

MT. OLIVET UCC SEPTEMBER 2025

# VOICE MAGNIFIED

Monthly Newsletter

Loving God      Serving Others  
Welcoming All



## A Letter From The Pastor

During our trip to Italy, we flew in and out of the city of Milan. Though we didn't spend any time there initially, when we returned for our outbound flight, we had about a day. I looked up activities to do and came across the Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milano). Tickets for that day were sold out, guided tours for that day were also sold out. Other than going into the center of the city to just walk around the outside of this massive cathedral, there was no going inside. Apparently, the church capacity is 40,000 so even a walk around the outside would have been impressive. As I read about the history of the cathedral, I was surprised to see that it was only completed in 1965; this is a solid 100 years after the building of Mt. Olivet's sanctuary. Of course

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that only tells half of the story. When was the construction of the cathedral begun? It was in 1386 by Archbishop Antonio da Saluzzo. Yes, you read that correctly, the Milan Cathedral took almost 600 years to complete! How many iterations of “Pardon the Dust” signs did they require?! Today, the cathedral is visited by thousands per year connecting tourists and faithful alike with God every day.

Each generation within the life of Milan Cathedral had to take ownership of continuing the building process. I’m sure there were plenty that wished it to “just be done.” Or asked themselves “when will this end?” The answer, of course, is never. Though the construction of Milan Cathedral is complete, renovations, cleaning, upkeep, etc., fall to the current generation of faithful. Parts of Mt. Olivet are just 160 years old, with others much younger, but the work remains the same. Upkeep, maintenance, cleaning and renovations remain what each generation must do to keep God’s building in proper working order. We are the current generation. The work belongs to us to keep this place a beautiful center for connecting the faithful with God and discipling a new generation of believers. Your efforts are needed. Whether it’s deep cleaning a room, washing windows, volunteering to paint or helping with other maintenance/property issues, you are wanted. Please consider how you can help keep our small cathedral shining with God’s beauty and acting as a way to glorify God with our dutiful service and worship.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tim



*With  
Heavy  
Hearts...*



With saddened and heavy hearts, Consistory accepted the resignation of Natalie Biller as Chimes/Bell Choir Director effective August 31. Natalie started here at Mt. Olivet in 1965 to "help out with the choir" as she put it and formed the adult bell choir in 1977. A staple of our church family and community, her presence will be sorely missed. As a parting gift, she directed us to a new candidate that might lead our chimes/bell choirs into the future. Please join me in gifting Natalie one final show of our appreciation. We will collect any monetary donations (cash only please) to give to Natalie at the end of September. Envelopes will be on the back table that you can use or please hand Kay Williams your gift on or before September 21. Thank you for your kindness and generosity and please keep Natalie in your prayers.



**September 1:**  
**Ellia Lippert**  
**Vera Paroz**



**September 3:**  
**Phyllis Manning**  
**Brynn Peters**

**September 7:**  
**Hannah Drummond**

**September 9:**  
**Mark Dunlap**

**September 12:**  
**Barbie McKim**

**September 13:**  
**Lauren Bradley**



**September 17:**  
**Tina Turnbull**  
**Dick Enney**

**September 18:**  
**Olivia Candella**

**September 20:**  
**Tom Sahli**





# Back to Church Potluck Rally!



On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
we will celebrate

## BACK TO CHURCH RALLY DAY!

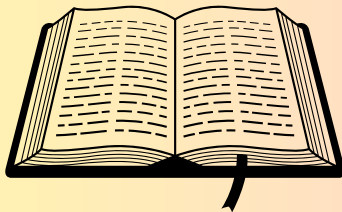
Following 10:30 Worship we will gather in  
the Grove (weather permitting) for a  
**POTLUCK LUNCH**  
(tableware & drinks provided)

After the potluck, games from yesteryear can  
be enjoyed by **EVERYONE--KIDS & ADULTS!**

Bring a dish to share and  
join in the fellowship!



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## ***BIBLE READING***

Our Elders have decided to offer **Bible Reading** as our focus for Spiritual Discipline again this year. There will be several opportunities to sign up to read parts of the Bible which will be facilitated by an Elder. These sessions are not Bible Studies- but more simply encouraging us to **read the Bible**. God will speak through the written word into our hearts as we read the holy Scriptures. There are four designated sessions this year (Sept 7- Oct 14, Nov 2-Dec 14, Feb 22-March 29 and April 19- May 31). Our Connect Cards will facilitate sign-ups. You are encouraged to sign up, to read and participate as one way of growing your faith this year.



## **MORE BIRTHDAYS!!**

**September 22:**  
Maddox Lippert  
Emma Neer

**September 23:**  
Terriann McFarland  
Jodie Stratton

**September 24:**  
Duane Hurd

**September 28:**  
Mary Wetter  
Stacey Jarrett

**September 29:**  
Becky Bierdeman  
Billy McCabe  
Salli Dispenza

**September 30:**  
Collin Dunlap  
Joan Bradley



**Because it's a  
birthday let's all  
celebrate  
Someone we think  
is really great!**



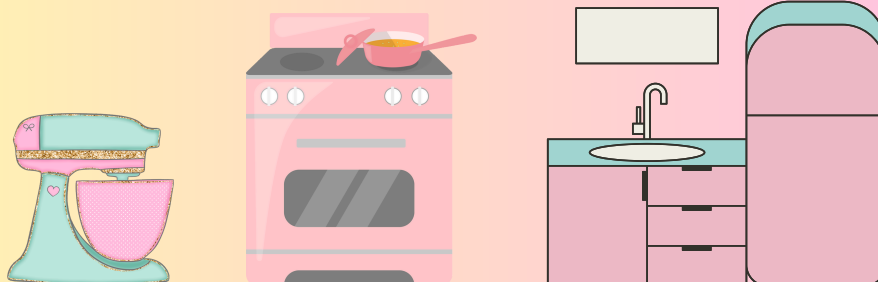
# Mission Committee

By Kris Yocum

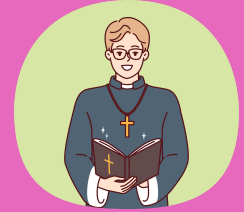


Where did summer go? It seems as though we blinked our eyes and fall was arriving in all it's splendor. Fall is often the unofficial beginning of a new "year" in the life of our church. Sunday School, choir practice and youth events all resume. Folks settle into familiar routines. Thoughts of advent planning make their way into conversations. But before we look ahead with anticipation, we need to glance back at an amazing 2025 thus far.

As of mid-August, the Mt Olivet Mission Team had served over 10,000 meals!!!! If you recall, Pastor Tim had placed a challenge before us in 2024....to serve 10,000 meals by the year's end. And here it is, midway through 2025 and we have surpassed that number....we have shared God's love with hundreds of adults and children. On behalf of the Mission Team, we want to say "Thank You"!!! Thank you to each and every person, tall and small, who gave of their time, their culinary talents and creativity, added miles on their vehicles, braved adverse weather conditions and continued to show up with hands ready to help and hearts ready to love. Every cookie baked, every pancake flipped, every sandwich delivered brought Jesus into the lives of others. We have shared over 10,000 meals, not because of the Mission Team but because of the love shared by the congregation of Mt. Olivet Church. Each of you is a team member. You are so very appreciated. Thank you!!!! God is using Mt. Olivet Church to accomplish amazing things.



## SUNDAY LITURGISTS FOR SEPTEMBER



**September 7**  
**Vera Paroz**

**September 14**  
**Ayla Lippert**

**September 21**  
**Gemma Lippert**

**September 28**  
**Corinne Price**



**If you wish to  
be a Liturgist  
contact  
Kay Williams**





# Treasurer's Report

by Linda Eisenbraun



## Current Fund

Beginning Balance	\$172,834.04
Income July	\$ 12,191.47
Expense July	\$ (22,674.37)
Ending Balance	\$162,351.14

## Pay Pal

Beginning Balance	\$ 440.06
Income	\$ 250.00
Transfer to Current	(684.59)
Fees	( 5.47)
Ending Balance	\$ ( -0 - )

Benevolent Fund Balance	\$11,844.77
Mission Fund Balance	\$20,988.80
Memorial Fund Balance	\$40,570.00
Building Fund Balance	\$42,362.63
Special Fund Balance	\$ 8,201.22

## Additional Bank Accounts:

Building Ckg/MMA	\$127,564.33
Youth Checking	2,286.93
Pastor Discretionary	7,495.38
Edward Jones	12,826.62

Linda Eisenbraun,  
Treasurer

**This QR code can be  
scanned with your phone  
camera to donate directly  
into our MTO account.**



# OFFERING COUNTERS

by Lisa Williams

**HELP!!** Offering counters are needed on Sunday mornings following Worship. If you have 20 minutes to spare, we need volunteers to help each week. We are willing to help you learn how. You'll be paired with a "seasoned" counter so... "Have no fear!! VOLUNTEER!"

Below is a link to sign up or see Lisa Williams after church.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10C0E44ACA92BAAFCC61-offering#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACA92BAAFCC61-offering#/)

## SUNDAY GREETERS for SEPTEMBER



### SEPTEMBER 7

**Julianne Hazlett  
& Mindy Stewart**

### SEPTEMBER 14

**Carol Osberg &  
Nancy Crouse**

### SEPTEMBER 21

**Tina Davis &  
Tammie Tomich**

### SEPTEMBER 28

**Linda Eisenbraun  
& Shirley Curry**



**See  
Donna Bruno  
if you wish to  
be a Greeter**

# News from Consistory

by Barb Feaster



Fairs, football, and the first day of school are always signs of the end of summer. As a former teacher, in my mind, September is always the beginning of a new year, a fresh start. At church, it has often been the same. It feels like a new year, a fresh start in so many ways. Sunday School Classes begin again, Praise Team, Bell Choir, Chime Choir, Adult Choir all begin practicing again and Youth Activities resume.

We will soon be worshiping in our newly updated Sanctuary. The carpet is being laid and the new media is being installed. Everything will be fresh and new. Hopefully you all will be feeling fresh and renewed from a summer vacation and ready to jump into worshiping God and furthering His work here in our community and beyond. God has blessed us in so many ways. Our mission has already surpassed 10,000 meals this year. We have been so touched by all the faces that smile and the heartfelt "Thank You's" that come from handing someone a plate of food. It seems hard to believe that something we all take for granted, a simple meal, can make such a difference to many others. So no matter how you contribute to this mission, donating money or desserts, writing Devotions, wrapping silverware by the thousands, coming to breakfast, cooking a meal, delivering a meal, planning and grocery shopping, pulling the trailer, or praying for the mission, your work does not go unnoticed. Those smiles and thank you's are for all of you, too. It couldn't happen without all of us working together to feed God's people. God's blessings make it possible and your contributions make it happen.

Things have also been happening outside of the church building. Several dead trees, stumps, and roots have been removed. The pavilion has been painted inside along with the picnic tables. The parsonage has a new roof and has finally gotten the deck built under the sliding glass "door to nowhere." The weeds on the hill have been removed. Painting, new lights, some new carpets in classrooms are ongoing. Thanks to everyone who works behind the scenes to make these things possible. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you all as our new season begins. September 7th will be Rally Sunday with a Potluck dinner and old fashioned games following worship. Please come and join us. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

Blessings,  
Barb



## September Dates to remember:

**September 4**

- \*Hope Center
- \*Brightside

**September 7**

- \*Sunday School
- \*Adult Sunday School
- \*Praise Team Practice
- \*Choir Practice
- \*Back to Church Potluck

**September 8**

- \*Revelation Bible Study
- \*Hotel Mission Dinner

**September 10**

- \*3C's Lunch
- \*Youth Group
- \*Deacon Meeting
- \*Spiritual Council
- \*Cosistory



**September 11**

- \*Hope Center

**September 14**

- \*Sunday School
- \*Adult Sunday School
- \*Praise Team Practice
- \*Choir Practice
- \*Friends & Family Meal
- \*Prep: MedMark Lunch

**September 15**

- \*Deliver MedMark Lunch
- \*Revelation Bible Study

**September 18**

- \*Hope Center
- \*Brightside Dinner



**September 20**

- \*Knit & Crochet Group

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## THE “BOOK LOOK”

### *“Heaven ... Your Real Home”*

by Joni Eareckson Tada

This book is a sequel to “Joni,” which is the author’s unforgettable autobiography about a young woman’s struggle against quadriplegia & depression written in 1976 following her diving accident.

In addition to her injury from the diving accident, she has suffered cancer and extreme ongoing pain, but reminds us that “God knows the precise tools to cut, facet, cleanse and refine the diamond that is your soul.” The longer you journey with your eyes on Heaven, the more you begin to see. It’s out of her suffering that she tells us about how we can live for Jesus and look forward to our real home in Heaven. And she answers some questions that we all may have stored up in our hearts: What will Heaven be like? Who will be in Heaven? How can I get ready for Heaven?



Pick up the MTO Library copy of “Heaven” and jump into the world of wonder, looking back on God’s faithfulness in your own life and envisioning your own special place in Heaven.

## MT. OLIVET LIBRARY



Mt. Olivet Library offers a wide variety of books on varied subjects! All books that are reviewed here in the Voice Magnified are available to you. Stop in and take a look sometime!

## More September Dates to remember:

**September 21**

- \*Sunday School
- \*Adult Sunday School
- \*Praise Team Practice
- \*Choir Practice

**September 22**

- \*Revelation Bible Study

**September 24**

- \*3C’s Lunch
- \*Youth Group
- \*Kids Club



**September 25**

- \*Hope Center
- \*Chancel Choir Practice

**September 26**

- \*Women’s Retreat Day 1

**September 27**

- \*Women’s Retreat Day 2
- \*Community Breakfast

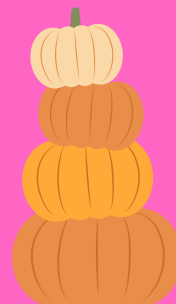
**September 28**

- \*Women’s Retreat Day 3
- \*Sunday School
- \*Adult Sunday School
- \*Praise Team Practice
- \*Choir Practice



**September 29**

- \*Revelation Bible Study



# WOMEN'S GUILD RETREAT AT CAMP FREDERICK



**September 26 @ 4pm  
'til September 28 @ 12noon**

**THEME: "Where's Your 41?"  
"Let Go & Let God"**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring any personal needs, clothing for weather, shoes, boots for the Creek Hike, something special to share (optional), a piece of fruit to share, a snack to share, your bible, your favorite beverage.

**ALSO!!** Please bring empty toilet paper rolls or drop them off in the totes provided in the restrooms at Mt Olivet. And thank you!

**PROVIDED:** Water, coffee, hot chocolate

**PAYMENT:** \$75 is due by **September 21**



## RUMMAGE SALE NEWS!!

by Phyllis Manning

**"RARE GEMS ARE HARD TO FIND"** 

Please share your rare possessions with the Women's Guild Rummage Sale. Any "class."

Last year it was "stuff." This year it's your "possessions" we want! Yours, your neighbors', your friends', everybody's! Here it is fall again... soon...and after that comes winter. Winter comes with the need of heavy underwear, sweaters, coats, jackets, winter hats & gloves. The grills are gone but many kitchen accessories are needed. But not from the stores who have inflated prices.

We have all of that and MORE at our "Possessions Rummage Sale." And ours are a lot cheaper. Our clients love us just like they love to receive our delicious Mission Meals from the Mission Committee.

With that said I will continue with "Possessions." I would remind you that we really don't want any large, heavy, bulky furniture. Our



Collections for Harvest Home begin on the first Sunday in October (October 5<sup>th</sup>) and will continue throughout the month, concluding on and including the last Sunday in October (October 26<sup>th</sup>).

All of your generous donations will be packed up, donated, and used by those in need.



"Harvest Home" is a time to be thankful, a time to give and a time to share.

Let's remember others as we fill the baskets around the welcome area with our food donations.

For those who prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made out to:  
**Women's Guild of Mt Olivet Church**





workers are getting older...did you notice that? With that also said we will continue with our tradition of NO TV's, NO encyclopedias, NO computers or electrical equipment and as just stated NO pieces of heavy furniture. ALSO: your "Possessions" should all be clean and usable. PLUS: we LOVE lots of books!

**DATE OF SALE:** November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday Nov 6:** 9:00am-6:00pm Bake Sale & Lunch

**Friday Nov 7:** 9:00am-5:00pm Half-Price & Lunch (maybe)

**Saturday Nov 8:** 9:00am-12:00pm \$1/Bag Sale

Marking begins on Saturday, October 18, when you can drop off your "Possessions." Mark and help people with drop-offs, gentlemen!

**MARKING:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

Tue, Thur evenings 6:00pm - 8:00pm

***We are counting on your help.***

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2:** We will provide a delicious lunch and welcome your help to unload your "Possessions" onto the tables.

Members are welcome to shop Wed., Nov 5 from 5:00-7:00pm. We have some special friends who help us a lot and they are also invited to shop on Wednesday. If you know of someone who likes to play with "Possessions" just send them to help mark and they can shop early!!

When asked to help sell, sort, do a table, park cars, provide baked goods & goodies for the Bale Sale, **please say "yes!"**

Special help is always appreciated in the Tent!!

#### **MY POEM**

Please come,  
It's lots of fun,  
You're never done,  
It's not a pun,  
JUST COME!

--Phyllis



## **RUMMAGE SALE**

### **DATES:**

**November**

**6, 7, 8**

***(Mark Your Calendars!)***

## **BRING ITEMS IN:**

**October 18**

**through**

**October 31**

**'til Noon**

## **REMINDER:**

**\*NO TV's**

**\*NO**

**Encyclopedias**

**\*NO Weights**

**\*NO Gym**

**equipment**

**\*NO Heavy**

**pieces of**

**furniture**

# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 Al-Anon	2	3	4 11:00 Hope Center 4:00 Brightside Dinner	5	6 7:00 AA Meeting
7 9:30 Sunday School Adult Sunday School Praise Team Practice 10:00 Choir Practice Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship Service 12: Back to Church Potluck	8 10:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Revelation Study 5:00 Hotel Mission Dinner	9	10 12:30 3C's Lunch 6:00 Youth Group Deacon Meeting Spiritual Council 7:00 Consistory	11 11:00 Hope Center	12	13 7:00 AA Meeting
14 9:30 Sunday School Adult Sunday School Praise Team Practice 10:00 Choir Practice Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Family & Friends PREP: MedMark Lunch	15 10:00 Al-Anon DELIVER: MedMark Sack Lunch 2:30 Revelation Study	16	17	18 VM Articles Due 11:00 Hope Center 4:00 Brightside Dinner	19	20 1:00 Knit & Crochet 7:00 AA Meeting
21 9:30 Sunday School Adult Sunday School Praise Team Practice 10:00 Choir Practice Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship Service	22 10:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Revelation Study	23	24 12:30 3C's Lunch 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Kids Club	25 11:00 Hope Center	26 4:00 Women's Retreat begins @ Camp Frederick	27 7:00-10:00 Community Mission Breakfast 7:00 AA Meeting
28 9:30 Sunday School Adult Sunday School Praise Team Practice 10:00 Choir Practice Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Women's Retreat concludes	29 10:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Revelation Study	30				

*In the center of the circle  
Of the will of God I stand:  
There can come no second causes,  
All must come from His dear hand.  
All is well! for it's my Father  
Who my life has planned.*

*Shall I pass through waves of sorrow?  
then I know it will be best;  
Though I cannot tell the reason,  
I can trust, and so am blest.  
God is Love, and God is faithful.  
So in perfect peace I rest.*

*With the shade and with the sunshine,  
With the joy and with the pain,  
Lord, I trust You! both are needed,  
Each Your wayward child to train,  
Earthly loss, if we will know it,  
Often means our heavenly gain.*



**Do you have your  
MT OLIVET  
CLOTHING?**



**If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, a long-sleeved shirt, a sweatshirt and new this iteration is a hoodie option, order forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or you may use the order form included with this newsletter. Please have all clothing orders returned to the office by September 21st. Thank you!**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER



**Sunday School season is  
starting back up again!**

**September 7** is Back to Church Sunday. We will celebrate with a potluck and picnic games following worship service.

**September 14** is the first day of Sunday School. Classes K-Adults begin at 9:30.

**September 21** will be the first youth group meeting from 6-8pm. We will be outside with a campfire, hot dogs, S'mores, games and devotions. This is for Jr. High and High school age. Bring a friend!

## **Starting in October:**

**1-**Youth Group will meet on the first and third Sundays of each month from 6-8pm. Meetings will include devotions, game and a snack.

**2-**A Tots and Toddlers Sunday School class will meet the first Sunday of each month during Sunday School at 9:30am. Parents welcome!

## Sunday School

25/26 Calendar

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September 7-Rally Day (Potluck and Games after church)

September 14-First Day of Sunday School

November 2-December 14-Christmas Play Practice during Sunday School

December 21-Christmas Play Performance

December 28-No Sunday School

April 5-Easter (No Sunday School)

May 10-Last Day of Sunday School

May 17-Sunday School Party

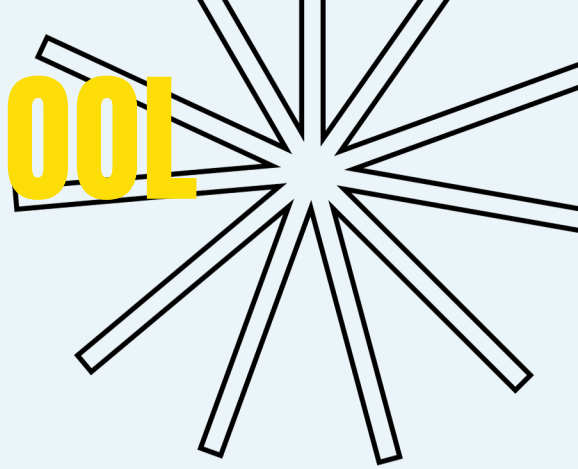
**Classes available:**  
 Kindergarten -4th Grade (Teachers: Hannah Crouse & Ryan Emch)  
 5th-8th Grade (Teacher: Nancy Crouse)  
 9th-12th Grade (Teacher: Kris Yocum, session 1)  
 Adults (Teacher: Tammie Jones)

-Sunday School meets at 930am-1015am every Sunday in pink.  
  
 -The kids will be performing a Christmas Play led by Niki D. & Kay W. Practice will be held in place of Sunday School for the months of November and December. Practice will begin at 915am during these two months.



Mt. Olivet

# TOTS & PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE



➡ FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ➡ 09:30AM-10:15AM

10-5-25

First Sunday School Class

11-2-25

Sunday School Class

12-7-25

Christmas Play Practice

1-4-26

Sunday School Class

2-1-26

Sunday School Class

3-1-26

Sunday School Class

4-5-26

EASTER-No Sunday  
School

5-3-26

Final Sunday School Class



**AGES: 0-4 YRS. OLD & PARENTS**



**LOCATION: NURSERY**



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# Youth Group

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Kick-off on September 21

- campfire, hot dogs, s'mores
- games
- devotions

Bring a friend!

GAMES  
DEVOTIONS  
SNACK  
6-8 PM

2025 Dates:  
September 21  
October 5th & 19th  
November 2nd & 16th  
December 7th

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