



Neighborhood Gatherings SEPTEMBER 2020

Newsletter of Mt. Olive and Relief United Methodist Churches

The PASTOR'S Corner

Hello!

Happy September! This is probably the most unique September of most of our lives. This year's back to school is unlike any I can remember, in large part, because there is not any actual "back to school" at least in terms entering school buildings. Much like our churches, schools are having to "think outside the building" about their mission and purpose. I believe they will succeed as they move forward and, for the sake of our nation's children, let us all be in prayer that it happens quickly.

Mt. Olive and Relief are both working hard to continue on in the mission of making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ. Mt. Olive was able to begin Open Air Worship at the beginning of August. It has gone very well and we've had great attendance. Relief's first Open Air Worship was late August. What a blessing to be able to attend worship together in the fresh air!

We are also in the middle of our online worship sermon series, How to Love. We began with how God loves and have discussed and will discuss loving: God, yourself, others, the Church, and Creation. I chose these five areas to talk about because I believe that when we are able to love God and then practice God's love for the rest, we are living the practice of Harmony. Harmony is the will and desire of God being lived

out in all avenues of our life. It produces an effect of peaceful strength in a Christian's life and soul. I look forward to all of us building on this foundation together and pray it is a blessing to you.

So, in the midst of this curious time, let us continue to celebrate that we are the children of a loving God!

—Pastor Kathleen

P.S. I am available to do some front (or back) porch sitting and visiting any day of the week. Tuesday and Wednesday are my primary visiting days. I can come anytime between 9am and 7:30 pm. Just give me a call to schedule our visit! 1-757-630-0027



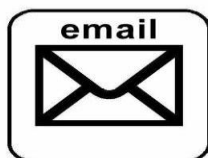
**Saturday, October 10th at 2:00 pm via
Zoom will be our Annual Charge
Conference.**

Announcements

- 1) ***Mt. Olive:** you can send your offering to this mailing address: **136 Indian Lake Rd., Winchester, VA 22603.** When you send a check, please contact **Bonnie Anderson (540) 877-0267** and let her know you sent a check for your offering.
- 2) ***Relief:** you can send a check to **Elwanda Luttrell: 113 Kern Circle. Stephens City, VA 22655.** Also, let **John Simpson (540-409-1167)** or **James Douglas (540-667-8205)** know you sent a check.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

1. Strict physical distancing-6 feet or more at all times.
2. Face coverings required.
3. No handshakes or hugging.
4. No nursery or children's church.
5. No Young Believers time.
6. No coffee or fellowship time.
7. No singing—including congregation.



We are e-mailing and snail mailing each month's newsletter. But if you have e-mail and have been receiving a mailed newsletter, please let me know your e-mail address so we can e-mail you the newsletter. If you have not received a newsletter, please e-mail me or call me. My information is on the back page. Thank you.

Brenda

LECTIONARY FOR AUG/SEPTEMBER

August 31st **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b,
Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:21-28

September 6th **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149 or Psalm 148,
Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20

September 13th **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 14:19-31, Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21,
Romans 14:1-12 and Matthew 15:21-35

September 20th **16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 16:2-15, Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
or Psalm 78, Philippians 1:21-30
and Matthew 20:1-16

September 27th **17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16,
Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32

October 4th **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 20:1-4 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19,
Philippians 3:4b-14 and Matthew 21:33-46
World Communion Sunday

Labor Day was founded to give workers and their families a day of festivity to enjoy. Workers of labor have more than earned this holiday to be able to spend it any way they want to even if it's just simply sitting at home in the rocking chair or sofa and just simply taking it easy.

Labor Day also is a sign that Summer is coming to an end soon and Fall is around the corner.

If a task is once begun,
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all.

Labor Day is always celebrated in the United States and Canada on the 1st Monday in September.

It's fun for the children and the adults to have these poems to remind us of the hard work and dedication we commit to this country and our families.

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MT. OLIVE UMC NEWS

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

327 Mount Olive Road
Winchester, VA 22602



	<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
Aug. 2	19	\$ 1,869
Aug. 9	25	\$ 1,460
Aug. 23	<u>17</u>	<u>\$ 535</u>
Avg.	20	\$ 1,288

SEPTEMBER



Karen Jetter
The Valentino Family

Answers: To a Daughter's Miracle

- 1) a) on the lake shore
- 2) d) fell down at his feet
- 3) c) ruler of the synagogue
- 4) c) unknown
- 5) d) John, James, Peter
- 6) b) the girl was dead
- 7) a) don't be afraid; just believe
- 8) a) a commotion with people wailing and crying loudly
- 9) b) father and mother
- 10) c) get her something to eat

The Heavenly Staircase

*Prayers are the stairs that lead to God,
And there's joy every step of the way
When we make our pilgrimage to
Him with love in our hearts each day.*

—Helen Steiner Rice
A Collection of Joy

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/01 Aleck Beeman
9/01 Pastor Kathleen
9/06 Jacob Lewis
9/07 Judy Brown
9/08 Hershell Kelly
9/09 Hannah Hudson
9/12 Jim Lewis
9/14 Ashton Strosnider
9/14 Donna Sheets
9/20 Brenda Streit
9/21 Brad Strosnider
9/24 Joe Stanley
9/26 Eric Schmidt
9/27 Molly Saville

8/31 Chris & Jennifer Newlin
9/05 Hershell & Sharon Kelly
9/08 Mike & Ginger Strosnider

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

We would like to start collecting our **yearly donation of school supplies**.

Here is a list of items needed: notebooks, notebook paper, pencils, colored pencils, colored markers, crayons, glue sticks, glue, and tissues.

We will be collecting items through September.



Please add to the calendar that we will be having our **Prayer Group Meetings** on September 9th; and 23rd, at Mt. Olive Church shelter.

BIBLE QUIZ — KING SOLOMON

- 1) King Solomon was the son of a king.
Who?
 - a) David
 - b) Herod
 - c) Saul
 - d) Samuel
- 2) Who was Solomon's mother?
 - a) Ahinoam
 - b) Bathsheba
 - c) Maacah
 - d) Michal
- 3) Which prophet worked with Bathsheba to ensure that Solomon and not his brothers would be named king?
 - a) Elijah
 - b) Hosea
 - c) Elisha
 - d) Nathan
- 4) Which personal quality was Solomon noted for?
 - a) hot temper
 - b) fierceness in battle
 - c) faithfulness in religious duties
 - d) wisdom
- 5) King Solomon's reign was an era of what?
 - a) war and strife
 - b) religious renewal
 - c) peace and prosperity
 - d) many natural disasters
- 6) What is Solomon credited with building?
 - a) city of Babel
 - b) massive canal
 - c) the Citadel
 - d) the Temple
- 7) Where did Solomon build the temple?
 - a) Mount Herman
 - b) Mount Horeb
 - c) Mount Moriah
 - d) Mount Sinai

- 8) Who supplied the wood for the temple?
 - a) Hiram
 - b) Agag
 - c) Adonijah
 - d) Shimei
- 9) How long did it take to build the temple?
 - a) 5 years
 - b) 7 years
 - c) 10 years
 - d) 40 years
- 10) At the dedication, 120 priests played what instrument(s)?
 - a) horns
 - b) lyres
 - c) stringed instruments
 - d) trumpets

LIVES DISTRESSED CANNOT BE BLESSED

Refuse to be discouraged,
 refuse to be distressed,
 For when we are despondent,
 our lives cannot be blessed.
 For doubt and fear and worry
 close the door to faith and prayer,
 And there's no room for blessings
 when we're lost in deep despair.
 So remember when you're troubled
 with uncertainty and doubt,
 It is best to tell our Father
 what our fear is all about,
 For unless we seek His guidance
 when troubled times arise,
 We are bound to make decisions
 that are twisted and unwise.
 But when we view our problems
 through the eyes of God above,
 Misfortunes turn to blessings
 and hatred turns to love.

Helen Steiner Rice
A Collection of Joy

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



Offering

July 26	\$ 939
August 2	
August 9	\$ 960
August 16	\$ <u>110</u>
Total	\$ 670
C-CAP (August)	\$ 30

PLEASE MAKE NOTE of these **RELIEF UMC CHANGES**

*The Ice Cream Social scheduled for
September 20th has been cancelled.*

*The Ladies "Thumbs to the Left" scheduled
for August 1st, has been
Rescheduled to September 26th.*



9/02 Brittany Huffman
9/03 Mark Snider
9/04 Andrew Eaton
9/06 Karen Musser
9/06 Pastor Kathleen
9/07 Kevin Messick
9/07 Donald Snapp
9/12 Ashley Moffett
9/12 Brenda Moffett
9/14 Teresa Boyd
9/14 Lauren Sipe
9/14 Logan Sipe
9/15 Joe Alger
9/16 Misty Omps
9/20 Joanie Anderson
9/20 Jeremy Boyd
9/21 Jimmy Boyd
9/21 Stephen Lobell
9/23 Dalton Boyd
9/23 Dana Russell
9/2 Laura Gentry
9/26 Sallie Wilfong
9/28 Jody Hawse
10/02 Sharon Boyd
10/02 Matthew Gentry
10/02 Brittany Ginn
10/2 Jennifer Roy



9/10 Sammy & Kimmy Orndorff
9/10 Donald & Sheila Snapp
9/14 Ivan & Danielle Snapp
9/24 Scott & Kelly Boyd
9/24 James & Adele McGeachy

OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT **SEPTEMBER 2020**

Well here we are again, not knowing how things are going to figure out with schools, churches, the virus, etc. The only thing, we can be sure of is that God is in control.

Sunshine cards continue to be sent out monthly. Approximately forty are mailed each month.

C-CAP is still closed, but very active behind the closed doors. They are holding food drives, holding food drives in the mobile ministry by taking food drives to Sandy's trailer court, Senior complexes, Shawnee Land, etc. They have held and continue to hold various food drives, diaper drives and even pet food drives. Another diaper drive is planned in the next couple of weeks. Diapers size 4, 5 and 6 are needed. . These items can be delivered to the front office of C-CAP, Monday thru Friday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. They are not accepting clothing donations or food donations yet. All the food given in these food drives comes from the USDA. I took two cases of bottled water, baby wipes, and diapers to be used where needed. Right now, they are asking for umbrellas and rain ponchos for the homeless. If you want to donate either of these, bring them to church and I will see that they are delivered to C-CAP.

At the moment, it is hard to determine whether or not there will be a Weekday Religious Education Class this year, with the current schedule. I am guessing that it will not be held. I haven't heard anything regarding this, so I will wait a little while before determining whether or not to send our yearly donation.

Since things are unknown with the Our Family program, I will probably need help with the 100 Veterans Day bags. This includes decorating the bags, bagging candy etc. I have contacted the VA Center at Kernstown and have been given the go ahead for this year.

The district is still trying to work out collecting the school kits and hygiene kits, so if you

have hygiene kits, just bring them to church and give them to me.

Now is the time to start thinking about the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox and the blanket drive.

Shoeboxes are going to be in greater need, with so many parents out of work.

As you Annual Conference Delegate, I will be attending the virtual conference on Saturday, September 19th.

Be safe, everyone.

*Elwanda Luttrell,
Outreach Chair*

Church News

The deadline for our October 2020 Neighborhood Gathering Newsletter is **Friday, September 25th**. The October Newsletter will be available by Sunday, October 4th.

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

Call the Relief Office at 869-5775, home phone (540) 465-4515 or email me at home: amitch@shentel.net

—Brenda

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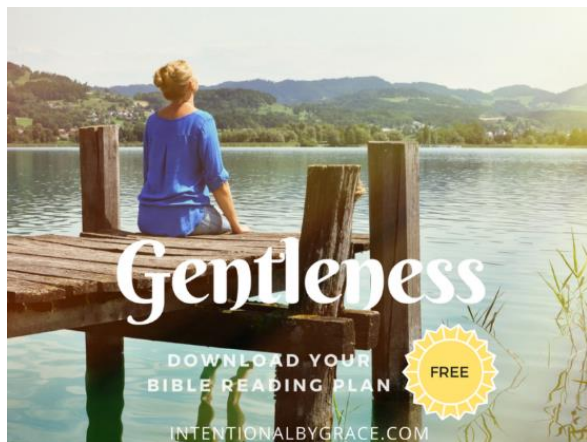
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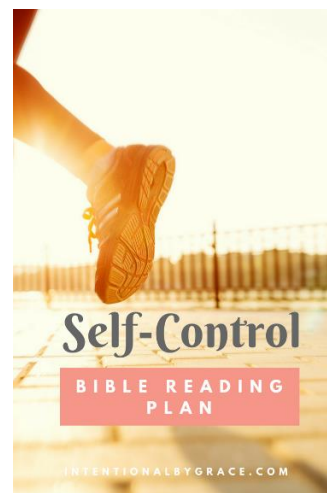
2020 BIBLE CHALLENGE

For 2020, Bishop Lewis is challenging the entire conference to read the Bible with a thematic reading plan. The thematic plan is found on www.intentionalbygrace.com and Bishop Lewis has selected the following themes below for 2020. Links are provided below as well to access the Bible readings for each theme.



September 1 — September 8

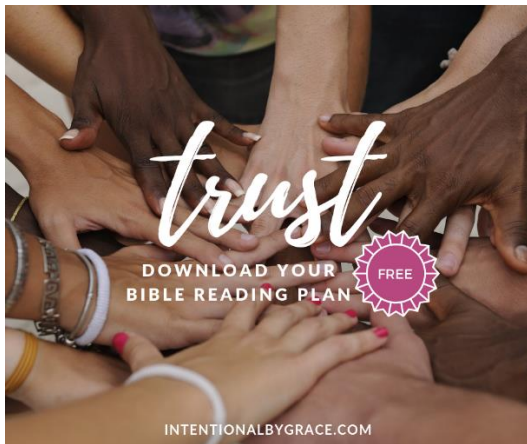
- ___ Peter 3:13-17
- ___ 2 Samuel 22:31-36
- ___ Matthew 11:25-50
- ___ 1 Thessalonians 2:6-8
- ___ 1 Timothy 3:2-4
- ___ Titus 3:1-
- ___ Titus 3:4-11
- ___ James 3:16-18



September 9 — September 29

Self-Control 21-Day Bible Reading Plan

- ___ Psalm 32:8-11
- ___ Proverbs 25:28
- ___ Proverbs 17:27
- ___ 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- ___ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- ___ Galatians 5:22-26
- ___ 1 Timothy 2:8-10
- ___ 1 Timothy 4:7-10
- ___ 1 Timothy 4:11-16
- ___ 1 Timothy 6:6-7; 11-12
- ___ 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11
- ___ 2 Timothy 3:1-7
- ___ Titus 2:1-8
- ___ Titus 2:11-14
- ___ 1 Peter 4:1-6
- ___ 1 Peter 4:7-11
- ___ 2 Peter 1:3-7
- ___ 2 Peter 1:8-11
- ___ Romans 6:1-4
- ___ Romans 6:5-11
- ___ Romans 6:12-14



September 30 — October 20

Trust

21-Day Bible Reading Plan

- ___ Proverb 16:20
- ___ Proverbs 3:5-8
- ___ Psalm 20:6-9
- ___ Psalm 37:1-4
- ___ Psalm 37:5-7
- ___ Psalm 40:1-3
- ___ Psalm 40:4-5
- ___ Psalm 62:5-8
- ___ Isaiah 26:3-4
- ___ Psalm 84:10-12
- ___ Luke 18:9-14
- ___ Jeremiah 17:5-6
- ___ Jeremiah 17:7-8
- ___ Psalm 25:1-5
- ___ Psalm 26:1-3
- ___ Psalm 56:3-4
- ___ Psalm 119:41-48
- ___ Psalm 4:4-5
- ___ John 8:24-30
- ___ John 10:37-38
- ___ John 20:30-31