



Neighborhood Gatherings

JULY 2018

Newsletter of Mt. Olive and Relief United Methodist Churches



Greetings in Christ, my new church family!

My name is Rev. Dr. Seung Hae Yoo-Hess (pronounce *Sing Hey*). First of all, I want to express how very excited I am to become part of Mt. Olive and Relief United Methodist churches. I am so blessed to come to the charge because I have heard many wonderful things about the churches. I have heard how courageous and active our churches have been to show God's goodness and grace to the people around us. I heard that our community has been beloved by God. I also heard the members' hearts are gigantic and generous even though the churches seem small. I already feel love and respect for our church leaders and members. I am proud to be your new pastor.

I believe that many of you feel curious about me. Since July 2013 I have served local churches — Providence/Trinity Charge — Lacrosse/ Sardis Charge, and Rockingham Court UMC. Before that time, I used to serve many churches as a Sunday school

teacher, a director for youth and young adult groups for twenty years.

I am also very thankful that God allowed me to receive many opportunities to learn theology and pastoral care and counseling. I finished a doctoral degree at Candler School of Theology in GA, and a master degree at Claremont School of Theology in CA. I finished a M.Div. degree and a bachelor degree at *Chong-shin* theological seminary in Korea. I also received training at hospitals as a chaplain and worked at Care and Counseling Center of Georgia as a professional counselor.

I am very passionate to love listening to people's life stories and sharing God's love and care with them. I am ready to go to people in need wherever they are. I love to work with children and youth. So, my ministry has focused on care for "people of all ages," providing pastoral care and counseling for individuals and families, and community services. I believe that God's table of love should be extended to all people and all nations. I love to meet new people and learn their cultures and languages. I also love to advocate for the voices of the minority.

I am also blessed to have a devoted husband, Jeff who is a school counselor. We love exploring nature, traveling, and watching movies. We also love giving constructive criticism to each other, regarding our sermons and ministries, but we are not like a cat and dog.

The best blessing is to have you as my church family. When I moved to Winchester, many wonderful members came and did a morning work-out to set up the furniture. Some members brought food so my family did not need to starve during this transitional moment. God also poured out God's grace. While we moved there was severe rain, but it totally stopped when we began to load and unload our stuff. The word "Thank You" is not enough for God and for you.

This experience reminds me of a real "family." Just as Jesus did for his disciples, I want to shout to the world, "Look, here are my mothers and brothers." As my real family, I say with a sincere heart, "I LOVE you." I want to commit myself to being a good pastor for all of you." You are my family in Jesus Christ. I already love you, trust you, and respect you. God's many blessings and grace will be with all of you.

— *Seung Hae*



LECTIONARY FOR JULY

July 1 2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27,
2 Corinthians 8:7–15, Mark 5:21–43

July 8 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10,
2 Corinthians 12:2–10, Mark 6:1–13

July 15 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19
Ephesians 1:3–14, Mark 6:14–29

July 22 2 Samuel 7:1–14a,
Ephesians 2:11–22, Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

July 29 2 Samuel 11:1–15,
Ephesians 3:14–21, John 6:1–21

MT. OLIVE UMC NEWS

*"Where We GOT FAITH!
And so can you!"*

327 Mount Olive Road
Winchester, VA 22602

SUNDAY SERVICES AT MT. OLIVE

Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am

Give
THANKS
to the **Lord**

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
6/03	54	\$ 1,202
6/10	60	Joint Worship
6/17	<u>51</u>	\$ <u>1,360</u>
Avg.	55	\$ 1,281

JULY



Carol Place

IT'S
DONUT
DAY!

Angie, Ann, Tin & Carol

Greeters

Carol Place



Brenda Newpher



7/01 Gavin Rowe
 7/04 James Saville
 7/06 Cy Stanley
 7/07 Jessie Smith
 7/12 Karolyne Ganoë
 7/12 Sean McKinley
 7/13 Kenny Ganoë
 7/14 Carol Place
 7/15 Vanessa Maquez
 7/17 Pastor Victor Gomez
 7/19 Bob Sigler
 7/22 Allison Lafferty
 7/24 Joe Lizer
 7/26 Richard Angell
 7/27 Marie Lizer
 7/28 Alexa Stanley
 7/30 Bill Dunlap
 7/31 Cheryl Knight
 8/01 Logan Holliday



Jay & Donna Fix., Sr.

THOUGHT:

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, U.S. Senate Chaplain,
1947–1949



Our Disciples on Deck missions will be here this week! It is coming up fast . . . If you have not contacted me to confirm that you will be attending, please do so now This is a youth-sponsored event and I need ALL of the youth and adults that will be in town. I am pretty lenient with the missions/events our youth attend throughout the year so this one I am asking you make time to attend and help out with this one. The youth will be the leaders in the group so we need to have them there. We are only able to complete all the missions if we have the helping hands and feet of God there! The more we have, the quicker they go 😊 We have quite a few homes that need tended to so PLEASE make every effort to be there and also invite your friends, neighbors, other churches and anyone who would like to experience the joy of helping and being with others. 😊 Adults are welcome so PLEASE grab a group and join us!!

We will be staying at the Lizer home at Lake St. Claire on Friday, July 6th. There will be many fun evening activities planned such as: corn hole, ping pong, foosballs, campfire, swimming and fishing to name just a few. This will be a great time and will be even better with a large group!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns — and to let me know if you/anyone else will be attending. The cost is minimal and if there is an issue, just let me know and I will take care of it. NOBODY will be turned away.

Blessings on a wonderful week!

—Brenda



Please join us for our Summer Prayer Group at Mt. Olive in the Shelter. It will be at 11:00 am on the listed dates. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.

July 11
 August 1
 August 22



STAGE LEFT BAND

Sunday, July 15th — Mt. Olive UMC
 Worship — 9:30 am
 Sunday, August 12th — Mt. Olive UMC
 Worship — 9:30 am
 Sat., September 8th — Reynolds Store Fire
 Hall Yard Party — 2:00 pm (??)
 Sunday, September 9th — Wesley Chapel
 Praise and Hymn Sing — 6:00 pm
 Saturday, October 13th — Roanoke Valley
 Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, VA,
 Concert
 Sunday, October 14th — Roanoke Valley
 Presbyterian, Blacksburg, VA.,
 Worship at 11:00 am



JULY

Friday–Saturday, July 6th–7th
 Disciples on Deck in lieu of VBS
 (2 days, one night)
 Monday–Friday, July 23rd–27th
 Tangier Island Trip

RELIEF UMC NEWS

“In Sharing, We Know Christ.”
 5275 Middle Road (Rt. 628)
 Six miles SW of Valley Avenue

Sunday Services at Relief:
Sunday School, 10:00 am
Worship, 11:00 am



	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
5/27	13	42	\$ 1,889
6/03	11	45	\$ 1,483
6/10	—	45	\$ 1,498
6/17	<u>11</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>\$ 1,388</u>
Avg.	11	41	\$ 1,564

Also received:

C-CAP	\$ 31
Conference Kits	\$ 77
Gideon	\$ 105
Missions	\$ 20
Outreach	\$ 528
Peace w/Justice	\$ 5
Shelter/Fellowship Hall	\$ 150
Witness	\$ 420
Yard Sale	\$ 1,444

TREASUER’S REPORTS are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary after each Administrative Board Meeting. Please feel free to pick up one. If there are none when you go to get one, please let me know.

—Elwanda Luttrell,
 Treasurer, (540) 869-7198, elwand@verizon.net



7/01 Lisa Turk
 7/01 Janet Unger
 7/03 Jim Huffman
 7/04 Sheryl Campbell
 7/05 Jason Hawse
 7/05 Erin Peterson
 7/06 Bruce Luttrell, Jr.
 7/10 John Simpson
 7/16 Neil Thorne
 7/17 Pastor Victor
 7/18 Allen Boyd
 7/19 Jeanie Painter
 7/21 Andy Anderson
 7/26 Charlotte Messick
 7/27 Lucille Hughes



7/11 Jimmy and Sue Boyd
 7/13 Allen and Judy Boyd
 7/15 Clyde and Rebecca Miller
 7/17 Terry and Teresa Boyd

JULY LAYREADER

“Kim McDonald”

LAYREADERS are needed for September thru December. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Thumbs to the Left

(A Saturday Women's Retreat)

You are cordially invited to join us for this **free** fellowship event.

Focus: *Whose Voice is it Anyway?*

When: Saturday, August 11th, 2018

Where: Relief United Methodist Church,
 5275 Middle Rd, Winchester, VA. 22602

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Event Details: Worship, Community Service projects supporting C–CAP, small group breakout sessions, light breakfast, full lunch and free childcare.

Bring: An open heart and a friend

Dress: Casual. Nothing stuffy about this.

Register: (so that we can plan appropriately) at witnessrumc@gmail.com.

Please include: Names and number of participating adults and children, any food allergies, and any questions you have.



We would like to thank any and all that helped make the Yard Sale a success. Whether it was your time, your talents, your donations or your purchases. We couldn't have done it without your help. We cleared approximately \$1,389 dollars. Wow and that was from donations — we priced nothing — it was give what you could. We then distributed the leftovers to Blue Ridge

Hospice (two locations) Good Will (Stephens City) the Literacy Center and several other organizations. Thank you Earl and Elwanda for distributing to the different locations.

Next on the agenda — Watch for the Ice Cream Social in September!

Joanna and the Events Committee.

JULY 2018 MISSION SPOTLIGHT

First, thanks to all who donated toward the conference kits, or the conference offering. We sent fifty-one health kits and twenty-four school kits to conference, as well as sixteen food, items, thirty-eight tote bags. A check for \$126 for toothpaste and shipping and \$150 for the conference offering was sent to the Conference Treasurer. .

The emphasis this month is on two different missions: Our Family and the Red Bird Mission.

The Our Family Mental Health Peer Support Group, is a program of Northwestern Community Services, which is an organization that has been in the area for 30 years offering services for emotional/behavioral disorders, mental illness, substance use, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities for children and adults. All members are adults who have been diagnosed with mental illness and some with intellectual disability or addiction use in addition to mental illness.

Members of Our Family meet Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Bethel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. They have programs centering about crafts, financial help, music therapy, exercise programs, gardening, and each day a hot lunch is furnished.

Relief Mission/Outreach Committee members and others has been providing a

monthly craft, coloring sheets, and word searches for several years. This past month, members made an edible arrangement for Father's Day. The committee also provided lunch for the group, featuring sausage gravy and biscuits, egg casseroles, and pull-apart buns. Next month, they will make a 4th of July decoration.

Red Bird Mission: Red Bird Mission, Inc. and Red Bird Clinic, Inc. have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

The Education ministries are carried out through a PreK-12 school. These education ministries provide the opportunity for the children and youth of this community to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment empowering these young people with tools that will help them escape this cycle of poverty in which they are exposed to and live in daily.

Health and Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically under served. In addition to in-Clinic visits, our providers travel to the homes of our patients to provide care to those that are home-bound.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents of this area. Volunteers in mission service come and help with the refurbish-

ment of homes, low-cost clothing and furniture is provided through the community store and local crafter's wares are marketed to a wide area through the craft marketing ministry. A wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, and youth make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable.

Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation. Over the years the Mission has enjoyed wide support in The United Methodist Church as well as from other denominations. In recent years we have seen a decline in the support we are receiving.

Funding for both these mission spotlights is provided in the Mission/Outreach budget each year.

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SCRAPBOOKING

No scrapbooking in July or August!!

Scrapbooking will start again on *September 21 and October 12*, The time is 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.

Hope to see you there!

Contact me, Debbie Fauble,
at 869-4005 for information.



The deadline for our August 2018 Neighborhood Gathering Newsletter is Friday, July 20th. The August Newsletter will be available Sunday, July 29th.

Please make an effort to put your church information in the newsletter. The newsletter will be on both churches Websites. If you have any suggestions, etc., please feel free to let me know.

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—Brenda

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If you have new information on your current address, phone, email, children in college, etc., please let us know. Please help us keep our information up to date!!

You may call the Relief office at 869-5775, leave a note on the desk in the office or email me at amitch@shentel.net

Thank you!

—Brenda