

CROSSROADSNEWSLETTER

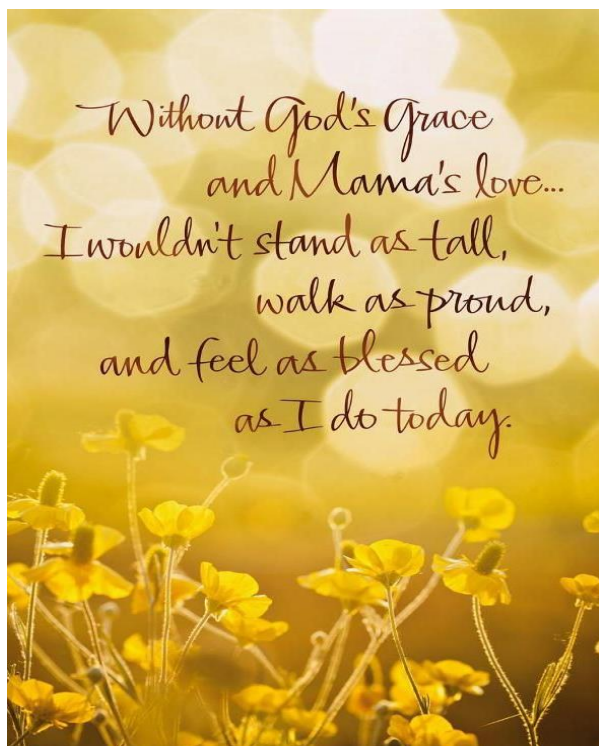
MOUNT OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2020

10 *Mother's Day*

15 Crossroads Deadline

30 Deadline for
Marion Fulton Scholarship
for Church Members



Scripture Writing Plan

- ☐ Day 1: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- ☐ Day 2: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- ☐ Day 3: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- ☐ Day 4: 1 Peter 4:1-6
- ☐ Day 5: 1 Peter 4:7-11
- ☐ Day 6: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- ☐ Day 7: 1 Thessalonians 5:6-11

- ☐ Day 8: 1 Timothy 4:7-10
- ☐ Day 9: 1 Timothy 4:11-13
- ☐ Day 10: 2 Corinthians 6:4-7
- ☐ Day 11: 2 Peter 1:3-7
- ☐ Day 12: 2 Peter 1:8-11
- ☐ Day 13: 2 Timothy 1:7-8
- ☐ Day 14: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- ☐ Day 15: 2 Timothy 3:12-15
- ☐ Day 16: Galatians 5:16-18
- ☐ Day 17: Galatians 5:19-26
- ☐ Day 18: James 1:12-18
- ☐ Day 19: James 3:1-6
- ☐ Day 20: James 3:7-14
- ☐ Day 21: Matthew 5:5-8

- ☐ Day 22: Proverbs 13:1-3; Proverbs 19:1-3
- ☐ Day 23: Proverbs 21:21-24
- ☐ Day 24: Proverbs 25:27-28
- ☐ Day 25: Psalm 32:8-11
- ☐ Day 26: Romans 6:5-11
- ☐ Day 27: Romans 6:12-14
- ☐ Day 28: Romans 12:1-2

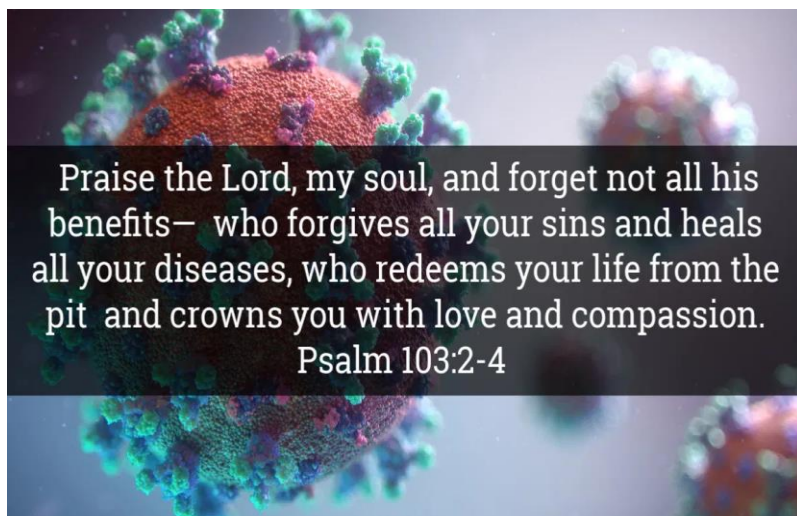
- ☐ Day 29: Romans 16:17-20
- ☐ Day 30: Titus 2:1-8
- ☐ Day 31: Titus 2:11-14

Self-Control

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalm 119:18

Please remember during this time of social distancing that Bishop Lewis has cancelled services until further notice.

Though the doors to the building may be closed, the church does not reside there. We are the church! Check on your neighbor, call your fellow member. Be the hands and feet of Christ!



Message from Pastor

I bid you grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! We have now entered into our second month of social distancing and for many it has been a challenge. Yet, I praise God for the many places and spaces where I have seen God at work in the midst of this thing called social distancing.

At Mount Olivet there has been a Sunday school class meeting via phone conferencing. It has been a blessing to take part in these moments of community, fellowship and learning. Meanwhile at Floral Hills, I am constantly impressed by the love you have for each other. Each time I call someone from our congregation I hear a report of how other members have been checking in on each other. – It is truly a blessing to serve both churches and to see God at work in different ways based upon the individual context of each congregation.

I know that all of us miss seeing each other in person. Some have asked when we might be able to gather together again. Bishop Lewis in a letter to the conference wrote “Governor Northam’s statewide stay-at-home order is in effect until June 10. As such, in-person worship cannot take place until June 11. If the Governor’s executive order is rescinded or revised before June 10, we will re-evaluate the status of in-person worship.”

I know June 10th seems far away, but I want you to know that I am here for you. If you have any ideas on how I can facilitate conversation/fellowship or if you’d like to see me try something different please let me know. I will continue to record sermons and post them on the website along with Facebook and/or YouTube. I will also continue to mail out manuscripts to those who do not have access to the internet, and I will continue to call and check in on you.

Before I close this letter, I wanted to share some thoughts that came to me after reading an article. This week as I was scrolling through Facebook an article I read said “Stewardship is a person’s responsibility to manage God’s property. During this time of “no church” we still have the responsibility to take care of the church. Let’s become “Good Stewards” during this pandemic. Let’s take care of God’s church and make sure the church will be ready to proclaim the Word of God in the future. Jesus gave us 2350 verses about money and possessions. 15% of everything Jesus said – has to do with money.”[1]

Our tithes not only keep the doors open, and pay the salaries of staff, our tithes also become a means of sharing Christ to the world as it helps pay for education, chaplains, clean water and other vital embodiments of Christ through our apportionment’s dollars and our missional giving as a church.

Our tithing has nothing to do with whether we agree with all the church’s policies or even if we agree with “where the money is spent”, it has nothing to do with our feelings surrounding the members of church staff. In fact, refusing to give out of a disagreement or dislike of someone in leadership is harmful to the church. For refusing to give harms the witness of the good things happening through the work of the church and moreover it causes the local church to struggle.

To tithe is to worship. Tithing/giving of our time, gifts, witness, prayers and service has to do with God and it is done as a response to God’s love as we strive to share through the church God’s love for the world. I realize that for some tithing is a struggle. I want to encourage you to start somewhere no matter how big or small offer what you can with joy and that is enough for God.

Thank you for your faithful tithing in the midst of this pandemic. Please continue to give as you are able. Please mail your tithes to 245 Mount Olivet Lane, Danville, Virginia 24540 or utilize the website where we have added a donation page.

It is my hope and my prayer that through our gifts, time, service, prayers and witness that God will continue to move in powerful ways!

Your Servant in Jesus Christ our Lord,
Rev. Timothy Joseph Barth

FROM DS DENISE:

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust." –Psalm 25:1a

It seems like we are living in "dog years" doesn't it? It will be May 1st tomorrow, and we have been "staying at home" since March 15. I remember the date, because I came back from the Farmville District on Sat, March 14th, and had a full week ahead of me in Danville, beginning on March 15. I haven't been out much in my car. One or two trips to Kroger to pick up the "click-list", with a side-trip to Starbucks and a Target pick-up, that's it. I still have the same tank of gas in my car that I had on Mar. 14, and I typically fill-up multiple times each week. Seems a lot longer than 6 weeks though.

Those first 2 weeks were filled with a flurry of activity, figuring out how to do this. Watching the reports like a hawk, making sure we had enough toilet paper (thankfully, my son-in-law has taken over that duty) and keeping an open Kroger pick-up time, just in case we ran out of anything. Now, though it feels like we have been in this state *forever*. But, every time I feel impatient or frustrated with the state of COVID, I remember those who are going to work each day, inundated by contagious sick and dying people; those who are going into Kroger each day and all night to be sure my click-list gets filled; those who aren't able to work at home and have no wages, or those who must work in potentially infectious environments.

The news continues to be tough. With over 1,000,000 cases and 60,000 deaths, we are not clear of this yet. We are starting to look to the future, and I just pray we will be appropriately cautious and careful not to make things worse. We miss being together, but we know that being apart now, and for a while longer, means that we are caring for our neighbor, even if it means personal sacrifice. We can feel weighed down by all of this. However, when I let the words of this psalm pour over me, I feel calm restored in my soul. These words from the psalmist give us direction as we sort through what it all means. If we continue to lift our souls, our worries, our questions, our loved ones and our lives to the Lord, we will find peace. We can trust in God, to guide and direct us as we move through this space and whatever lies ahead. Even though life is different now, the work of the church continues as you connect in new ways, feed those who are hungry, pray for those who are sick, and cry with those who mourn. Life may well be a bit different even when we can be together, but we will adapt and keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus. We will keep **BEING** the church, just as we have been, are now, and ever more will be. We can trust God to make that so, through us.

Blessings!

DS Denise

Stay Calm & Trust in God



13 Cheryl Cockram

HAPPY
Anniversary!

02 Brittany & Andrew Lay

If your Birthday or Anniversary is missing, please enter it on the calendar outside of the church office or email them to mtolivetumc229@gmail.com



2020 Budget Info

as of April 12, 2020

General Fund

Yearly Budget Amount

\$ 113,062.88

Needed Per Sunday:

\$ 2,174.29

Collected to Date:

\$ 31,708.18

Should Have Collected:

\$ 32,614.35

Ahead/Behind:

- \$ 906.17

Building Fund

Yearly Budget Amount

\$ 1,3234.80

Needed Per Month

\$ 1,018.08

Needed Per Week

\$ 254.52

Collected to Date

\$ 3,600.25

Ahead/Behind

+ \$ 217.55

Prayer Requests

Judy Bailey

Linda Barts

Mike & Susie Bennington

Margie Blankenship

Bessie Carter

Our Church & Leaders

Our City

Our Country

Kat Dodson

Marty Eanes

Elizabeth Gregory

Herbert & Joan Holley

Harriet Keith

Lois Kent

Our Military

Suzanne Moore

Nursing Home Residents

Shut-ins

Margie Stroud

Travelers

Unspoken Requests

Our Youth

Please remember to keep medical professionals, police, fire, and those who work at essential businesses still open in prayer during this time.

Crossroads Deadline

The deadline for Crossroads

is the 15th of every month.

Per the SPRC Committee this is an absolute deadline, and nothing will be accepted after this date.



Mount Olivet United Methodist Church
Marion Fulton Scholarship

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOC. SEC. NO: _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT'S NAMES: _____

WHEN DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF MT. OLIVET U.M.C. _____

LIST AND BRIEFLY DESCRIBE CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED.

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND: _____

APPROXIMATE COST OF TUITION & OTHER EXPENSES (1) YEAR: _____

Application Form

**MARION FULTON SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION --- Page 2**

DO YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING ANY OTHER OUTSIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT
(i.e. scholarships, grants, etc.)? IF SO, LIST & INCLUDE AMOUNT.

WHAT PERCENT OF YOUR COLLEGE COST WILL YOUR PARENTS PROVIDE?

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL: _____

GRADUATION DATE/YEAR: _____

LIST & BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU
HAVE PARTICIPATED. _____

LIST & BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ALL HONORS AND AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED.

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER COMMENTS PERTAINING TO YOUR APPLICATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE