



Olive Leaves



December 2021-January 2022

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From Pastor Walt: Christmas: Then and Now

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How different the First Christmas was from the one I celebrate. My house (yours too) is decorated with Nativity Scenes, a Christmas tree, and a front-door wreath purchased at the grocery store. Renée sometimes has a potpourri scenting the house, or maybe there's a fire in the fireplace. Of course in these modern times, our gas fireplace is turned on by a switch on the wall. No gathering of wood, no ashes to clean out. You turn it off with the aforementioned switch.



I usually start listening to Christmas music in November. Let's be honest, if I'm in the mood for it, I might have Christmas music on at any point of the year. On Christmas morning the house wakes up to the sounds of The Ray Conniff Singers and their "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" album. It was released in 1962, the year I was born.

These days one son lives in SC, the other lives in GA. All four of our parents now live in Irmo. The Harper Christmas also involves our grandchildren, and I'll think to myself, "I once was the grandchild."

Christmas Eve services will be wonderful (though the pastor secretly thinks that some of the worshipers could come to church more frequently). The Christmas Day service will have a smaller congregation, but the mood will be celebratory.

In Connecticut, Christmas usually meant snow. In South Carolina, that's a lot less likely, though not impossible. (And whenever I wish for a little snow most of our church members say something along the lines of, "You can keep that up north.")

It will all be festive and energetic. And exhausting. "And mom and dad can hardly wait for school to start again," as the song says. So will pass another Christmas for a suburban American living in the 21st century.

On the First Christmas, Joseph was betrothed, but not yet married, to Mary, a faithful young Jewish girl. Then came the startling news that she was pregnant, not by him. He thought to divorce her, until an angel appeared in a dream and told him that the Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. So the wedding was back on.

Late in Mary's pregnancy, Big Government decided it was time for another tax hike (because taxes weren't high enough yet, don't you know). And so everybody hit the road and returned to their ancestral home; Joseph going to Bethlehem with a very pregnant wife riding a donkey.



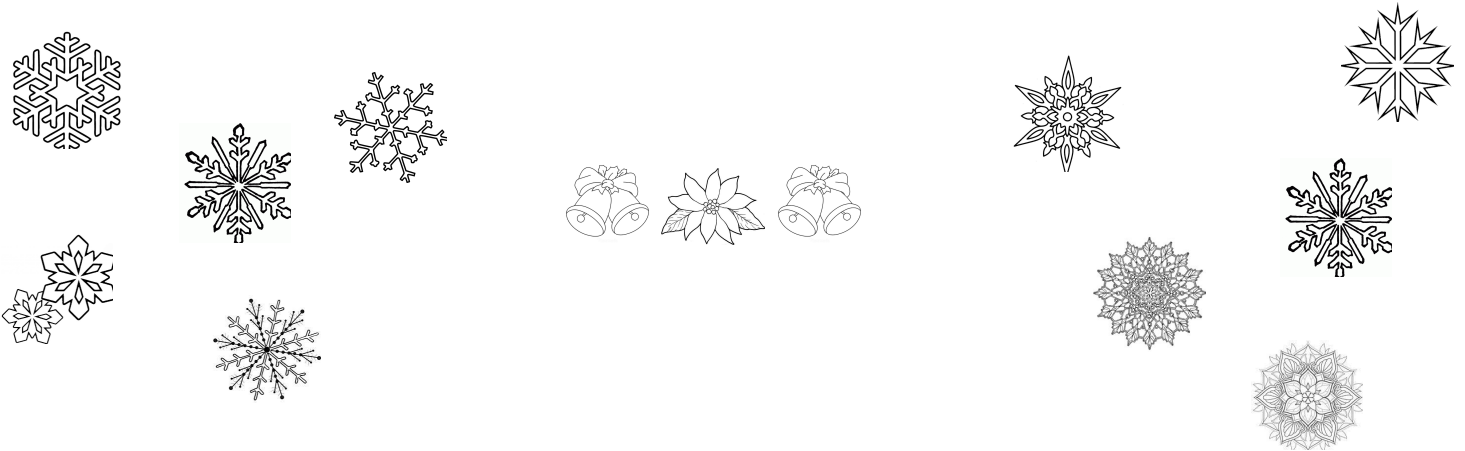
There was no room at the inn, so the family stayed in a barn. The Baby was born in that barn, and spent His first night in a feeding trough. It's a lovely decoration, but Joseph was probably thinking, "This is the best I can do for my wife and Son?"

Then come shepherds. Later come magi. The gifts were nice.

But soon enough they were fleeing Israel because the King wanted to kill the Baby. Off they go to Egypt, the place where the Jews had once been slaves. All the travel was on foot.

To Mary and Joseph none of it seemed ideal. It was hard, although they were undoubtedly strengthened by God.

Of course it's perfectly fine that we have a romanticized view of it. God planned it all out. It went how He meant it to go. And we are saved by the events that started with an angel making an announcement to a young Virgin.



From our President: Thanks

Jim Crosland, Congregational President

A huge thank you to all the board chairs in making this budget process smooth and clear to present to the voters. It is nice to see everyone working with each other to accomplish the same goal, which is taking care of our church and congregation. Other people to recognize are the volunteers helping to renovate the nursery. This is awesome because of the number of new babies at Mt. Olive! They will grow up together in Sunday School, attend confirmation together, and eventually become voting members. I By the time that happens, I will "officially be old," as spoken by Grady!



I hate to bring this up so soon, but please be praying and thinking about volunteering for a board or a church office. The nominating committee will start to meet in February, just over two months away.

Safety Tip: Please remain vigilant of people wanting to take advantage of your trust. Don't leave valuables in your car. Lock your doors. And park in lighted areas if you are out at after dark. Remember the adage: If it is too good to be true, it most probably is!

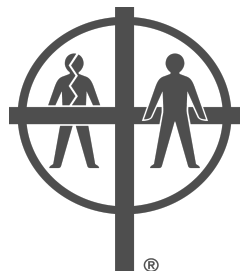
Merry Christmas everyone and safe travels to those who are on the road.

Stephen Ministry: New Training Class

Bill Boykin, Leader

"The prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective." James 5:16

During the coming week, we invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry program. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry.



Mt. Olive plans to train another class of Stephen Ministers beginning in February 2022. Stephen Ministers work alongside Pr. Walt to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through difficult times, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen

Ministry Leaders: Dianne BouFawaz, Tina Dixon, Bill Boykin, Aresa Boykin; or one of our Stephen Ministers: Mike Knowles, Nancy Thompson, and Twila Sandt.

Training classes are on Mondays from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM beginning on February 7-June 13, 2022. You can pick up a Stephen Ministry packet from my office to begin the process of becoming a Stephen Minister. Applications need to be completed and returned to me by January 7, 2022 so that you can receive your materials.



December Lectionary

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
December 5	Advent 2	Malachi 3:1-7b	Psalm 66:1-12	Philippians 1:2-11	Luke 3:1-14
December 12	Advent 3	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Psalm 85	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28
December 19	Advent 4	Micah 5:2-5	Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
December 24	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 110:1-4	1 John 4:7-16	Matthew 1:18-25
December 25	Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:10-12	Psalm 2	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
December 26	Christmas 1	Exodus 13:1-3a; 11-15	Psalm 111	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40

January Lectionary

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
January 2	Christmas 2	1 Kings 3:4-15	Psalm 119:97-104	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
January 9	Epiphany	Isaiah. 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 16	Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 128	1 Cor. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 23	Epiphany 3	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19:7-14	1 Cor. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30
January 30	Epiphany 4	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13	Luke 4:31-44

Preschool News

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the preschool! Our halls are busy with Christmas crafts, learning about the reason for the season, and practicing for our Christmas program. We will have 3 separate Christmas programs this year—one for each class—and are looking forward to sharing the joy of the season with our preschool families in person this year!

THANK YOU for the outpouring of financial support for the preschool to our Tree of Thanksgiving. We received wonderful gifts for our classrooms and were able to purchase the Climb'n'Crawl Caterpillar for the playground! We are so thankful for your generous hearts and faithful support and feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve our preschool children and their families and spread the good news of the Gospel. The prayer cards for students will be in a basket in the narthex for the next few weeks. Please feel free to take one as a reminder to pray for the preschool ministry.

The hallways will be quiet during the Christmas break from school, but we will return on January 3rd, ready to see what the Lord has in store for us in 2022. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me!



The Board of Education

Jessica Dennis, Superintendent

We are ringing in the new church year as Advent begins! This is my favorite time of year! It is written on Mt Olive's children's faces that they agree! The younger Sunday Schoolers are searching for the *Star from Afar*, along with the Wise Men each Sunday morning beginning this weekend (one of my favorite traditions each year)! We are practicing songs to sing for the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, December 19th. Please bring all of your little ones to practice with us, each week in Sunday School at 9:15! Middle School youth group and Confirmation classes continue to meet downstairs in the Preschool area.

The Youth group is taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts, to raise money for the 2022 National Youth Gathering being held in Houston, Texas, July 9th-13th. Please sign up in the Church Narthex and the doughnuts will be distributed in the Fellowship Hall on January 2nd! The Youth group thanks you for your support!



Happy Advent to you all!

Board of Stewardship: Old Testament Prophecies

Naven Olson, Chairperson

(All Scripture verses are from NASB)

On December 24th and 25th we will gather to remember the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We celebrate because He fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies quoted below by His virgin birth; by His descent from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David; by His sinless life and atoning death; and by His glorious resurrection. Doubtless Pastor Walt will have much to say about this on December 24th.

As early as **Genesis 3:15** His virgin birth, sinless life and atoning death, and glorious resurrection are predicted: ***"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."***

Genesis 22:18a predicts His descent from Abraham: ***"And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed"***. Other OT passages predict His descent from Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David.

Isaiah 9:6 speaks of His deity: ***"For a child will be born to us; a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."***

And **Psalms 22** and **Isaiah 53** speak of His atoning death and glorious resurrection. ***"My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Psalm 22:1a "For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evil doers have encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones, They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots." Psalm 22:16-18 "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him."*** **Isaiah 53:5-6.**

Let us give generously of our resources, time, talents and efforts so that many more will know of Jesus and what He accomplished. Let us be in church weekly and in Bible study and prayer daily. Let us reach out to unbelieving and unchurched relatives, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. for faith in Jesus or unbelief is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. (Read John 3:16-18.)

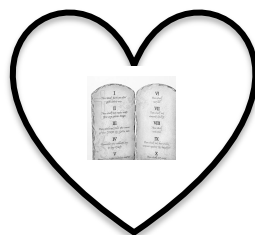


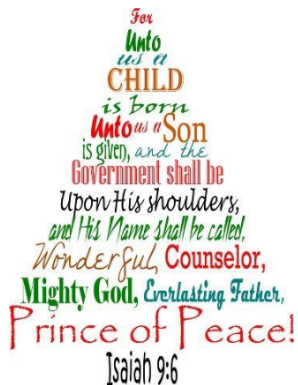
The Board of Public Relations: Law in Our Hearts

Sue Strouse, Chairperson

As Christmas approaches, we need to put 'Christ' back into Christmas. Rather than focus on how many gifts we have to buy and wrap, we need to tell everyone—children, family, friends—that we celebrate the baby that was born for us! Decorating the house and getting all the food prepared is a wonderful way of welcoming the baby Jesus into our homes. But as we gather around the table to enjoy the blessing we have been given, we need to give thanks that God loved us enough to send His only Son to us.

In Jeremiah 31:33 (*"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD, I will put my law in their minds and write in on their hearts."*) God says that He will put the law in our hearts and minds. We need to listen to our hearts and put 'Christ' back into Christmas as we share the blessings He has given us with others so that they may know who Jesus really is, our Savior.





Social Ministry Board: Sharing Christmas

Mary Keller, Chairperson

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

Christmas Giving Tree – It is a long-standing tradition at Mt. Olive that we partner with Sharing God's Love during the Advent and Christmas Season. Their ministry is a direct connection that supports the diverse needs of people in our community and distributes the items collected to families in The Midlands.

The Christmas Giving Tree is located in the narthex. Christmas tags with gift details are on the tree. Simply remove a tag from the tree and enjoy shopping for the child or senior listed. Please attach the tag (with description inside) to your gift, and place it around the Christmas Tree. **Please use gift bags only!** (Do not wrap your gifts.) **The collection will conclude on Sunday, December 12th.**

Advent Food Drive – Shopping bags for The Advent Food Drive are available in narthex. A grocery list detailing the pantry needs is attached to each bag. Filling the bag can be easily done from your pantry or your local grocery. You can drop off your filled bag at the church and place it in the collection area.

Choose one or both for your family Christmas Project!

Fun Friday—We are looking for individuals who are willing to share their gift for crafting, painting, baking, woodworking, leather work, paper crafts, jewelry making, science projects, to name a few. We want to build fellowship and community by connecting with the preschool children, the children of this congregation, and their parents for a once a month crafting project. The target age is children who would qualify for or are already enrolled in a preschool age 4 class. More details about this exciting ministry will be published in the coming weeks. Please pray about your involvement in this new ministry as we teach, fellowship, and build community. Please contact Mary Keller if you would like more details and are excited to share your GIFT and the JOY of JESUS! (586-822-4624 OR 803-781-5845).



The Board of Evangelism: Joining God in His Plan

Richard Shealy, Chairperson

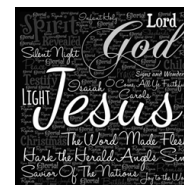
"So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

Evangelism is all about getting God's word out to all people. God's word is powerful. In Genesis we see God creating the Earth and everything in it by speaking them into existence. In the New Testament, we see Jesus, through his words, heal, calm roaring seas, cast out demons, raise the dead and grant forgiveness of sins. We are part of God's plan to spread His Word. It is through faith that we believe in God's Word and understand that it is our mission to spread His Word (the Great Commission Matthew 28:16-20) so that it is fruitful and does not return to Him empty. We ask for your prayers that this committee be guided by God's plan. And I pray that each of you seek and find your individual mission within God's plan.



Our December Signs

Advent – Christmas - Epiphany



During December and January there will be three signs at the entrance. December begins with our Advent sign to remind us to prepare for the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Next, the church moves to the season of Christmas. Look for the prophecies of the Messiah and the titles of many Christmas carols. The Epiphany sign will be displayed through January and February until Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. During Epiphany, our bright yellow sign will recount how Jesus revealed himself as the Savior of the world.



Thoughts, Prayers, Calls, & Cards

***"See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands."* Isaiah 49:16**

The holidays and winter are quickly approaching. As exciting as the holidays are, they are often times when those who are isolated feel down because they are no longer able to participate in family activities and worship at church. God uses His family to express His encouragement to those who need it most. Let's continue our ministry to those in our congregation by lifting them up to God in prayer. And please send cards and/or phone them, too.



You may include others who are on the weekly prayer page in the bulletin. Don't forget about family members and care givers, too. Contact information is in the church directory. Let's make a special effort to connect with one another!

Don Angen	Teresa Hoefer	Carolyn McCartha	Cyndi Nelson	Molly Kate Shealy
David Buck	Betty Hunter	Anita Meetze	Dorothy Prater	Shirlean Sons
Phil Carter	Bonnie Jones	Charles/Laura Meetze	Polly Roland	Fred Stalbaum
Shirley Curry	Harold/Sarah Jones	Margaret Meetze	Mandy Schultz	Flora Weed
Cleta Dunaway	Ron/Pat LaGrange	CR/Thelma Miller	Linda Schmidt	Henry/Louise Weed
	Herb Loebs	Eva Mae Monts	Mary Schott	Waneta White



Special Advent and Christmas Services

At all 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Services, the wearing of a face covering is required.

Date	Service	Service Times
December 1	Mid-Week Advent 1	Worship at 12 Noon or 7:00 PM
December 8	Mid-Week Advent 2	Worship at 12 Noon or 7:00 PM
December 15	Mid-Week Advent 3	Worship at 12 Noon or 7:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve	4:00 PM or 7:00 PM – Candlelight Worship Service of the Word
December 25	Christmas Day	10:30 AM – with Holy Communion (Note: No 5:00 PM Worship Service)
December 26	Christmas 1	Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
January 1-2, 2022	Christmas 2	Saturday 5:00 PM Sun. 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
January 8-9, 2022	Epiphany	Saturday 5:00 PM Sun. 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Join a Bible Class

December 2021 – January 2022 Sunday School & Bible Classes – 9:15 AM			
Infants – age 2	Nursery	Parents may stay with their infants & toddlers in the nursery. Please listen to the worship service through the speaker and sanitize the toys with which your child has played.	
Circle of Friends	Preschool Area	Katie Tyczynski & Faithful Group of Volunteers	Bringing Jesus to Special Needs Children
PK3 – 4th Grade	Upstairs Classroom	Jessica Dennis & Volunteer Helpers	The Promises of Jesus
Confirmation Class (5th grade & up)	Preschool Area	Pr. Walt Harper	A 2-Year study of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism
Middle School, including recently confirmed students	Outside behind Preschool Area	Rick Baden	A variety of lessons from the Bible
Adults & High School	Fellowship Hall	Barry Bost	The Weekly Epistle Lesson
Downstairs Classrooms are accessible by stairs and elevator.			





December 2021- January 2022 Anniversaries



12/2	Charlie & Jaime Stuck	12/28	Lu & Pat Donlon
12/4	Tim & Shanna Stuck	12/28	Harold & Sarah Jones
12/13	Eddie & Polly Roland	12/29	Richard & Barbara Chesley
12/17	Don & Gloria Meetze	12/31	Johnny & Joe Ann Barrett
12/19	Kevin & Mandy Kibler	1/14	James & Carolyn Kibler
12/22	Natalie & Eric Smith	1/17	Scott & Wendy Barrett
12/23	Matthew & Page Fletcher	1/20	Eddie & Dana Magic


December 2021- January 2022 Birthdays

12/1	Connor Weed	12/19	Olivia Box	1/12	Justin Pham
12/4	Greg Ervin	12/19	Alex Knowles	1/14	Hal Hoffman
12/4	Richard Weed	12/21	Eric Hennington	1/16	Joshua Boatwright
12/5	Ron LaGrange	12/22	James Kibler	1/16	Laura Shealy
12/7	Eva Folks	12/22	Lee Meetze Jr.	1/17	Stephanie Lewis
12/8	Noelle Franzen	12/22	Austin Perkins	1/18	Johnna Duncan
12/8	Jenn Weed	12/23	Keith Flenner	1/19	Mitch Greer
12/10	Robin Bowers-Hennington	12/23	Charles Fletcher	1/19	Shirley Vogel
12/10	Laura Laprise	12/23	John Meyerhoff	1/21	August Medlin
12/11	Samuel Fancey	12/23	Shari Selke	1/21	Kim Perkins
12/11	Wanda Witt	12/24	Rebecca Shirah	1/23	James Shirah
12/12	Janet Jabs	12/26	Natalie Osborne-Smith	1/25	Andrew Rosinski
12/12	Rich Keller	12/28	David Fletcher	1/25	Abigail Setterlund
12/12	Christopher Meetze	12/30	Don Angen	1/25	Richard Shealy
12/12	Claudia Schneider	12/30	Sherry Ervin	1/25	Evan Williams
12/14	Liesel Rutland	1/2	Otto Folks	1/26	Kim BouFawaz
12/15	Blake Cook	1/3	Page Fletcher	1/26	Emma Dennis
12/15	Lu Donlon	1/7	Mary Lou Tedder	1/28	Sheryl Springer
12/15	Pastor Walt Harper	1/9	Shanna Stuck	1/29	Krista Knowles
12/16	Liezl Baden	1/9	Peggy Weed	1/30	Geri Harper
12/17	Abigail Sharpe	1/10	Dianne BouFawaz	1/30	Tristan Selke
12/18	Todd Barrett	1/10	Christian Pham	1/31	Cindy Soto

November Pastoral Acts

	Holy Baptism Theron Jeremiah Weed November 7, 2021			Holy Baptism Birdie Annette Brabham November 14, 2021	
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	Funeral Service Doris "Dot" Shealy Monts February 1, 1933 - November 13, 2021 November 17, 2021	
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	Holy Baptism Ezra Charles Sharpe November 28, 2021	
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Read the Bible in Three Years – December 2021 & January 2022

December 2021							
Dec 1	Daniel 1	Dec 9	Daniel 9	Dec 17	I Timothy 5	Dec 25	Luke 2
Dec 2	Daniel 2	Dec 10	Daniel 10	Dec 18	I Timothy 6	Dec 26	Luke 3
Dec 3	Daniel 3	Dec 11	Daniel 11	Dec 19	II Timothy 1	Dec 27	Luke 4
Dec 4	Daniel 4	Dec 12	Daniel 12	Dec 20	II Timothy 2	Dec 28	Luke 5
Dec 5	Daniel 5	Dec 13	I Timothy 1	Dec 21	II Timothy 3	Dec 29	Luke 6
Dec 6	Daniel 6	Dec 14	I Timothy 2	Dec 22	II Timothy 4	Dec 30	Luke 7
Dec 7	Daniel 7	Dec 15	I Timothy 3	Dec 23	Jude	Dec 31	Luke 8
Dec 8	Daniel 8	Dec 16	I Timothy 4	Dec 24	Luke 1		

January 2022							
Jan 1	Luke 9	Jan 9	Luke 17	Jan 17	Acts 1	Jan 25	Acts 9
Jan 2	Luke 10	Jan 10	Luke 18	Jan 18	Acts 2	Jan 26	Acts 10
Jan 3	Luke 11	Jan 11	Luke 19	Jan 19	Acts 3	Jan 27	Acts 11
Jan 4	Luke 12	Jan 12	Luke 20	Jan 20	Acts 4	Jan 28	Acts 12
Jan 5	Luke 13	Jan 13	Luke 21	Jan 21	Acts 5	Jan 29	Acts 13
Jan 6	Luke 14	Jan 14	Luke 22	Jan 22	Acts 6	Jan 30	Acts 14
Jan 7	Luke 15	Jan 15	Luke 23	Jan 23	Acts 7	Jan 31	Acts 15
Jan 8	Luke 16	Jan 16	Luke 24	Jan 24	Acts 8		

With the onset of Advent, the church began the lectionary readings in Year C and Pr. Walt tweaked his three-year Bible plan. Instead of finishing II Kings, we will jump to the southern kingdom of Judah's exile in Babylon. In the book of Daniel, we will read about a group of captives – young men who remained faithful to God throughout captivity and how God, in turn, poured out His miraculous love on them.

In mid-December through January, we turn to the New Testament beginning with Paul's letters of encouragement to Timothy, a young pastor. On December 23rd, we read the short book of Jude. He wanted to encourage the early Christians to recognize false teachers and to stand firm in their faith.

On Christmas Eve, we rightfully begin the Gospel of Luke with the events leading up to Jesus' birth. We will continue Dr. Luke's account of Jesus' life as the calendar turns to 2022, and then began Acts, Dr. Luke's second book that recounts the Day of Pentecost and the growth of the early church.

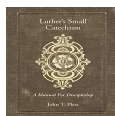
Announcements & Opportunities

Painting Class on Saturday, Dec 4

There is another painting class on December 4th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$6 payable on Saturday. Sign-up in the narthex. Bring a snack to share with the other painters.



Small-Group Bible study to begin Friday, January 14, 2022.



A Lexington area Bible Study will begin in 2022! The group will be studying *Luther's Small Catechism - A Manual for Discipleship* and meeting every second Friday of the month. Contact Dennis and Tina Dixon at dennis.dixon@comcast.net for details.

The 5:00 PM Saturday Service

The 5:00 PM Saturday Service requires a face covering for the entire service. If attending church on Saturday is your preference but you cannot wear a face covering for the entire service, you may view the live worship service in the fellowship hall.



February Newsletter Deadline – January 26, 2022

Your next deadline for submitting articles for the February 2022 issue of the Olive Leaves is January 26, 2022. Remember to send your ½ page articles to Sue Strouse at slstrouse@gmail.com.



Women's Book Club

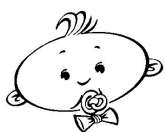


Ladies Book Club will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The group is studying *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. Meeting times will be December 7th to study Ruth, January 4th to study Deborah, and January 18th to study Jael. Please feel free to come even if you don't read the book. We have great fellowship and the leader will synopsise the chapter and you will learn so much from attending! For more information contact Renee Harper at 203-885-6733 or waltandrenee@att.net.

Secure E Giving Reminder

E giving contributions are on the rise. Have you thought about giving this a try? The link to set up your account is on the home page of our church website, mtolivesc.org. You may give through your checking account or credit card. Our E giving is powered by VANCO, a secure company that follows strict and safe policies. Even though the E giving page looks like our website, Mt. Olive will have no record of your account, your card number, or your personal information. If you need help setting up your account, contact Aresa Boykin.

Nursery "Cry Room" Reminder



Mt. Olive has a nursery that is located downstairs, just behind the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to stay with their children during any worship service. There is a speaker so you will be able to hear the worship service. Parents, as you are leaving, please sanitize the toys with which your child has played.



Kid's Korner: Bible Quiz

1)

How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.



2)

After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

- A. Esther
- B. Elizabeth
- C. Anne
- D. Anna





CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesdays During Advent:
12 & 7 PM - Advent Worship

December 24th:
4 PM - Christmas Eve Family Service
7 PM - Christmas Eve Worship

December 25th:
10:30 AM - Christmas Morning
Worship & Holy Communion

