



The Olive Branch



Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church

Worshiping God, Loving and Serving Others, Sharing the Good News

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November 2022

How did November get here so soon? We have some special events coming up in November.. We will say thank you for all those who have served in the military during worship on November 13 as Veteran's Day is November 11. We will go to Intprise for their Community Thanksgiving Service on November 20. We will have a Moravian Lovefeast and I look forward to celebrating together.

The Advent Season begins November 27 so we will be decorating -putting up the tree and all the other décor on Saturday morning November 26. Everyone is welcome to come and be part of this special time. There is something exciting about getting out the decorations and hanging up the different items and preparing our hearts for Christ child to come and be born in our hearts. We are blessed to be Mount Olivet and there are some new programs on the calendar - The Genesis Kardia group will

present a Christmas Play and you do not want to miss it. Be sure to have your calendar ready to write down all the dates coming up.

This year Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays. Come prepared to sing and learn about many of the Songs of the Christmas season. More info will be shared in the December newsletter.

Come before God's presence with thanksgiving in your heart and give God praise! Make a list of ways God has blessed you and Mount Olivet UMC.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, Pastor Donna




Thank You to Our Veterans!

We honored our veterans and all those who wear the uniform at our worship service on November 13. May the Lord bless them for their serviced their sacrifice.

Current Veterans

Ben Abood	Indiana Furches	Lineberry
Dan Augsburger	Bill Garrison	Sam McKay
Dan Beck	Don Harrison	George Perryman
Jason Childress	Thom Hege	Bruce Salley
Joe Craver	David Jackson	Don Speaks
Pat Craver	Frank Kawa	Danny Strehlow
Wayne Epley	Myke Lewis	
Paul Evans	Paul Luper	
	Aaron	



*Blessed by God
to be a Blessing*

“...we should be thankful for the blessings we’ve been given. If we really take time to think about them all, big and small, we often find that there really are too many to name and not enough time to record them all. Our only attempt to show God our appreciation for the gifts He’s given to us is to freely and cheerfully share them with others.” *(LaTonia Powers)*

Contact Information?

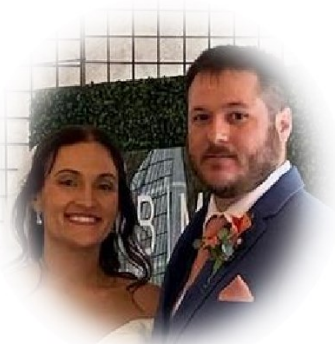
If you or someone you know isn't receiving online news and prayer requests from Mt. Olivet, please send the email address to smcraver@bellsouth.net to be added to our group.

Also please give her any updated US mail addresses so everyone will receive their newsletters.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the families of
 - Barbara and Charlie Chesnut in the passing of her uncle Myron Hill
 - Mike and Terri Bradley in the death of his uncle Chester Tranthom on October 15, and
 - Jo Hege and Brenda Fulton in the passing of their son-in-law and brother-in-law, Sam Simms, on October 31.

**All Are Invited for
 55 and Holding
 9 AM, Tuesday Nov 22
 Hoyt's Country Cooking
 Contact Kathy (336-909-8214)
 for more information.**



Congratulations and Best Wishes

We ask God's blessings on Mary Anne and Billy Brown who were married on November 5. Mary Anne is the daughter of Mike and Charlene Craver.

Music Notes

Hi, Church Family.

Mt. Olivet and Enterprise Moravian choirs are preparing special music "Thanks" for our Community Thanksgiving Service at Enterprise Moravian Church on Sunday, November 20, at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend the beautiful Love Feast and Thanksgiving celebration with our neighbors!

The choir is also hard at work prepping for our Christmas cantata, "Gather at the Manger" comprised of new songs and familiar Christmas carols with a beautiful message in song and narration. The cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 18, at our regular Sunday morning worship time.

In preparation for Thanksgiving and the rapidly approaching Advent Season, let us all ready our hearts and minds to show thankfulness of God's never-ending love and His precious gift of His Son!

Keep singing!
 Missy

Cover the City

For the months of October and November, Mt. Olivet will be a drop-off location for Cover the City Project, which collects new and gently used blankets and distributes them to the homeless. Corky Clodfelter is the coordinator for our site. A collection box will be located in the Believers' classroom across from the fellowship hall. You can also place them in the box outside the front entrance of the church or *feel free to drop them at any A Cleaner World location through November 30!* For more information visit - www.coverthecityproject.org

CClodfelter



Birth- a Gift from God

Congratulations to John and Katie Hanes on the birth of their daughter Caroline Ruth. She was born October 7 weighing 3 lbs 14 oz. Her proud grandparents are Jayne and Vladimir Radionov.

All Saints Sunday

"For all the saints who from their labors rest..."

- William Walsham How

At our November 6 worship service, we remembered Charlie Pace who went to his heavenly home on June 26.

Altar Flowers

The 2023 flower list for Mt. Olivet is currently being updated. If you are on the 2022 list and want to remain on the list for 2023, you do not need to do anything at this time. If you are not on the list and would like to be added to it or if you are on the list and would like to be removed, please contact Linda Mitchell at 336-764-3853 or bjmlinda@triad.rr.com

There are two options for providing flowers for the altar. You may provide your own arrangement to be placed on the altar or you may use one of the silk arrangements that the church has and give a financial contribution. This contribution can be to the church budget or can be marked to go to a specific fund such as CCC, Youth, or Scholarship.

- L. Mitchell

Five Generations!



Congratulations to the Knox Family—Dolly, Jim, Wendy, Bridget, and Sadie. “Indeed, may you see your children’s children...” Psalm 128:6a

**If we don’t have an attitude of gratitude,
all we have left is attitude.**

- *Kenny Luck*



6-8 PM Friday, December 2

Pre-school-5th-graders

What’s the first thing you think of when you hear the word Christmas? Is it all you have to do: the decorating, the gifts, the meals? It’s easy to get caught up in the externals.

Santa and presents are fun, but is its real meaning getting lost on your children? Let us help them focus on Jesus’ birth! On December 2, we will have a very special party with lots of fun activities to celebrate and remind them what Christmas is all about.

Those who want to bring a birthday gift to Jesus may bring gloves, mittens, or hats which go to the clothes closet at Charles England Elementary.

Record of Our Faithfulness

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support the ministries of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

By Our Presence

	Onsite	FB Live*
Oct 2	69	NA
Oct 9	54	4
Oct 16	59	7
Oct 23	NA	12
Oct 30	61	6

Attendance figures reflect the number of people worshipping in the sanctuary and viewing the service on our Facebook page (*Peak number of households viewing live, but does not include those who watch later.)

By Our Gifts

General fund*	\$12,822.25
Scholarship fund	150.00
CD interest	169.56
CCC	100.00

Payroll reimbursement 60.00

Total to date \$13,301.81

Different month, pattern continues...

Another month ending with a deficit: October Regular Offering Deposits/Other Income minus Operating Expenses was -\$4,159.70.

Regular offerings deposits in October totaled \$12,822.25 (\$11,980 in offering plates or mailed to church; \$842.25 in online giving).

October operating expenses totaled \$17,151.51. All spending was expected, budgeted and approved.

Mt. Olivet needs YOUR help. 2022 Year-To-Date (Regular Offering Deposits/Other Income minus Operating Expenses) is - \$25,272.74. As mentioned in pre-

vious months, our cash available is in very good shape...we are so VERY blessed to have prior good years that we continue to pull on.

HE uses all of us to tithe so we can continue to do HIS work...

please give prayerful consideration in making contributions. If you want your contribution to be targeted at a specific expense or expense category, please let me know and I will ensure it is booked in the area you designate

THANK YOU for ALL you do!

Your sister in Christ,

Corky Clodfelter, Treasurer



Community Thanksgiving Lovefeast

**Enterprise Moravian Church
Sunday, November 20
7 PM**

One of the best parts of Thanksgiving in our community is the Lovefeast at Enterprise Moravian Church the Sunday before. If you haven't been, you've missed out!

For 270 years the Lovefeast has maintained its dignity and grace. It is a simple meal shared in a spirit of reverence and joy that Christ is present in our lives. In America the traditional Lovefeast consists of a sweetened bun and coffee. Traditional Moravian hymns are sung until all have been served and the blessing is spoken: "Come Lord Jesus, Our Guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee." Everyone partakes while music is provided. A brief message is usually included as part of the service (<https://moravianmusic.org/what-is-a-moravian-lovefeast/>)

Thanksgiving

During the Thanksgiving holiday, we focus on our blessings and express our gratitude to God for them. But thanks should be expressed every day. We can never say thank you enough to parents, friends, leaders and especially to God. When Thanksgiving becomes an integral part of your life, you will find that your attitude toward life will change. You will become more positive, gracious, loving, and humble. Whom do you need to thank today. (*Life Application Study Bible* note on 1 Corinthians 1:4-6.)

Thoughts on Being Thankful

Are you thankful? Have you given thanksgiving to God lately? It is one of the greatest Christian privileges to be able to return our gratitude to our God on Thanksgiving Day and every day of our lives.

- Gary Huckaby

Thankfulness should be the hallmark of a Christian. The lack of thankfulness shows a heart in need of mending, instruction, and direction. Paul puts it simply like this: it is God's will for you to be thankful.

Thomas Donelan

The Christian who walks with the Lord and keeps constant communion with Him will see much reasons for rejoicing and thanksgiving all day long.

- Warren Wiersbe



We have lots of options for our children during worship service! Following Jayne Radionov's children's sermon, preschoolers are invited to the room behind the sanctuary (next to the nursery) where Lynn Lemly and Miranda Doomy will have a story and activities just for them. Kindergarten through fifth-graders can go to the third floor gathering room for their lesson; and, of course, the nursery is staffed for younger children from the beginning of the service.



It is with a sad and heavy heart (as I love my church family so much), I am announcing my resignation as youth counselor. This

will be effective December 1, 2022.

The Staff Parrish has known for a few months but it's now time to announce. I have spoken with the youth so they were aware as I wanted them to know first as well as parents.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to lead these youth. Thank you for entrusting them to me. It has been an honor and blessing to spend time with them, get to know them, and help them in their spiritual journey.

For myself, I feel like it's time for a change and God is calling me to other opportunities. I will always pray for our church, our youth, and for those to come to salvation.

I love you all. God bless.

Love always your sister in Christ,
YOU ARE LOVED

Suzanne Koontz

Trustees Report

Trustee chair, Bob Mitchell, reports:

- A new water cooler/fountain has been ordered to replace the one behind the sanctuary
- Columbarium benches are expected right away.
- Changing tables have been placed in the nursery and in the basement in the Seekers classroom

We greatly appreciate all the work Bob has done as trustee chair the past six years.



Sat, Nov 26 9 AM

We Need You...

to help prepare the church and grounds for Advent by raking the leaves at the church and parsonage, putting up outdoor banners, moving a pew and doing some cleaning in the church, and putting up Christmas decorations.

Everyone is encouraged to come at 9 AM to help. You will enjoy the fellowship and it will put you in the Christmas spirit. More help means a better job and shorter work time for all!

What are you doing to make Mt Olivet the kind of church that will attract others to Christ?

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Don't forget our Blessing Box when you do your grocery shopping!

College Students

We want to keep in touch with our college students while they're away. Please send contact information to smcraver@bellsouth.net or text 336-880-77867.



Our Volunteers

NURSERY

- Nov 13 Barbara Teal
- Nov. 20 Kathy Craver
- Nov. 27 Charlene Craver/
Mary Anne Brown
- Dec 4 Emily Hedrick
- Dec 11 Ashley Wilkes

FLOWERS

- Nov 13 Eddie Clodfelter Family
- Nov. 20 Emily Hedrick,
Susan Craver
- Nov. 27—Jan 1
Christmas Decorations

LITURGISTS

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please make arrangements for someone to cover for you.

- Nov 13 Wilson Teal
- Nov 20 Lisa Foster
- Nov 27 Linda Mitchell
- Dec 4 Susan Craver
- Dec 11 Charles Craver
- Dec 18 Jim Bumgarner



Fall Mission Offering

November 20

Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we demonstrate our gratitude by sharing our blessings with others. In light of so many disasters both here and abroad, our offering this year will go to the UMCOR—Where Most Needed Advance Special. This project supports programs that fight hunger and poverty, assists the displaced, and responds to disasters in the United States and internationally. Efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own.

All offerings on the 20th will go to missions unless they are marked otherwise. Please give generously. We can help make a lasting, meaningful difference in the world.

You can learn more at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/999895/>

Advent Devotionals

Each Monday through Thursday (November 28 – December 22), the Metro District invites us to join them on a journey through scripture. Clergy and laity from across the District will share a devotional video message using scripture passages from the lectionary. To have them delivered straight to your email, sign up at <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/AdventStudy2022MetroDistrict54>

Genesis Kardia

The Olive Branch first told you about Genesis Kardia, a program focused on folks with different abilities, back in August and since then several of our members have gotten a lot of joy out of participating with them. In addition to regular meetings on Mondays from 6:30 until 8 PM at Redeemer Presbyterian in Winston, we have two special events coming up at Mt Olivet in December. Call Jayne Radionov with any questions— 336-413-7495

The Christmas Story and Carol Sing-a-long

shared by
Genesis Kardia
Sunday, Dec 11
3:00 pm

Cookies and punch
in the
fellowship hall
afterwards.



2nd Friday Fun

Friday, Dec 9
7—9 PM
Dancing with live DJ,
Bingo, snacks,
a visit from Santa, and
photo booth fun.

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Kenny Luck

Willing Workers

We met on Wednesday, October 26, to pack Shoe Boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas for Children. We packed 50 boxes for the ministry and appreciate the ladies who turned out to help us! The boxes will be picked up the week of November 14 and taken to Boone, where each one will be checked for the proper items. Each box requires \$10 for mailing to the recipients. We really appreciate the donations that we received to help cover the mailing cost and the purchase of items to go in the boxes.



Our November meeting will be on Wednesday, the 16th, at 1:00, in the Bruce Salley Sunday School Classroom. Barbara Teal will be having the program, which will be on "What Makes You Happy"! This is a week earlier than we usually meet, because of Thanksgiving and some ladies will be prepping for Thanksgiving lunch, on the 24th!

We will also be meeting for our December meeting on the 14th, the second Wednesday of the month, because of the Christmas Holidays. We will be meeting for a Christmas Luncheon at the Cagneys in Wallburg, at 11:30. All ladies are invited to join us! We will carpool from the Church!

We are waiting to hear back from the Dragon Fly House as to a date when we can take blankets and tour the facility for the ones who have not previously toured.

- Barbara Pace



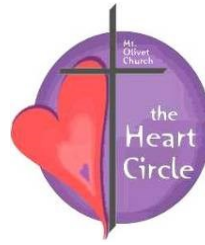
Happy Birthday!

Nov 11	Tamara Lineberry
Nov 13	Eli Lingberry
Nov 14	Kathy Craver
Nov 16	Chris Carter
Nov 21	Barbara Teal
Nov 22	Hailey Wilkes
Nov 23	Sawyer Salamon
Nov 25	Danny Beck
	Loretta Beck
	Jeff Cruz
Nov 26	Sydney Usher
	Evan Beck
Nov 27	Chad Davis
Nov 29	David Anderson
	Terri Bradley
Nov 30	Lynette Wikle
Dec 1	Lewis Brown
	Eric Frye
Dec 2	Walker Scism
	Miranda Doomy
Dec 3	Barbara Pace
Dec 4	Jana Brown
	Levi Jackson
Dec 5	Barbara Chesnut
Dec 7	Randy Black
	Kaye Powers
Dec 8	Judy Drum
Dec 10	Adelaide Beeker
	Janice Johnson
Dec 11	Susan Craver
	Jody Henderson,
	Michelle Henderson

No matter
how difficult
your life's journey,
you can
always count
your blessings—
past, present,
and future.

*Life Application Study Bible—
footnote on Ps 103:1*

The Heart Circle met on Monday, October 17, at 6:30. Kathy welcomed everyone and opened with a prayer and passed out notes with upcoming dates and reminders. She then introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Janet Taylor Gwyn.



Janet has an amazing testimony to share. She was born in the Bronx to a mother that was an alcoholic. Her mother passed away when she was four years old and she was raised by her grandmother until she too passed away when Janet was still young. Janet was passed from family member to family member; and at an early age, she made bad decisions. Feeling abandoned time and time again, Janet turned to the wrong people for love. Once she graduated from high school in 1976, she decided to join the Navy. Again, she turned to the wrong people and got in trouble while in the Navy and was discharged. Janet said that she did not know God but she remembered her Grandmother's God and she prayed to Him. God will go a long way to save us if we ask. She was a drug addict and prostitute for 13 years, was in and out of jail multiple times, had three children out of wedlock and could not raise them.

Her last time in jail was in 1994. One of the officers there treated her with dignity and respect and told her that she did not belong in jail. While working in the laundry room, she was allowed to choose a radio station to listen to and she chose the gospel station - the song, "Another Chance", came on and she started to cry and apologize. She told God, "If you will save me, I will serve you." The other ladies in the jail betted against her that day and said she would be back in jail but she never went back. She went back to college at 40 years old and got a degree in English. She has taught school, obtained her master's degree, been a principal, received a doctorate in theology, and is currently the advisor to doctoral cohorts of Word of Life Bible College and an adjunct professor. Janet's bio said that she is "on assignment." She knows that God saved and sanctified her for His glory!

Thanks so much to Janet for sharing her story - everyone there was blessed! Janet thanked Becky Bumgarner for introducing her to our Circle. Janet was living in the apartment next to Becky's mother-in-law, Otha, and they all became friends.

Important dates to remember:

November 12, 2022 - Meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. to deliver meals for the shut-ins. Everyone should know what they are supposed to bring - if not, call Kathy.

Next meeting - we are meeting early due to Thanksgiving - we will meet on **Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm, at Kathy Knox's house.** Our guest speaker will be Jayne Radinov. Please join us!

December 5, 2022 - Heart Circle Christmas Party at Hoyt's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Bring a \$20 gift for the White Elephant Game.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

-The Heart Circle



Brad Atkins
 Rachel Augsburg
 Steve Beck
 Barbara Berrier
 Barbara Chesnut
 Donna Clodfelter
 Mark Craver
 Michael John Craver
 Ralph Craver
 Judy Drum
 Ken Drum
 Laurie Fitzgerald
 Lucille Garrison
 Jo Hege
 Brenna Husel
 Nelson Ingram V
 Melissa Jessup
 Jim Knox
 Laura Knox
 Judith Kurtzrock
 Larry Lineberry
 Jean Marsh
 Valerie Miller
 David Minter
 Guillermo Sanchez
 Ollie Sironen
 Martha Varner
 Lois Walters
 Jerry Weisner
 Brenda Zimmerman
 Evva Zimmerman
 Jane Zimmerman
 Those with Covid

We need your help to keep our prayer list up to date. Please email smcraver@bellsouth.net or call 336-764-2983 with additions, deletions, or corrections.

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What's Happening

Sundays

9 AM — Believers Zoom Class
9:15 AM — Friends of Fellowship Class
— New Beginnings Class
9:45 — Youth Class
10:30 AM — Worship

Nov 20 — 7 PM

Lovefeast at Enterprise

Dec 4 — 8 AM—Methodist Men

Dec 11 — 3 PM—Genesis Kardia Program

Mondays

Dec 5—

5:30 — Heart Circle
7 — Administrative Council

Tuesday

November 15 — 6:30 PM
Heart Circle

Wednesdays

6-7:30 — Youth
7 PM — choir
Nov 16, Dec 7 — 3 PM
Bruce Salley Class
Nov 16, 1 PM; Dec 14, 11:30
Willing Workers

Thursdays

7 PM — Cantata Practice

Friday

Dec 2 — 6-8:00
Birthday Party for Jesus
Dec 9 — Second Friday Fun—
(Genesis Kardia)

Saturday

Nov 12 — 10:30
Heart Circle Delivery
Nov 26 — 9 AM
Clean Up and Decorate

Sunday Worship

You are invited to worship at 10:30 each Sunday in the sanctuary or online at

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064529206785>