

MT. OLIVET UCC APRIL 2024

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Monthly Newsletter

Loving God

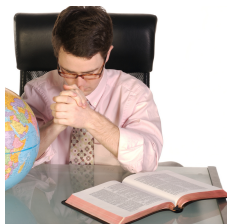
Serving Others

Welcoming All

THINK SPRING!



We continue to pray for PASTOR TIM as he serves our country by preparing other young men, just like himself, as chaplains to our service men and women. His column will return in May.



News from Consistory

by Barb Feaster, President

As I write this it is officially the first day of spring, a typical Ohio spring with snow on the ground. We have recently been spoiled by the beautiful sunny warm days that have made so many of our flowers bloom early that it was just St. Patrick's Day and snow is still going to happen, like it or not! So with Easter right around the corner, I am going to "Think Spring!"

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**Sunday Worship:
10:30 am**

**If you have moved,
changed your phone or
email address, please
notify the office**

Lent is quickly coming to an end and I hope that you all will have found a meaningful Lenten experience. Our Bread and Broth Bible study has been going very well and of course we have been well fed. The study showed us how God used perhaps unlikely or even unwilling characters to do his will. How many of us put ourselves in those two categories, unlikely or unwilling? There are still chances to go out of your comfort zone and give up something of yourself. Many slots have not yet been filled for the prayer vigil. Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him for just one hour. It is hoped that Mt. Olivet will have 24 people to do that here at the church following the Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm. The prayer vigil will run from 8 pm on Thursday to 8 pm on Good Friday. Please sign up if you haven't already. Maundy Thursday's service will feature the Last Supper and communion. Easter Sunday will have two services, one at 8 am followed by breakfast at 9 am, Easter Egg hunt for the children around 9:30 am and our Easter service at 10:30 am. Hope to see you all there.

Of course there are many other ways to join in the fellowship at Mt. Olivet. The Mission Meals are expanding. We have Mission Breakfasts, Friends and Family Meals, and now the newest addition: lunch for 3C's clients twice each month.

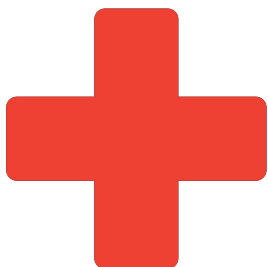
Spring also brings the need to clean up! Properties will be holding clean-up days for outside the church as well as the cemetery. For those of you who prefer to be indoors, the painting continues! An hour or three can make a big difference. Bring a friend, time goes faster.

The middle of April will begin the Rummage collection which always has opportunities galore. The sale will be on the first weekend in May and can only happen with your support. When Chaplain John Schindell talked about interlocking lines of fire making a stronger front, I couldn't help but make that comparison to our church family. Looking out for each other, praying for each other, sitting down at the table together is how the church moves forward in this time and place to do God's work. Our strengths and talents are not all the same, but together we can do this.

God has called us here for a reason. Even if we are unwilling or see ourselves as unlikely, the plan is in place. Be a part of that interlocking line and see how far we can go.

In Christian love,
Barb

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**As you read this Voice Magnified,
it's not too late to sign up for
Mt Olivet's Blood Drive
to support
the American Red Cross:
Wed., March 27, 12-5 pm.**

Call: 1-800-733-2767

SUNDAY LITURGISTS FOR APRIL

April 7th

Corinne Price

April 14th

Joan Bradley

April 21st

Dave McConnell

April 28th

Lisa Williams



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

Mission Committee

BY KRIS YOCUM



Over the past several months, the Mission Committee has been brainstorming ideas that would allow us to prepare meals on site to share with not only to our nearby neighbors, but also with the wider community. After exploring several options, the idea we consistently returned to was the purchase of an enclosed trailer with a ramp that would accommodate transporting tables, chairs, a portable canopy and a generator, along with our grill. The goal is to have the ability to prepare and serve hot meals and also provide seating for those enjoying the meals. This would allow for fellowship and further opportunities to reach out to those in need. The trailer would allow us to travel to lower income neighborhoods where access to food is limited. We would also have the ability to team up with other groups such as Mahoning Valley Mobile Market and South Range 3C's to provide on site meals to families as they arrive to receive groceries. The trailer could also be utilized to provide food in areas experiencing power outages or to transport supplies for mission trips. The following are the approximate costs for the purchase of the trailer and the additional items necessary to take our food mission "on the road"

*Enclosed trailer with ramp door.....	\$4200
*Tables (quantity-6).....	420
*Folding chairs (quantity- 25).....	625
*10'x20' tent canopy (quantity-2).....	460
*Generator.....	700
*License plate.....	36
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	\$6441

We realize that this is a sizable purchase, but we "dream big" when it comes to sharing God's love and serving others. We hope that our Mt Olivet congregation will embrace this dream with us and join us in fulfilling Matthew 25:35....'For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in.' Please prayerfully consider offering a monetary donation in support of our endeavor to serve our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ.



APRIL 1:
Marcus Feaster
Cora Cash
Vera Paroz

APRIL 3:
Beverly Craig

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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CHIMES & BELLS!



The CHIMES will have a little break after Easter: April 4th is a “day off” for you. However, you WILL have practice for the remainder of the month as usual: **April 11, 18 ad 25.**

The BELL CHOIR will have practice on your regular Thursdays in April: **April 4, 11, 18, 25.** Thank you one and all for your continued dedication and service to Mt. Olivet! God bless each and every one of you and keep you in His loving arms.



A NEW BIBLE STUDY:

"GROWING CLOSER TO GOD"

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who attended the “Reflecting the Light of Jesus” bible Study. I truly enjoyed studying with each one of you. I appreciated your willingness to share your thoughts and feelings as we took a closer look at God’s Word. Our time spent together in fellowship was such a blessing.

Now I’m looking forward to our next study, “Growing Closer to God.” This 4-week study will be held in the chapel. We will meet on Mondays, April 1st - April 22, from 1:00-2:00 pm.

I hope to see you then!!

--Janice Weikart

Romans 1:12 NLT: “ When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.”



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



Women's Guild News



Rummage Sale Update!

BY PHYLLIS MANNING

I am just SURE that by now you have all your STUFF packed up for the Women's Guild "Rummage Sale" on May 2, 3, and 4.

Just some STUFF reminders:

Drop off begins on **Saturday, April 13** from 9 am - 12 pm. Help with the unloading of STUFF will be greatly appreciated. We may be dusting and putting up tables. You can come and help with that or with marking the items: your choice.

Morning STUFF marking: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9 am - 12 pm

Evening STUFF marking: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 6 pm - 8 pm

Please come for an hour or so if you have some spare time on your hands. It is STUFFED with fun!!

Please remember your STUFF should be clean and sale-able and AGAIN: no TVs, Encyclopedias or weight/gym equipment!

Please say "YES" to help and participate. We welcome new faces every single day! If you want a special job please see me: cashier, marking, parking (Thursday), carry-out, kitchen. Or maybe you'd like to bake. Your contributions will be welcome and accepted. Last year I believe I suggested popcorn, chex mix and brownies. But any STUFF is welcome...especially pies for the kitchen or the bake sale.

Thank you for all your help with STUFF in the past years. But remember: it's seems to get bigger every year and we can really use your help with all the STUFF!

In closing, plan to be there April 28th after church for a delicious lunch and to put all that STUFF on the tables!

READY.....SET.....STUFF!

Phyllis Manning

330-727-5029 or 330-758-1446

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please come **APRIL 7th after worship** to help move tables and boxes from the third floor; we need them for the Rummage Sale!!

Spring Rummage Sale

May 2, 3 & 4

May 1st

Members only!

5 -7 pm

May 2nd

9 am - 6 pm

Lunch &

Bake Sale

May 3rd

9 am - 5pm

Half-Price Day

May 4th

9 am to noon

A Buck-a-Bag

Day!





Treasurer's Report

By Linda Eisenbraun, Treasurer

Current Fund

Beginning Balance Jan	\$153,882.58
Income January	20,864.06
Expense January	(20,805.81)
Income February	13,661.42
Expense February	(16,821.94)
Ending Balance	\$150,780.31

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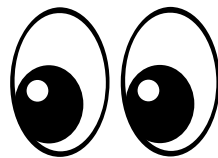
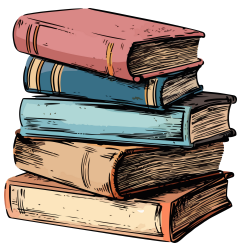
Beginning Balance	\$171.02
Income	423.00
Transfer to Current	--
Fees	(11.36)
Ending Balance	\$582.66

Benevolent Fund Balance	\$ 2,940.00
Mission Fund Balance	7,804.18
Memorial Fund Balance	42,746.72
Building Fund Balance	240.00
Special Fund Balance	\$ 7,933.69

This is a combination January/February report with February ending balances. In January, two new accounts were opened at Huntington Bank. They are interest-bearing Money Market Accounts (MMA). The Mission Fund has been extr: Benevolent for reporting purposes.



Thank you for your continued financial support.



A BOOK LOOK

by Donna Bruno

The Red Tent

by Anita Diamond

This historical fiction book is told from the point of view of Dinah, Jacob's daughter in Genesis. You will experience the life of living in a tent, constant travel and the harshness of it. It is a view of Biblical women's lives as they were restricted by and vulnerable to men. But Dinah is portrayed as a strong woman who deals with the reality of those times and perhaps paves the way for others. (Amazon rating, 4.5)



Woohoo! Great Job on Blankets!

by Joan Bradley

Blanket Sunday has been a great success! You have donated 64 blankets!! We continue to get a few more donations, so next month I should have the final tally for you. Mt. Olivet is a fantastic community of outreach to those in need. I would not be surprised if some CWS Blankets were in Indian Lake, Ohio after their tornado. Thank you so very much for all you do!

3C's Food

Distribution

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

from 2-4:30 pm

Old School Marketplace

11836 South Ave.

North Lima

No income requirements

APRIL: Important Dates

“Growing Closer to God”

Mondays April 1-22 @ 1 pm

Volunteers: Move tables & boxes from 3rd floor:

Sunday, April 7 after Worship

Mission Dinner

Monday, April 8

(Prep begins at 2 pm)

Consistory

Wednesday, April 10

Rummage Sale Collections

April 13-27

Day Camp Fundraiser:

Potato Bake!

Sunday, April 14, 11:30am-1pm

at Paradise Church

Food & Fellowship:

“National Grilled Cheese Day”

Wednesday, April 17

Mission Breakfast

Saturday, April 27

Rummage Sale Set-up

Begins

Sunday, April 28 after Worship

PRAYER VIGIL

“Can you watch with me one hour?”

Please take a moment to sign up for the Prayer Vigil:

Maundy Thursday 8:00 PM until Good Friday 8:00 pm

There's still time to make just a 1-hour commitment

to watch with our Lord and Savior.



JOYOUS TIME OF YEAR

**May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.**

**And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
abundantly
and be your loving guide.**

--Author Unknown

GREETERS

FOR

APRIL

April 7th

Ian & Hanna

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HE IS

RISEN!

ALLELUIA!!