

Mount Olivet United Church of Christ



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An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address, he did his best to type it in from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before.



When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fainted. At the sound her family rushed into the room to check on her, and saw what was typed on her computer screen:

Dearest Wife,
Just got checked in.
Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Your Loving Husband

PS: Sure is hot down here!!!

As Christians we live in duality: 1) an earthy existence 2) an eternal (heavenly, *not too hot*) life to come. *For our citizenship is in heaven ~ Philippians 3:20*

How do we coexist, staying on course for our eternal home?

We find our identity, and our worth believing in and modeling Christ in the here and now (Love God, others & self).

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these ~ John 14:12



Even a wrong-way email can't change that...

Blessings,
Pastor Michael

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

June Assignments

Altar Flowers

June 6 – available
June 13 – available
June 20 – available
June 27 – available

Liturgists

June 6 – Dominick Mioni
June 13 – Phill Dispenza
June 20 – Lucy Dispenza
June 27 – Kelly King

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

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



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We do not publish our member's birthdays in the online version of the newsletter.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

With the warming weather, we are looking forward to outdoor services in **The Grove**. The clean-up crew did an amazing job - **thank you to all who came and helped out!** Consistory has approved the rental of a handicap accessible port-a-potty for The Grove area to make it more convenient during the outdoor services.

Our second **Youth Movie Night** in April was great! We enjoyed homemade milkshakes with our pizza and other snacks. The kids loved the movie - an animated version of the story of Joseph and his brothers. We had 14 kids in attendance and seven adults! Looking forward to the next one and hoping the weather may permit us to do an outside movie. The tentative date is **Friday, June 4**.



Thank you to **Nikki Dispenza and the Worship & Music Committee** for the delicious **Mother's Day treats**. They were beautifully presented and much appreciated. And, thanks to the Crouses for the seed packets for mothers, as well. Once again Nancy Crouse did an amazing job with the kids' crafts and created a teacup card for the children to give their moms.

The adult Sunday School class collected items for the Way Station over a two-week period. Thank you to Kay Gregory for delivering the goods for us. She told us that the folks at the Way Station were very appreciative. Little things do make a big difference! The class is beginning a new study of the **Beatitudes** so please consider joining us on Sunday mornings.



The new lights are fully installed in Fellowship Hall and they look fantastic! Once again, thank you to all those who played a part in that project. The old fixtures are available, if you would like any, please contact the church office before June 4. I understand that they may work well in a basement, garage or shed area. After June 4, any fixtures that have not been claimed by MTO members will be donated to The Restore.

Be sure to check out **Night of Music in The Grove** on Saturday, May 22nd from 4pm-7pm with Mike and Laina! Bring a chair or blanket - even snacks if you want and enjoy what I am certain will be a wonderful evening! Hoping that this is the first of many evenings of music and fellowship in The Grove.

Our **graduates will be celebrated on June 6**. Also, the **Confirmands will resume their classes** and work toward their Confirmation in July.

We are also asking for prayers for the **Community Day Camp** program and its anticipated success this summer as things begin to open up and masking and distancing mandates are lifted. That is such an important ministry that touches so many young people, which will kick off **July 26th-30th**. Stay tuned for registration forms and the theme for this much anticipated year.

Keep sharing God's love!



A NIGHT OF MUSIC IN **THE GROVE**

Mt. Olivet United Church of Christ
North Lima



PRESENTED BY

L & M STATION ACOUSTIC DUO



**Saturday
May 22**

4pm-7pm

Bring chairs or blankets and drinks & snacks!
There will be plenty of room to come and relax.

Mike Libb & Laina Zack perform music from
all your favorite genres and decades

Free and open to all!



Mt. Olivet Women's Guild News

By Phyllis Manning & Millie Stratton

As the country begins to go back to a more normal way of doing things, we have much to be thankful for. Our prayers have been answered but, hopefully, we proceed with caution. Which we will use as we go into September and October as the Women's Guild begins activities, once again.

Scheduled for September 24, 25 & 26 is our annual Ladies Retreat at Camp Frederick. We missed it in 2020, didn't we? We did anyway. You will be hearing more about that as the time approaches. Our portion is already paid for and Paradise church is planning on six guests of their own. **SAVE THE DATE!**

The other event involves the WHOLE church. RUMMAGE SALE will be back again! The dates will be November 4, 5 & 6. If fall continues to improve, we will start collecting October 16. All of us are another year older, so we are hoping and praying to have younger helpers come on board to be a part of the dedicated group of faithful workers. We always want to have the Rummage Sale be a part of our church. It helps our church financially with its own projects, and it gives us the opportunity to spread resources across many non-profits in our area, whose missions serve the community that needs our help.



Mt. Olivet Grief Support Group **Next meeting on Saturday, June 26th at 9am**

We are working on using journaling to help express our feelings of grief.
This month we are exploring, 'Our favorite thing to do together is?'
We welcome everyone to come join in at any time!



A Word From Our Treasurer...

by Linda Eisenbraun

		January-20	February-20	March-20	April-20
Current	Beginning Bal	\$ 3,994.38	\$ (8,266.18)	\$ (15,374.56)	\$ 18,140.24
Void					
2018-19					
outstading		\$ (1,629.95)			
	Income	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 9,238.00	\$ 48,490.50	\$ 32,053.00
	Expense	\$ (16,812.61)	\$ (16,346.38)	\$ (14,975.70)	\$ (20,751.18)
	Ending Balance	\$ (8,266.18)	\$ (15,374.56)	\$ 18,140.24	\$ 29,442.06

For February, we had the second PPP loan deposited to the bank account and was reflected as a loan payable in the additional amount of \$22,982.00.

The month of March had a wonderful income from member's support. Thank you!

In April, we received the formal forgiveness of the initial PPP loan, which transitioned from 'Loan Payable' to the 'Current Income' of \$22,983.00.

This has put the church in a very good financial state to start off the year!
If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.





Mt. Olivet Graduates

Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

Taylor Aquisto



Taylor is the daughter of John & Beth Aquisto. She is graduating from South Range High School and will be attending Youngstown State University to study pre-vet biology and is planning to pursue a career as a livestock and equine veterinarian.

Brennan Stratton



Brennan is the son of Alan & Jodie Stratton. He is graduating from Boardman High School and will be attending Youngstown State University to study Engineering.

Rachel Kuttler



Rachel is the daughter of Stacy & Stacey Jarrett. Rachel graduated in December 2020 from Kent State, Salem campus, with an Associate of Applied Science in Education – with Distinction. She has continued her studies to earn her BA and plans to be an elementary teacher.

Lexi Wonner



Lexi is the daughter of Shane & Paula Wonner. She is graduating from Springfield and plans to attend YSU to study nursing. She was active in soccer, track, and cheer; and is a member of the National Honor Society. She served as senior class President and finished in the top ten of her class. Outside of school she participates in Ohio High School Rodeo where she served as the 2020-2021 Miss Ohio High School Rodeo Queen.



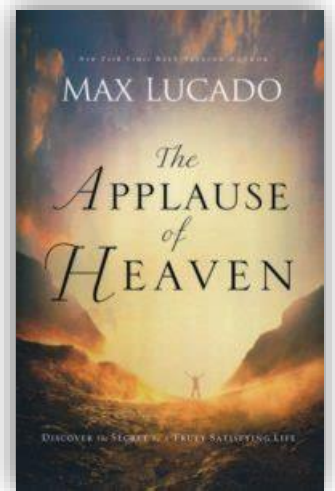
MOVERS & SEEKERS

Sunday Mornings at 9:15am
In the Chapel

~ NEW STUDY BOOK STARTING MAY 23! ~

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, '*Applause of Heaven*' first published in 1990.

Tammie will have a handful of copies available at the class for around \$4. If you are looking for a bargain copy on your own, try this link: https://www.thriftbooks.com/w/the-applause-of-heaven_max-lucado/366766/all-editions/. Here, you will have several editions to review, and at publishing time, they had free shipping when you spend \$10. Though, remember, 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.





Niki's Favorites

Heavenly recipes tested by Mt. Olivet's official FOODIE

This is a great recipe, especially if you have a garden and the ingredients can be fresh. A local Farmer's Market is a great alternative to growing your own.

SUMMER VEGETABLE STEW

Summer Vegetable Stew is delicious, with tomatoes, zucchini, carrots and more. Fresh flavors perfect for a weeknight summer meal when the garden is overflowing.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 2 TBSP butter
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 cups diced carrots
- 1 14- oz can chicken broth
- 1 medium zucchini diced
- 2 large tomatoes peeled and diced (or you can use 1 14-oz can diced tomatoes, not drained)
- 1 14- oz can corn not drained
- 1/2 tsp rubbed sage
- 1/2 tsp all-purpose seasoning
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 2 TBSP cornstarch
- 1 cup diced chicken or ham optional
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese to top bowls of stew with



Instructions:

In a large stockpot, heat butter over medium heat. Add in onions, garlic, potatoes and carrots. Cook for about 5 minutes, stirring often, until onions are translucent.

Add in chicken broth. Cover and cook for 15 minutes, until potatoes and carrots are soft.

Add in zucchini, tomatoes, corn, chicken or ham (if desired) and seasonings (except cornstarch.) Heat for another 10-15 minutes or so, until mixture is hot and beginning to boil.

Reduce heat and add all but 2-3 TBSP of the evaporated milk. Mix remaining evaporated milk with the cornstarch and stir until combined. Stir it into the stew.

Simmer for an additional 10 minutes. Salt & pepper to taste. Top with fresh diced cherry tomatoes & a little shredded Parmesan cheese once stew is ladled into each bowl.

Let us know how yours turned out!

[Recipe and photo credit: https://butterwithasideofbread.com/summer-vegetable-stew/](https://butterwithasideofbread.com/summer-vegetable-stew/)

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, June 10th @ 7pm
Consistory meeting: Wednesday, June 16th @ 7pm



News and other items for the **JULY VOICE MAGNIFIED** is due NO LATER than **Sunday, June 11th**! Items submitted after this date will not be included. Thank you for your cooperation!



Marge Campman

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Milford, OH 45150

Please make a note of it in your directory!

Celebration of Life – Mt. Olivet Church Invitation

The Guterba Family would like to invite everyone at Mt. Olivet to come to the farm to celebrate the lives of both Jerry & Debbie Guterba. "We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, to laugh and remember our wonderful parents."

Saturday, June 26

5pm-10pm

Food & Entertainment Provided

Guterba Farms 9400 North Lima Rd., Poland

PLEASE RSVP by June 6th at guterbafarms@gmail.com or (330)549-2714.

Please share any memories that you have of our parents. We have setup a Memorial Timeline online – please visit <https://memories.net/timeline/rememberingjerryanddebbie-43440>.

You will need to setup an account to post.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Events at Mt. Olivet or out in the Community

Friday, June 4th – Mike Libb & Laina Zack, aka L&M Station Acoustic Duo, will be performing at Liebe Wein from 7pm-10pm. The winery is located at 530 E. State St, downtown Salem.



Also...this is a tentative date for the Youth Movie Night here at the church from 7pm-10pm. Stay tuned to the One Call or website for an official announcement.



Sunday, June 6th – We will be observing Communion during worship service. We will also celebrate our graduates & our Sunday School teachers with a gift from the congregation.

Wednesday, June 9th – If you are in need of food, 3Cs holds their Food Distribution at the Old School Marketplace from 3:30pm-5pm.

Starting today, through September 1st, the Austintown Farmer's Market will be at Austintown Twp. Park from 5pm-8pm EVERY WEDNESDAY.



Thursday, June 10th – June 13th – Salem Super Cruise, State Street, Salem. If you enjoy classic cars, make your way to Salem for a weekend of cars everywhere in downtown Salem.

Sunday, June 13th – All the kids currently in the Confirmation Class will need to stay after church for a meeting.

Monday, June 14th – Al-Anon will start meeting in-person again in the Chapel at 10am. They meet every Monday.

Sunday, June 20th – We will celebrate Fathers and all adult males in attendance will receive a small token of appreciation from the church.



Sunday, June 27th – All the kids currently in the Confirmation Class will need to stay after church for a meeting.



June 2021 CALENDAR

TUESDAY JUNE 1
WEDNESDAY JUNE 2
THURSDAY JUNE 3
FRIDAY JUNE 4
SATURDAY JUNE 5
SUNDAY JUNE 6

6:30PM

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

BOY SCOUTS

NATIONAL EGG DAY
NATIONAL CHEESE DAY
AA MEETING
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP – COMMUNION
CELEBRATING GRADUATES & SS TEACHERS

MONDAY JUNE 7
TUESDAY JUNE 8
WEDNESDAY JUNE 9
THURSDAY JUNE 10
FRIDAY JUNE 11
SATURDAY JUNE 12
SUNDAY JUNE 13

ALL-DAY
6:30PM

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NATIONAL CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM DAY
BOY SCOUTS



SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING

AA MEETING
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP
CONFIRMATION MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 14
TUESDAY JUNE 15
WEDNESDAY JUNE 16
THURSDAY JUNE 17
FRIDAY JUNE 18
SATURDAY JUNE 19

ALL-DAY
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10:30AM

FLAG DAY
BOY SCOUTS
CONSISTORY MEETING
NATIONAL EAT YOUR VEGGIES DAY
NATIONAL GO FISHING DAY
JUNETEENTH
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



SUNDAY JUNE 20

AA MEETING
FATHER'S DAY
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP – FATHER'S DAY
VM NEWS DUE



MONDAY JUNE 21
TUESDAY JUNE 22
WEDNESDAY JUNE 23
THURSDAY JUNE 24
FRIDAY JUNE 25
SATURDAY JUNE 26
SUNDAY JUNE 27

7PM
6:30PM

ALL-DAY

9:15AM
10:30AM

BOY SCOUTS
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THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF UCC

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP

MONDAY JUNE 28
TUESDAY JUNE 29
WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

ALL-DAY
6:30PM

NATIONAL TAPIOCA DAY
BOY SCOUTS

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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, Servings Others, Welcoming All