



# Olive Leaves



*December 2024/January 2025*

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## **From Our Pastor: How Taxes Got the Birth of Jesus to Bethlehem**

*Pastor Walt Harper*



The Christmas Narrative begins, in the King James Version, with these familiar words, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed." (Luke 2:1)

The King James Version is the version of my childhood; and those words were read in our home every year before the un-wrapping of gifts could begin. Those words still put me in that wonderful place of Joseph and Mary and the little Baby Jesus, the choir of angels, and the shepherds on a hillside.

But these days the modern translations have changed that wording a bit:

- The NIV has, "that a census should be taken."
- The NKJV has, "that all the world should be registered."

So what's going on here? This is one of the most familiar (even beloved) parts of the Bible, and we had to change it?

As is typically the case, the answer is partly in consulting the Greek. Where the KJV has "taxed" and the NKJV has "registered" and the NIV has "census," the word is "apographo."

Okay, but what does that mean? As is often true in Greek, the word is a compound word. That means that it's two words put together to make a new one. Those two words are "apo," which means "from," and the word "grapho," which means "to write."

Put them together and you get "to take writing from someone." Sure enough, that means "to register." Picture yourself standing in front of a clerk at the DMV, filling out paperwork. They take writing from you, and you've now registered your new car.

So does that mean that the new translations are correct? In one way, sure; "apographo" means to "register," and they say "register." (The "census" of the NIV is that same concept; you were registering for a census.)

But here is another level of what is going on: Why were people registering with the Roman Government? So that they could be taxed. Sounds familiar, somehow.

In that sense the KJV is also right. The Roman Government was taking a census, partly to know how many people lived in the Empire, but also to assess taxes on those subjects. The translators of the KJV were no dummies, and they made the decision to translate "apographo" as "tax."

As is often the case with language, the answer to “Which is right?” is that both really are right, in their own way. The newer translations render the word literally; the older translation gets at what’s going on.

So here is one more aspect to this delightful text. That Roman tax, as annoying as it was, is what got the Holy Family to Bethlehem, where Jesus would be born.

Way back in Micah 5 it had been prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. But both Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. Why did they go from Nazareth to Bethlehem while Mary was very pregnant? To comply with an order from the Central Government over 4,000 miles away in Rome.



Of course, all this points to God’s Old Testament prophecies, and their demonstration of His knowledge and His powerful reign. It always seems like man is in control, with all of his earthly power. But God sees where all things are heading, and He knew before they did it that the Romans would issue Caesar’s decree.

So, the Government was raising taxes; but the Messiah was being born exactly where God said He would be.

And a most blessed and Merry Christmas to you and yours.



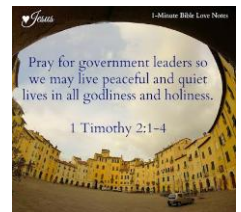
### **From our Associate Pastor: Prayers for Our Leaders**

*Colin Ford, Pastor*

As we move past the month of November this year, we have concluded the American process of electing leaders in our country. No doubt some people are pleased with the results, while others are disappointed. Yet, regardless of the outcome—whether the candidate you supported won or lost—we are called to pray for our leaders. Be it your president, governor, or mayor, the Bible reminds us to lift them up in prayer.

But what if we don't like our leaders? Sure, when we support them, and when their goals and values align with ours, praying for them comes naturally. But what about when we strongly disagree with them? What if they are hostile to us? Peter and Paul provide a surprising answer in why and how we should pray for our earthly leaders, even if we do not like them. In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:17, we are told: “Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.” Peter writes this during the time when Nero was Emperor, who is the one who started the widespread Roman persecution of Christians in the extreme. Some were crucified, others were burned alive as living torches. Despite Nero's hostility to Christians, Peter calls on Christians to honor him regardless.

As for prayer, Paul urges in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-4: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth."



And so we should pray for our leaders, not only for their success in fulfilling the vocation of their office, but we should offer prayers no matter who is in that position. That can be a struggle, as our sinful hearts may wish to scorn those whom God has appointed. I ask you to reflect on your own prayer life. Do you pray for wisdom, guidance, and protection of our leaders? Do you pray that they would govern justly and with humility? Or are your prayers dependent on who is in office?

## From our President

*Jason Dennis, President*

The month of November was busy for everyone, I am sure, as they prepared for the Thanksgiving holiday. This is a great time to give thanks for all that we have been blessed with. The church council has been busy as well keeping up the church's business. November was especially important as we went over and approved the proposed budget for 2025. Our voters' meetings are important and we are glad you attend so your voice is heard and your vote is counted!

Also, remember, it is never too late to volunteer your time and talents in service to our church. So, please let any member of the council know that you would love to participate in the functioning of our church!



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## Board of Fellowship

*Jill Brabham, Chairperson*



Advent lunches will be held on Wednesday December 4th, 11th, and 18th this year. The Preschool Staff has graciously offered to provide the meal for December 4th! There will be a poster in the Narthex the week after Thanksgiving if you would like to sign up to provide the food for one of the other two lunches. You can also contact Jill Brabham at 803-587-9116 or [Jillian17L@gmail.com](mailto:Jillian17L@gmail.com) to sign up.

Now and through Friday, December 13th, the Fellowship Board is accepting non-perishable individually wrapped food items for our Christmas baskets. Individually wrapped suggestions include: raisins, peanut butter crackers, instant oatmeal packets, hot chocolate packets, Little Debbie cakes, fruit cups, sugar-free and regular candies (no chocolate, please). Please do not send anything that must be refrigerated. All non-perishable donations can be left on the kitchen counter. Thank you for helping to brighten the holidays of those experiencing special circumstances!

## Mid-Week Advent and Christmas/Epiphany Services

Date	Service	Service Times
December 4	Mid-Week Advent 1	12 Noon Service & 7:00 pm Evening Service
December 11	Mid-Week Advent 2	12 Noon Service & 7:00 pm Evening Service
December 18	Mid-Week Advent 3	12 Noon Service & 7:00 pm Evening Service
December 22	Advent 4	Sat. 5:00 pm & Sunday: 8:00 am/10:30 am
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4:00 pm &amp; 7:00 pm – Candlelight Services without Holy Communion</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:30 am Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>December 28/29</b>	<b>Christmas 1</b>	Sat. 5:00 pm & Sunday: 8:00 am/10:30 am
<b>January 5</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	Sat. 5:00 pm & Sunday: 8:00 am/10:30 am

Lunch will be served immediately following the Mid-Week Noon services.

## The Board of Public Relations: Advent

*Sue Strouse, Chairperson*

The use of the Advent Wreath originated in Germany and was likely inspired by the use of the light symbols in pre-Christian cultures. The evergreens used to wrap the wreath symbolize the everlasting life of Christ, and the candles signify God's Son as the light of the world. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent.



- ❖ The first candle is purple and is called the Prophecy Candle. It represents hope and the anticipation of Christ's coming.
- ❖ The second candle is also purple and is called the Bethlehem Candle. It represents peace and preparation.
- ❖ The third candle is pink and is called the Shepherd's Candle. It represents the joy at the birth of Christ and the anticipation of His return.
- ❖ The fourth candle is purple and is the Angels' Candle. It represents the love that God has for us for giving us everlasting life.
- ❖ The fifth candle is white and is inside the wreath. It is called the Christ Candle and represents the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

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## The Board of Evangelism: Believing in God Should Leave More Than a Trace

*Aresa Boykin, Chairperson*

***"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."* James 2:17**

The *Leave No Trace* ethics are a set of seven guidelines that were created in order to minimize the impact made by visitors on public lands. Things like staying on designated trails, minimizing campfires, and disposing of waste properly help preserve the splendor of our wild places. If visitors adhere to these principles while visiting public lands, their presence will go unnoticed for generations.

This is the exact opposite of what it looks like when God enters your life. His impact is undeniable. The gift of salvation radically transforms your life, moving you from darkness to light and freeing you from the grip of sin. Receiving that free gift changes your standing in heaven and solidifies your eternal relationship with God all in one moment. Not by anything that you do, but all because of what Jesus did for you.



However, salvation is not the end, but actually the beginning of what God wants to do in your life. James tells us that our lives aren't meant to simply be full of religious ideas, but rather, full of passionate action. When God takes up residence in your heart, things will begin to look different.

God's grace doesn't compel us into a cavalier lifestyle where we flirt with sin because "God paid our bill." James rejects that idea wholeheartedly and tells us that fruitless faith is an oxymoron. God's grace in our life compels us to love God and love those around us.

The reality is that the process of bearing fruit is a journey. Salvation happens in an instant, but living with Godliness takes a lifetime. We won't do it perfectly, it won't happen overnight, but eventually, we will look back on our lives and see growth.

If we choose to believe in God and hang our faith on who He says He is, then He should leave much more *than a trace* in our lives.

(Devotion taken from Levi Lusko, YouVersion Devotion on James 2.)

## December 2024 Lectionary

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
December 1	Advent 1	Jer. 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thess. 3:9-13	Luke 19:28-40
December 8	Advent 2	Mal. 3:1-7b	Psalm 66:1-12	Phil. 1:2-11	Luke 3:1-14
December 15	Advent 3	Zeph. 3:14-20	Psalm 85	Phil. 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28
December 22	Advent 4	Micah 5:2-5a	Psalm 80:1-7	Heb. 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
December 24	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 110:1-4	1 John 4:7-16	Matt. 1:18-25
December 25	Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:10-12	Psalm 98	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
December 29	Christmas 1	Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15	Psalm 111	Col. 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40

## January 2025 Lectionary

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
January 5	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
January 12	Baptism of Our Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22
January 19	Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 128	1 Cor. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 26	Epiphany 3	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19:7-14	1 Cor. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30



### Board of Stewardship

*Naven Olson, Board Member*

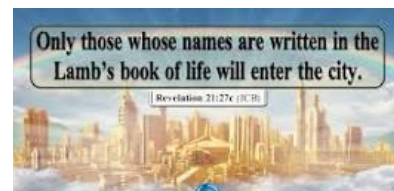
(All Scripture verses are from NASB)

***"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9***

This Advent and Christmas season we remember that Jesus Christ willingly left the glories of Heaven to live a life of poverty on earth, to be rejected by sinful men, and to die on the cross, while enduring (as a totally innocent man) the just punishment of all the sins of all people of all times and all places.

We remember the resurrection of Christ. We remember that all who trust in Jesus' saving work and confess His Holy Name have eternal life. *"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive."* I Corinthians 15:20-22

*"And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred from the beginning of nations until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt"* Daniel 12:1b-2. Our time of grace to spread the gospel will not last forever; neither will the lost unbeliever's time to hear it.



We need to be in church weekly, in Bible class if possible, and in personal Bible study and prayer daily to resist the culture's downward tug. Let us be grateful for a church that upholds the authority and inerrancy of Scripture. Let us give of our time, efforts and resources to spread the gospel of Christ. Let us reach out to unbelieving and unchurched relatives, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. And let us be careful to always submit to the authority of Scripture in all matters which it addresses.



## Board of Trustees: Thank You

*James Sharpe, Chairperson*

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You*

I would like to say a very heart felt thank you to Mr. Merle Weed. After having been our groundskeeper for going on 14 years, Merle has decided to step down and enjoy retirement. Merle has been dedicated to making sure our church grounds are always looking their best, often going above and beyond his normal responsibilities. He has shown a true passion for maintaining our church grounds as if it were his own home. Thank you, Merle for all you do and all you've done!

We are actively searching for someone to take on the task of Groundskeeper. This is a paid position and would start in early 2025. For more information, please reach out to me directly. A history of work and a reference will be requested. Thanks!

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## Mount Olive Preschool

*Anna Brent, Preschool Director*

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the preschool! Our halls are busy with Christmas crafts, to help us learn about the reason for the season. We are practicing for our Christmas program, too! We are looking forward to sharing the joy of the season with our preschool families in person this year.



We were blessed to celebrate at our Thanksgiving Feast with our preschool "family." We ate and fellowshiped alongside our preschool students and their families and hosted over 100 children and adults. What a testament to God's faithfulness and His hand in knitting together preschool relationships.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will have a special performance for church members on Wednesday, December 18 at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us to watch our short program, "The Light of Christmas," before the noon Advent service. We will have another program for preschool families and their guests at a separate time during evening hours.

The hallways will be quiet during the Christmas break from school, but we will return on January 8<sup>th</sup>, ready to see what the Lord has in store for us in 2025.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me!

## Board of Christian Education

Our high school youth have been busy with two fundraisers for their 2025 National Youth Gathering! The first was the raffle of two gift baskets, won by Norma Hessary and Joe Harper. Next was the barbecue dinner held November 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the delicious meal and in turn, raised more funds for the 10 youth and their chaperones to travel to New Orleans. Thank you, Mt. Olive, for your support of our youth.

## Join a Bible Class

Winter 2023-2024 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. Please sanitize the toys with which your child has played.	
Circle of Friends	Preschool Area	Faithful Group of Volunteers	Bringing Jesus to Special Needs Children
PK3 – 4th Grade	Upstairs Classroom	Jessica Dennis, Megan Weed, Brandy Maye, & Amanda Dalton	The Birth of Jesus Learning Christmas Carols
Confirmation Class	Preschool Area	Pr. Walt Harper	A two-year study of Luther’s Small Catechism and the Bible
Middle & High School Youth	Wagner House	Joel & April Fancey, Rick Baden	Bible Study
Adults	Fellowship Hall	Pr. Colin Ford	The Books of Proverbs & Ecclesiastes
Downstairs Classrooms are accessible by stairs and elevator.			



### The Social Ministry Board: Christmas “Giving Tree”

*Mary Keller, Chairperson*

**“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”**

*(2 Corinthians 9:15)*

This Christmas Mt. Olive is supporting four well-known, local agencies: **Sister Care, Lutheran Refugee Services, Sharing God’s Love, and Gifts for Grands.** **Gifts for Grands** is a new ministry contact, and some of you may have seen their interview on WLTX local news. The founder, Melissa Little, wanted to give residents residing in care facilities some Christmas cheer after learning residents in these facilities receive very few visitors. So, Melissa joined hands with local churches and businesses to try and make sure the most wonderful time of year stays wonderful for those who have seen many holiday seasons before this one! Last year GFG delivered items to over 23 local nursing homes and 1,164 nursing home residents received Christmas gifts! More details on items to be collected are available by the collection receptacle in the narthex.

Here is more information about our other ministry connections. Sister Care provided needs for 15 families for us to sponsor, a total of 40 people. These are moms with children who are staying at the shelter for safety. Lutheran Refugee Services provided needs for around 14 refugees who will be settling in the Columbia area before the end of the year. These families arrive in South Carolina with only the clothes on their backs! Sharing God’s Love has requested gift cards focusing on teens. Teens can be challenging to buy a gift for, and a gift card allows them to purchase a special desired item!



More specifics are available beginning November 23<sup>rd</sup> beside the ‘Giving Tree.’ We will be collecting Christmas gifts through December 15<sup>th</sup>. This time of year can be so difficult for so many, so let’s use this opportunity to Share our Love of Jesus! If you have a question or need more details, please contact the church office.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – January 27, 2025, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

## Thoughts, Prayers, Calls, & Cards

***"And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." (Romans 8:27)***

For our homebound friends at Christmas: We know that the holidays may be a little different for you as you are unable to physically join us in church. However, we want you to know that you are not alone and that you are still an important part of our church family. We pray that you feel God's presence working in your life and that you are filled with the wonder and glory of His unending love for you. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas!



And to our congregation, please remember our homebound friends with thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and cards. Contact information is in the church directory. Let's make a special effort to connect with one another!

Don Angen	Shirley Curry	Carolyn McCartha	Margaret Meetze	Polly Roland
Chuck/Marilyn Bauer	Cleta Dunaway	Anita Meetze	Thelma Miller	Mandy Schultz
Nadia R. BouFawaz	Betty Hunter	Laura Meetze	Eva Mae Monts	Linda Schmidt
Phil Carter	Harold/Sarah Jones	Laurie Meetze	Cyndi Nelson	Henry Weed



### Read the Bible in Three Years – December 2024

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		

### Read the Bible in Three Years – January 2025

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		



## December 2024 - January 2025 Anniversaries

12/2	Charlie & Jaime Stuck	12/28	Lu & Pat Donlon
12/4	Tim & Shanna Stuck	12/28	Harold & Sarah Jones
12/17	Don & Gloria Meetze	12/29	Richard & Barbara Chesley
12/19	Kevin & Mandy Kibler	12/31	Johnny & Joe Ann Barrett
12/22	Natalie & Eric Smith	12/31	Nathan & Melissa Marberry
12/23	Matthew & Page Fletcher	1/20	Eddie & Dana Magic
		1/25	David & Sandra Stepanovich

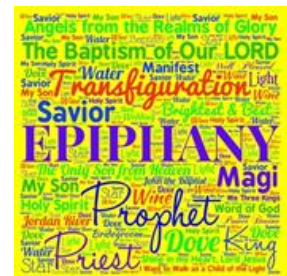
## December 2024 - January 2025 Birthdays

12/1	Connor Weed	12/22	Lee Meetze, Jr.	1/17	Stephanie Lewis
12/3	Catherine Black	12/22	Austin Perkins	1/18	Johnna Duncan
12/4	Greg Ervin	12/23	John Meyerhoff	1/19	Mitch Greer
12/4	Richard Weed	12/23	Shari Selke	1/19	Louie Selle
12/8	Noelle Nettles	12/26	Natalie Osborne-Smith	1/19	Shirley Vogel
12/8	Jennifer Weed	12/28	David Fletcher	1/21	Carol Fong
12/10	Laura Laprise	12/30	Don Angen	1/21	Kim Perkins
12/11	Samuel Fancey	12/30	Sherry Ervin	1/22	Kas Hessary
12/11	Wanda Witt	12/31	Robert Tesch	1/25	Andrew Rosinski
12/12	Janet Jabs	1/3	Page Fletcher	1/25	Abigail Setterlund
12/12	Rich Keller	1/4	Arabella Prag	1/25	Richard Shealy
12/12	Christopher Meetze	1/5	Rebecca Selle	1/25	Evan Williams
12/15	Blake Cook	1/7	Mary Lou Tedder	1/26	Kim BouFawaz
12/15	Lu Donlon	1/9	Shanna Stuck	1/26	Emma Dennis
12/15	Pastor Walt Harper	1/9	Peggy Weed	1/28	Neide Nieto
12/15	Olivia Houck	1/10	Dianne BouFawaz	1/28	Sheryl Springer
12/16	Liezl Baden	1/13	Dimitri Harper	1/30	Geri Harper
12/17	Abigail Sharpe	1/14	Hal Hoffman	1/30	Rachelle Kapalka
12/18	Todd Barrett	1/14	Debra Tesch	1/31	Cindy Soto
		1/16	Laura Shealy		



## Signs at the Church Entrance: 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 5th. During Epiphany, our bright yellow sign will recount how Jesus revealed himself as the Savior of the world.



# Announcements

## Women's Book Club



The Women's Book Club is studying the *Ten Commandments: Love Rules* by Christina Hergenrader. The ladies will meet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Christmas treats at 6:00 PM at Renee's) and then on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. ALL women of the congregation & friends are welcome to join in the class.

## February Newsletter Deadline – January 27, 2025

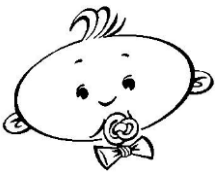
Your next deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of the Olive Leaves is January 27, 2024. Please send your 1/2 page, nonpolitical articles to Sue Strouse.



## Secure E Giving:

For those of you who are contributing by e giving, you will notice that the site has a new look. According to VANCO, your account, password, and recurring payments remained the same. You should see pictures of Mt. Olive above the giving labels. If you would like to set up a new account, the link is on the home page of our church website, mtolivesc.org. You may give through your checking account or by credit card. Our e giving is powered by VANCO, a secure company that follows strict guidelines and policies. Even though the e giving page looks like our website, Mt. Olive will have no record of your account, your card/bank account number, or your personal information. If you need help setting up your account, contact Aresa Boykin.


## Nursery "Cry Room" Reminder

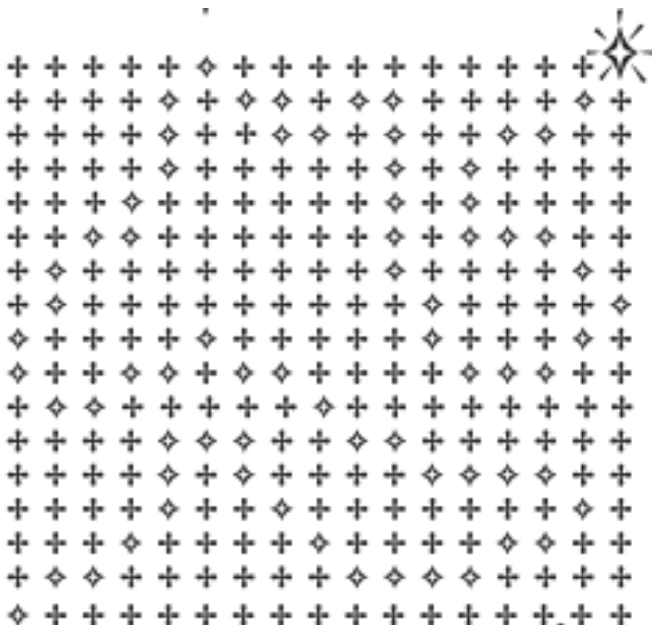


Mt. Olive has a renovated nursery that is located downstairs, just behind the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to stay with their children during any worship service. There is a speaker so you will be able to hear the worship service. Parents, as you are leaving, please tidy up and sanitize the toys with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



## Kids Korner

Starting in the lower left-corner, help the wise men follow the  path that leads to baby Jesus.



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

LD OG      NCAKNRIENFSE      RYHMR

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