

MT. OLIVET UCC APRIL 2025

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Monthly Newsletter

Loving God

Serving Others

Welcoming All



A letter from the Pastor

8,476. That is the approximate number of Sundays since Mt. Olivet began in our current building. Though our history traces back even further, 1861 is when our building began to hold worship services. Wouldn't it be something to talk with the folks that signed the original deed and gave money to build our first church building? What dreams did they have for the church? What hopes were they anticipating? With hard work, a little money, a lot of dedication and great faith the early founders of Mt. Olivet set out to build something. Isn't it amazing that nearly 8500 Sundays later we are still proclaiming God's love, mercy, forgiveness and to follow the ways of Jesus?

Nelson Henderson is quoted as saying, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Are we still

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10:30 am**

**If you have moved,
changed your phone
or email address,
please notify the office
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planting trees? We sit under the metaphorically planted trees of those 1861 pioneers but are we still legacy planting for tomorrow's generation? We are in the midst of a pledge drive to raise money for sanctuary improvements. Will you consider the future and freely offer your pledge and contribute in the present? John Ruskin wrote, "When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for the present delight, nor for the present use alone. Let it be such a work as our descendants will thank us for it."



We have in the present an opportunity to be generous to our future generations of Mt. Olivet members. Let's give the children of our congregation a lasting gift. The improvements we make to the sanctuary, parsonage and church building are helping to keep costs low, to repair before it breaks or to replace with better, more efficient materials. Please consider your pledge today and faithfully fulfill that pledge. Also, please consider including Mt. Olivet in your estate planning. Since I'm on the topic of planting trees, here's another quote: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is today." Thank you for your efforts of today to help build the tomorrow for everyone at Mt. Olivet. Your monetary gifts will keep us heading toward another 8,500 Sundays of spreading the love of Christ. Blessings,
Pastor Tim



Thank you to Shane Wonner and his crew for the electricity to the new keypad on the door; and also for the new lights for the education wing doors.

Thank you to the upstairs renovation crew: Vaughn Colkitt, John Philips and Matt Hanlon for all the painting (ceiling tiles, walls & door trim).

Thank you Kevin Dickey and Trent Rapp for the ongoing lights replacement. The education wing on the 2nd floor looks amazing.



SUNDAY LITURGISTS FOR APRIL

APRIL 6

Joan Bradley

APRIL 13

John Crouse

APRIL 20

Tammie Jones

APRIL 27

Nancy Crouse



**See
Kay Williams
if you would
like to
be a Liturgist**





NEWS FROM CONSISTORY

by Barb Feaster



As we are quickly moving through the “Dark Woods” of Lent, I hope we are taking time to do some serious self reflection. To me this is the hardest thing to do. It is much easier to put on a happy face, to gloss over those imperfections, or perhaps even ignore those poor choices we may have made. Are we able to honestly answer the question, “Are we all God wants us to be?” Are we remembering that God has a plan for each of us? Do we take time to talk with Him and listen for His answers? When we look in that mirror do we see what God sees? Lent is the time to dig deeper, to try harder, to grow that faith, to know that with God’s help we can do better.

Mt. Olivet has entered into a Capital Improvements Campaign with the hope of keeping our church building viable for the next generation. Who can imagine what worship will look like in the next 30 to 35 years? A vital church is always growing and changing. Coming together to worship, to learn, to share ideas, to support each other in good times and bad, to reach out to others is what being a “church family” is all about. Who would have imagined that Mt. Olivet would be feeding thousands of people? Who would imagine we could financially support that? Who would imagine our rummage sales would be making more than \$10,000 dollars twice a year--most of which goes back out into the community? Or participating in Community Day Camp year after year? Providing our local children with a week of teaching about God’s love? Offering interesting educational opportunities, plenty of good food, and a day at a real camp, all at no cost to their families? All we can do is plant the seeds of faith, nurture its growth, and then wait for what God has planned. Generations before us have given us those opportunities and now it is our responsibility to do the same. It is our hope that by updating our building , that God’s love will continue to pour out to the community.

The Easter season is right around the corner. I hope you are planning to be involved in all of the many activities that are coming. Palm Sunday, a Maundy Thursday service followed by the Prayer vigil, (remember Jesus asking, “Can you pray with me for just one hour?”), and then of course the Sunrise service, breakfast, an activity, and finally our Easter Sunday service. Hope to see you all there.

Keep looking in that mirror!
In Christian love,
Barb



Mission Committee



BY KRIS YOCUM



"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth, shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19. The Mt Olivet Mission Team is doing a new thing...and making a way in the wilderness of life for underserved children and their families in the surrounding communities. The Mission Team has partnered with The Brightside Project's Food for Kids events, providing on-site hot, nutritious meals for participating children and their families.

The Brightside Project is a nonprofit organization located in Salem, Ohio which serves qualifying children and youth ages 3-18 in Columbiana and rural Mahoning Counties. One in five children in Ohio live in poverty, where hopelessness and food insecurity are part of daily life. The mission of the Brightside Project's Food for Kids events is encouraging the development of positive self-esteem and independence by providing easy to prepare foods and snacks, hygiene products and books to read. Twice a month, children can come to The Brightside Project and choose food/hygiene items to take home, under the guidance of positive adult role models.

The Mt Olivet Mission Team has felt called by God to carry out Jesus's command to feed his people by providing meals to the children and their families in this program. Not only are we filling hungry bellies with much-needed food, but we are also given the privilege of "being like Jesus" and extending compassion, kindness and acceptance to those who need it most, reminding them that they are loved, seen, worthy and important. Food is so much more than nutrition. The Mission Team served 222 meals at the last Food for Kids event. Can you please help us to continue carrying out Jesus's work and providing this blessing, a river in the desert, to these families? It's easy to get involved and make a difference through volunteering on-site, making desserts or providing monetary donations ear-marked for the Mission Team. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important new endeavor. Thank you!!!



**SUNDAY
GREETERS
FOR
APRIL**



APRIL 6

**Carol Osberg &
Nancy Crouse**

APRIL 13

**Frank & Cathy
Einsiedel**

APRIL 20

**Kelly & Enslee
King**

APRIL 27

**Carol Osberg &
Nancy Crouse**



**See
Donna Bruno
if you would
like to
be a Greeter!**

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Please sign up for
Mt Olivet's upcoming Blood Drive
to support
the American Red Cross:

Tue., May 27, 2025, 12-5 pm

Call: 1-800-733-2767 to schedule

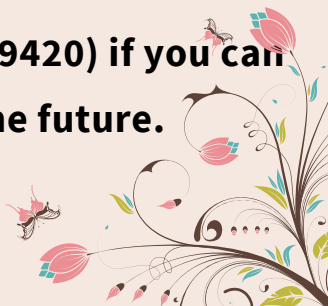


MTO BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



"Volunteers are still needed to work one afternoon
at the Blood Drives held at our church.

Please call Donna Bruno (330-717-9420) if you can
help for one afternoon in the future.



April 1:

Marcus Feaster

Cora Cash

April 3:

Beverly Craig

April 4:

Doug Albertson

April 5:

David Bair

April 6:

Lynn Rafferty

April 10:

Carson Crouse

Martie Vekas

April 11:

Jessica Phillips

April 12:

Parker Winkel

April 13:

Dee Brintzenhofe

April 15:

Millie Stratton

John Dunlap

Erin Lippert

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THE NEW MT. OLIVET



Attention all 5-10 year olds!!!



You are invited to attend the new Mt Olivet Kids Club!!! There will be character-building lessons!! There will be games and activities!!! There will be snacks!!! All the things that make Kids Club the place to be!!! We plan to meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm, starting March 26. Invite your friends and come have fun!!! Questions? See Kris Yocum or Kelly King.



Words of Gratitude

Donna May Hollister and her family wish to express their deepest and most heartfelt thanks to all of their friends at MTO for the cards, visits, prayers and support throughout this time of illness and recovery.



April 16:

Nora Lynn Daley

April 19:

Jeffrey White

April 20:

Julianne Hazlett

April 21:

Laura Libb

April 23:

Niki Koch

John Crouse

April 24:

Hailey Hazlett

April 25:

Shirley Jindra

Kathy Mioni

April 27:

Edith Dunlap

April 28:

Dominick Mioni

April 30:

Allison Turnbull

Kamron Aquisto

Cora McCabe



APRIL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER



The Adult Sunday School class is beginning a new study by Max Lucado titled "In the Footsteps of the Savior." Tammie Jones continues to lead this class every Sunday morning at 9:30am. You are most welcome to join!

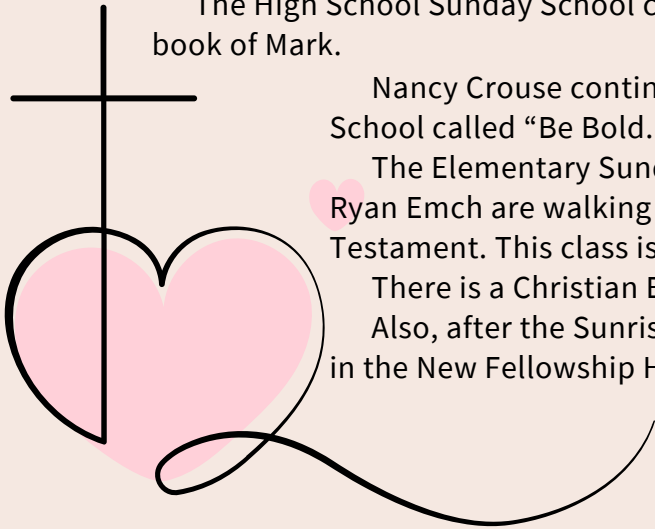
The High School Sunday School class taught by Pastor Tim is working through the book of Mark.

Nancy Crouse continues teaching the Jr. High class through a Sunday School called "Be Bold."

The Elementary Sunday school class taught by Hannah Crouse and Ryan Emch are walking the kids through the major stories of the Old Testament. This class is also memorizing Psalm 23!

There is a Christian Education class for all!

Also, after the Sunrise Service Breakfast, there will be a craft activity in the New Fellowship Hall.



He placed me in a little cage,
Away from gardens fair;
But I must sing the sweetest songs
Because He placed me there.
Not beat my wings against the cage
If it's my Maker's will,
But raise my voice to heaven's gate
and sing the louder still!

Women's Guild News

By Phyllis Manning



Rummage Sale Reminders!

Bring in Rummage beginning April 12
Last day to bring items: Friday, April 25 BY NOON.

REMINDER:

**NO exercise equipment, NO encyclopedias, NO TV's,
NO heavy pieces of furniture**

Marking: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat Apr 14-Apr 25--9 am-12 noon
Tues, Thurs evenings Apr 15, 17, 22, 24--6 pm-8 pm

Set up tables: Saturday, April 26, 10 am following Community Mission Breakfast. With lots of help it doesn't take long.

Unload boxed onto tables: Sunday, April 27 following Worship
Stay for a delicious lunch after all the boxes are unloaded



SPECIAL REQUEST:

Phyllis is searching for someone who would be interested in doing the advertising for our Rummage Sales. It requires emailing specific places with the information about our sale. If you feel you can do this task, please contact Phyllis at the telephone number listed below.
Thank you!!

Any questions about the Rummage Sale or offers to help may be directed to: Phyllis Manning: 330-727-5029

Shirley Curry: 330-549-3106

Kaye Gregory: 330-503-2596



SPRING Rummage Sale

MAY

1,2,3

Thu., Fri.,

Sat

Wed., Apr 30
Members only!
5 - 7 pm

Thu., May 1
9 am - 6 pm
Lunch &
Bake Sale

Fri., May 2
9 am - 5pm
Half-Price Day

Fri., May 3
9 am to noon
A Buck-a-Bag
Day!





APRIL: Important Dates

Food & Fellowship + Game Night
April Fools! Breakfast for Dinner
Wednesday, April 2

Brightside Dinner
Thursday, April 3, 17

Drive-Thru Pierogi Dinner
Friday, April 4, 11, 18

AA Meal
Saturday, April 5

Friends & Family Meal
Sunday, April 6

3C's Meal
Wednesday, April 9 & 23

**Jr Youth, Deacons,
 Spiritual Council, Consistory**
Wednesday, April 9

Hope Center
Thursday, April 10, 24

Knit & Crochet Group
Saturday, April 12

Rummage Sale Drop-Off
Sat, April 12 - Fri., Apr 25

Confirmation Class
Sunday, April 13, 27

Hotel Meal/Mission Dinner
Monday, April 14

Food & Fellowship + Craft Night
Carrots, eggs and ham
Wednesday, April 16

Sebring Mobile Market
Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 17

Prayer Vigil
Thu., April 17-Fri., April 18

Youngstown Mobile Market
Saturday, April 19

Sonrise Service: 8:00am
Easter Breakfast 9:00am
Craft Activity: 9:30am
Easter Service: 10:30am
Easter Sunday, April 20

Youth Group
Wednesday, April 23

Community Mission Breakfast
Saturday, April 26

Final Pledge Sunday
Sunday, April 27

Youth Event
Wednesday, April 30

Kids Club
Saturday, April 30

Rummage Sale
May 1, 2, 3



EASTER SUNDAY

Join us for our
SONRISE SERVICE
 at
8:00 AM



followed by



EASTER BREAKFAST
 at
9:00 AM

followed by



A CRAFT ACTIVITY
 at
9:30 AM

followed by

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
 at
10:30 AM

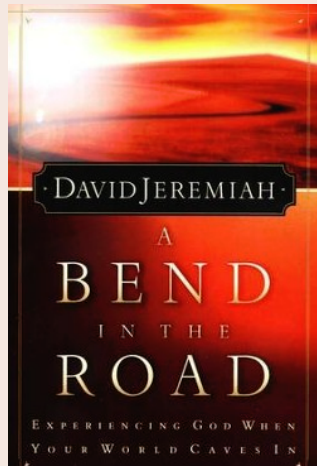
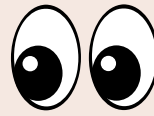


HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!



A BOOK LOOK

By Jackie Hollister



A BEND IN THE ROAD

by

Dr. David Jeremiah

“Experiencing God when your world caves in.”



“When life suddenly turns upside down, there, in the midst of our trials and in the

center of our pain, is God--comforting, guiding, encouraging, teaching, sustaining.”

--Dr. David Jeremiah

Through his personal experience and scripture studying, Dr. Jeremiah shares answers and references about how to know God's presence and find the faith to walk through our own life's difficult times.

PRAYER VIGIL: April 17-April 18

“Can you watch with me one hour?”

by Jackie Hollister



When Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray, a few disciples came with him. Each year on Maundy Thursday through Good Friday, we, His disciples at MTO, have an opportunity to come away to a quiet place and pray. For 24 hours there are 1-hour opportunities for each of us to give an hour in contemplation of the Holy Week events and of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please sign up to spend an hour in the chapel as we remember Jesus's sacrifice and our Hope. You can come alone or with a spouse, or a friend. Do whatever is comfortable. It's a great way to experience Easter. If you have any questions call Jackie Hollister 330-853-6274.



3C's Food Distribution

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

from 2-4:30 pm

Old School

Marketplace II836

South Ave.

North Lima

No income requirements



Mt. Olivet Mission Dinners

3Cs Lunch

Hope Center Lunch

Mission Breakfast

Mobile Market Meal

Friends & Family Meal

Hotel Meal

Brightside Dinner

AA Meal

Red Cross Lunch

Pierogi Dinner

Mt. Olivet Community Breakfasts

The Mission Committee offers the Community Breakfast on the last Saturday of each month. Donations accepted and are used to help feed our neighbors.

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