tami Tomich and Tina Davis for this generous donation, and to Alex Dickey, Kevin Dickey and Trent Rapp for the work on the installation.



Consistory approved the Use-of-Church for the **NL Community Day Camp** program this summer with any necessary COVID related precautions/modifications. **Day camp will run from July 26-30.** If you are interested in volunteering to help, see John Crouse. Sausage is still available for purchase for \$4 per one-pound package, with the proceeds going to support day camp.

As you can see, Mt. Olivet remains active and vital. Many folks are working hard to make sure that services are accessible to all. Their efforts (and technological expertise) is truly appreciated. Thank all of you for being part of our church family!



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, May 15 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 June meeting will be on **June 19th at 9am**.

We are working on using journaling to help express our feelings of grief.
This month we are exploring, 'My support system includes?'
We welcome everyone to come join at any time!

In Loving Memory and in Celebration of Life



Donna Wassem

October 20, 1946 ~ January 28, 2021



Elaine Winkel

January 25, 1947 ~ January 29, 2021



Catherine Kulris

July 10, 1931 ~ April 14, 2021



David Curry

January 31, 1963 ~ April 18, 2021

Son of Jim & Shirley Curry



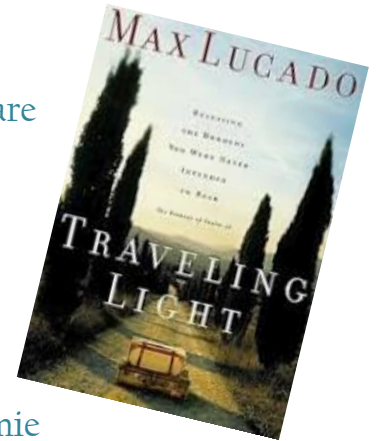
MOVERS & SEEKERS

**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.





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

Youth Movie
Night
FRIDAY, April 30TH
7PM-10PM
MT. OLIVET CHURCH

Pizza, Popcorn, Drinks Provided



Sunday April 25th 12 - 4pm

Good Hope Lutheran Church

12030 Market Street, North Lima

provided by Barber Drive Barbeque

Kielbasa Dinner

*Lightly cherry wood smoked kielbasa kabobs
skewered with zucchini, onion, and bell peppers.
Served with garlic parsley whole potatoes,
Texas baked beans, and coleslaw. Cost is \$13*



Drive through only.

We will serve you at your car.

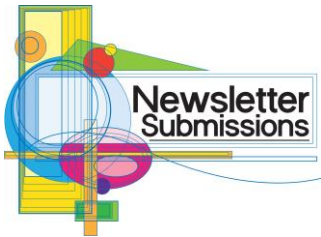
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TO PRE-ORDER AT 330-727-0437.**

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, May 6th @ 7pm
Consistory meeting: Wednesday, May 12th @ 7pm



News and other items for the **JUNE VOICE MAGNIFIED** is due NO LATER than **Sunday, May 16th**! Items submitted after this date **will not** be included. Thank you for your cooperation!



I would like to thank everyone for the visits and the 'Get Well' and 'Thinking of You' cards that I have received during my illness. The thoughts and kind words mean a lot to me! Hopefully, I will be up and around soon.

Prayers to all of you,
Shirley Jindra

Bob & I wanted to thank you all so much for all the cards & phone calls checking on us. We really miss everyone! I wish we could get down, but we are not driving that much anymore.

Lots of love, prayers & hugs,
Bob & Jean Watson

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, texts & prayers during my recent knee replacement. They were all appreciated! It was nice hearing from my church family.

God's Blessings,
Shirley Curry



MAY 2021 CALENDAR

SATURDAY MAY 1 7AM-12PM
7PM
SUNDAY MAY 2 9:15AM
10:30AM

BEAVER TOWNSHIP FD PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AA MEETING
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP — COMMUNION



MONDAY MAY 3
TUESDAY MAY 4
WEDNESDAY MAY 5
THURSDAY MAY 6
FRIDAY MAY 7
SATURDAY MAY 8
SUNDAY MAY 9

6:30PM
ALL-DAY
ALL-DAY
7PM

7PM
ALL-DAY
9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
CINCO DE MAYO
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING



Let's Pray!

AA MEETING
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP — MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

I ♥ MOM

MONDAY MAY 10
TUESDAY MAY 11
WEDNESDAY MAY 12
THURSDAY MAY 13
FRIDAY MAY 14
SATURDAY MAY 15
SUNDAY MAY 16

6:30PM
7PM
ALL-DAY

ALL-DAY
9AM
9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
CONSISTORY
ASCENSION DAY



NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP
VM NEWS DUE



MONDAY MAY 17
TUESDAY MAY 18
WEDNESDAY MAY 19
THURSDAY MAY 20
FRIDAY MAY 21
SATURDAY MAY 22
SUNDAY MAY 23

7PM
6:30PM

6PM
7PM
ALL-DAY
9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
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QUARTER AUCTION @ SHRINE CLUB
AA MEETING
PENTECOST SUNDAY
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP



MONDAY MAY 24
TUESDAY MAY 25
WEDNESDAY MAY 26
THURSDAY MAY 27
FRIDAY MAY 28
SATURDAY MAY 29
SUNDAY MAY 30

6:30PM

9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP



MONDAY MAY 31 ALL-DAY

MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICES CLOSED

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Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All