

MT OLIVET UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MAY 2022 ~ VOICE MAGNIFIED

Loving God, Servings Others, Welcoming All

WELCOME MAY!

See! The winter is past... Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come...

May Meetings

- 5th - Spiritual Council – 8pm
- 11th – Consistory – 7pm
- 21st - Grief Group – 9am in Chapel

Important Dates

- ❖ 1st – Communion; Rummage Setup;
Cemetery Clean-up Day
- ❖ 4th – Member's Rummage Night 7pm
- ❖ 5-7th – Rummage Sale
- ❖ 8th – Mother's Day
- ❖ 16th – Rummage Collection Begins
- ❖ 15th – Voice Magnified News Due
- ❖ 30th – Memorial Day – Office Closed

May Liturgists

1st – John Crouse
8th – Cynthia Walker
15th – Karen Sahli
22nd – Barb Feaster
29th – TBD

See Kay Williams to signup for June dates.

Alter Flowers

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a Sunday Service, please contact the office.

Upper Room Devotionals

The booklets are published bi-monthly and we offer them free of charge.
They are located in the office and in the back of the Sanctuary, alongside the newsletters.

Change of Address

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

May Use-of-Church Requests

22nd – Reed 2:30pm-5pm

Community Day Camp of
North Lima's
Loaded Baked Potato
Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit the day camp program
scheduled for July 25th-29th

April 24th 11:30am- 1:30pm



Build Your Own!

*Includes all the toppings, choice of sides,
bread, dessert & beverage!*

**Paradise Church 10020 New
Buffalo Rd., Canfield**

Visit our website!

<https://www.mtolivetucc.org>

Join us on Facebook @
Mt. Olivet United Church of Christ!

GROUPS THAT MEET AT MT. OLIVET

Al-anon – Mondays at 10am in the Chapel
AA – Saturdays at 7pm in NFH

Boy Scouts – Tuesdays at 6:30pm in NFH
Leader meeting 3rd Monday at 7pm in Chapel
Girl Scouts – Mondays at 5:45pm

Mount Olivet UCC's

Spring



May 5th, 6th & 7th

Thursday – 9am-6pm –
Bake Sale

Friday – 9am-5pm –
1/2 Price Day

Saturday – 9am-noon –
\$1 Bag Day

Drop-offs Accepted:

April 16th – 29th

ONLY During Hours:

Mon, Wen, Fri, Sat

9am-12pm

Tues & Thurs

6pm-8pm



Sunday Worship services are still
streamed live each **Sunday at 10:30am**
on Facebook.



Consistory News

by Tammie Jones

He is Risen!! What a beautiful Lenten season we enjoyed here at Mt. Olivet. It began with a beautiful Ash Wednesday service led by Sean Drummond. I am so pleased that we were able to maintain the Wednesday Lenten Suppers and Bible study. Each Wednesday was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship, crafts and an informal, conversational and instructive study based on a book entitled 'Give Up Something Bad for Lent'. Thanks are due to many for the delicious meals, to Corinne and Barb for the Lenten crafts, and to John for the study.

We returned to a Maundy Thursday service, and it was fantastic! Sean Drummond again led us in a very moving and relevant evening about the Last Supper and Jesus' betrayal. Thank you to Jackie Hollister for organizing the Prayer Vigil which began right after Thursday evening's service and to those who were able to spend an hour in prayer and meditation.

I heard the church was abuzz with activity on Saturday with Rummage collection, decorating and breakfast preparation. To those who decorated, thank you. You always make the Sanctuary look so beautiful and inviting. Before enjoying breakfast, we were fortunate to have Pastor Bert Ambrose lead the Sunrise service---- and the 10:30 service as well. To those involved in preparing our Easter breakfast-- thank you. It was delicious and the table settings were perfect. The kids had a great time with the Egg hunt. That too was a team effort—with the Adult Sunday school class stuffing eggs and Hannah and Heath and Steve overseeing the actual hunt. Thanks also to those who donated candy and treats!

I want to send a special thank you out to Erin Lippert and family who cleared the nursery of clutter and spiffed it up! Such a blessing for

those who need to use the nursery. Thanks also to those who keep everything working at the building—from discovering the source of water leaks to troubleshooting the lighting issues.

As you know, Pastor John Bradley has undertaken the role of interim visitation pastor. He has approached this with such enthusiasm and commitment to reach those who just need to know that their church family loves them. I am very grateful for that. I believe he has included contact information in the bulletins and in this edition of Voice Magnified.

In other news, your Spiritual Council continues to work toward finding an interim pastor. With the help of Living Waters, we have interviewed three potential interims. We have also been introduced to the concept of a designated pastor and are exploring options there. We have spent many late nights at the church diligently working to meet the needs of Mt. Olivet. We will continue to keep you updated as things develop. In the meantime, we'll thank Tina for arranging for supply pastors so that we can enjoy worship together each Sunday. Be patient and know that God is working.

Youth Nights will resume in May. We may also continue to do a Wednesday evening supper/Bible study once or twice a month as there was some interest expressed in that. Makes me so happy! Speaking of Bible study, the adult Sunday School class will be starting a new program in May. It'd be a great time to join us! And, if you have any ideas for the study topic, let us know.

Bring some work clothes with you on Sunday May 1 and help the Cemetery Board after service with some sprucing up of the cemetery---mostly picking up sticks and pulling

a few weeds. When the work is done, a luncheon will be served!

Don't forget the Baked Potato fundraiser to benefit Community Day Camp. It's next Sunday—April 24 at Paradise Church! And, remember to bring your Rummage in too!

Keep in mind that offering counters are needed. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board!

Your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and suggestions are important. Please don't keep them to yourself! Reach out to a Consistory member or myself. Remember, we are a church family! Let's celebrate Easter and the good news that Jesus is risen--- and we are saved--- every day. And, let's spread that good news to others through our words, deeds and actions.

Prayerfully, Tammie ☺



Treasurer's Report

by Linda Eisenbraun

March Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$40,529.58
Income	\$38,647.95
Expense	(\$15,243.66)
Ending Balance	\$63,933.87

With the support of Consistory, we have looked to the future by adding Pay Pal as an alternate method of supporting the churches mission.

Thank You

Hi! We want to thank everyone at Mt. Olivet for all the cards, letters & prayers we have gotten since we moved. I have gone there since I was three-years-old & really miss everyone. Thanks for keeping in touch! Lots of love, hugs & prayers. See you in Heaven!
Love, Bob & Jean Watson

I want to thank everyone kindly for the 'Thinking of You' cards, and all the well wishes. It is nice to be remembered. I miss being in church with you all. Come pick some daffodils if anyone needs some!
In Christian Love,
Edith Kellner

The QR code can be scanned with your phone camera to donate. If you aren't sure how it works, ask someone at church or stop in the office and Stacey will help you.

Thank you to all for your continued support of Mt. Olivet's mission to serve God, serve others.





Women's Guild News

by Stacey Jarrett

We figure that you already know that we have started collecting for the Rummage Sale but, in case you didn't, we want to make sure that you know the daily schedule. We will be collecting through till April 29th. On **Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays we collect from 9am-12pm; and Tuesdays and Thursdays we collect from 6pm-8pm**. Please do not bring in TVs, exercise equipment or encyclopedias. Also, make sure your donations are gently used and able to be resold easily. We appreciate everyone who donates or helps with the sale. And, that reminds us, if you can help with collection – there are signup sheets in the hallway, or just come on in when you can. We will also need help the days of the sale and those sheets will be going out soon! Setup for the sale will be after church on May 1st. Bring a potluck dish to share for lunch and come join the fun! Yes, we said FUN! We have a lot of fun working together for this wonderful mission. The Member's Only sale will be held on the 4th from 5pm-7pm. Of course, our other community helpers from the sale are able to come and shop early, too.

We also have another event coming up – our Ladies' Tea! We sure have missed this annual event and are happy to see it coming back. All ladies are invited to come with us to the **Marian Living Center on May 19th from 2pm-4pm for a Tea Time**. We could use some donations of cookies (no nuts, please!). Please bring those in the week of the 15th and give them to the office, to Phyllis, or to Cynthia Cash. It's a great time getting to see our senior friends with smiles on their faces from our visit!

Thank you for your continued support of the Guild and its missions!



Interim Visitation Ministry 2022

(Part Time)

The Rev. John J. Bradley

I write, The Rev., because I'm not your pastor. Please, folks, you do not need to refer to me as Rev., John is just fine. Joan and I are members like everyone else. I learned early in ministry that in institutional care settings 'doors' open, and relationships begin quicker, with Rev's than with Mr.'s. For that reason, I removed the clerical collar in the mid '80's.

I have discovered in my 'retirement' ministry I can now do things that UCC Association "boundary rules" prevent 'pastors' from doing in ministry. I can be in a closer relationship to you, without any social or political favors implied or owed.

Visitation is relationship. I feel, I may even know, that our current 2022 society puts great stress on relationships. I will not use valuable newsletter space to list all of the stress that impacts our relationships with one another and our God; for I am sure you are well aware of them.

Relationship is visitation. Visits are face-to-face in a comfortable setting. Relationships are renewed and strengthened by visits. When we are able to touch each other's lives with a seen smile, a felt touch, or a mutual understanding, then our lives are enriched.

When through a visit, we learn about each other, or come to know why *you* think about topics the way we do, then our lives are enriched. When we walk in another's moccasins for a few steps; or learn about the entanglements of individuals, family, and yes, even church family, we are enriched because we are made aware of the reasons folk respond, or do not respond, to one another.

Visitation is really taking the time and energy to make yourself vulnerable to one another. It is a time to explore life history. It is a time to see where and when our paths of life may have crossed. It is an adventure to learn where we were in 1975. Joan and I were married that year. Maybe you were not born yet. What was happening in my New York State home? What was happening in your Ohio home? We learn of many unique differences. And likenesses.

YET, in our differences, today we share a common connection, Christian faith. I have learned over time that we come from a variety of church and unchurched backgrounds. Yet, here we are in Christian relationship with one another.

We are here because we are loved and invited.

We are here because we were 'lost' or alone and felt an invitation into community.

We are here because God's Spirit was made known to us through Jesus Christ, and presently the Holy Spirit has gathered us into a relationship.

We are here to support, maintain, encourage, and nurture our relationship with one another; our neighbors and our Creator.

Folks; a pastor, the elders, and the deacons cannot be everywhere. The Consistory was guided to explore and begin again an Interim Ministry of Visitation.

To the home bound; or those in care facilities, to those in extended hospital stays, to you in good health, the Interim Minister of Visitation comes to foster a maturing relationship.

As we begin the search for a settled pastor, our leadership, and we, have a lot to do. I have felt a lot of caring and interest in our members to help with our future. I have also felt the positive care for

you as the Consistory wishes to maintain a physical and spiritual contact with you.

The age range and talents of our congregational family is wide and deep. With an Interim Visitation Ministry (part time) we care for the welfare for those who are not able, for health and distance, to worship or participate regularly (or only by prayer) in our ministry. Their spirits are strong. Their lives warmed by the love shared with you in relationship. And they have ideas from the past which will help guide our future.

I offer an analogy. In relationship with one another we are the 'steel reinforcing

rods' of skills, talents, energy and faith imbedded into the concrete of God's Spirit made known to us. Christ is the sure foundation upon which we stand and build. On this foundation, those in each generation of our congregation, in relationship, have helped build on the foundation of Christ. Our Interim Visitation Ministry (part time) is one part of how we together help maintain and keep energized our relationships so that you, and others, will experience God's comfort, peace and love through our congregation; our community of faith.



GRADUATES!!!

It's time to send in your information for the June newsletter! We will also be having a Graduate Recognition Day at church(day TBA). This is for any graduates

from high school, college, or a trade school.

We will need your school that you are graduating from, your parent's names (if applicable), any of your achievements, and what your future plans are. We would also like to have a picture to place alongside the information. Please email these to the office at office@mtolivetucc.org by **May 15th** – the deadline for the newsletter.



Practice Times: THURSDAYS

Choir at 7pm

Handbells at 5:45pm



We do not print member's birthdays in the online version of the newsletter.

See someone missing?
Email the office @ office@mtolivetucc.org



MOVERS & SEEKERS

Sundays at 9am
Meet in the Chapel

Zoom links for the class are sent by email for those that cannot attend.
Contact Tammie Jones to get put on the list!

Feel free to join in with us at any time! We gather to reflect on scripture, spiritual books, inspirational films and more!
We will be starting a new series in May and we hope that you will join us!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children in grades Pre-K through high school will go to class after the *Kid's Time* message presented during the Sunday Worship service.

