



THE OLIVE BRANCH

MAY 2019



From the desk of Pastor Ryan

Country singer Tim McGraw had a hit fifteen years ago with the song “Live Like You Were Dying.” It was about a man who learned he was dying of cancer and chose to make the most of what little time he had left. The chorus tells us he loved deeper, spoke sweeter, and gave forgiveness he’d been denying. The song recommends living life this way all the time. In fact, a better name for the song might have been “Live Like You Are Living.”

Not long ago, I was at the hospital listening to a gentleman who had recently and narrowly escaped death. He told me that since his life had been spared by the grace of God, he planned to live with more grace toward others.

We’re reminded at Easter that greater life can emerge from death’s grasp. Whether you realize it or not, we’ve all had our brush with death. What I mean is as a baptized child of God, you have already undergone death. In baptism you were drowned and joined to Jesus’ death. The Apostle Paul writes this: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:3-4). Death will not get the final word in your life, because it’s been defeated for you by Jesus Christ. That means you too might love deeper, speak sweeter, and give forgiveness you’ve been denying. You’ve been through death, so now it’s time to live like you are living.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Ryan

Annual NC Lutheran Synod Assembly

Pastor Ryan, Deacons Lynne and Liz, and Chris Bass will be voting members at this year’s assembly in Greensboro the last weekend of the month. Please pray for our Synod as important decisions are often made at these assemblies.

Memorial Day, May 27 – Please pray for the families and friends who lost loved ones while they were serving our great country. Also, give thanks for their sacrifice. The church office will be closed on this day.

DEADLINE FOR JUNE
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:
May 15

Please note: newsletter articles should be
sent to Karen at
mtolivelutheran@embarqmail.com

Upcoming Events

May 5: Strawberry Festival
Rachel’s Day
May 12: Mother’s Day Banquet
May 27: Memorial Day

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Upcoming Events

Strawberry Festival Date: Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m.

The community is invited to Mt. Olive's annual Strawberry Festival of music and strawberry treats. This year's special guests are the CVCC Choir directed by Caroline Simyon. Ms. Simyon is the Program Director for the Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) degree at the college. The concert will also feature the Mt. Olive music ensembles. A strawberry dessert reception will be held after the music in the church's Heritage Hall. The event is free and family-friendly and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music and



The Seven Next Words of Christ

New Sermon Series Beginning May 5

We often hear about the Seven Last Words of Christ. Rarely, though, do we focus in the same way on what Christ said after the Resurrection as he surprised, consoled, rebuked, and inspired followers through seven powerful encounters. This series is inspired by the book of the same name by Shane Stanford.



To which apostle did Jesus say, "That thou doest, do quickly?"

Weekly Activities

Sun	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:35-10:35 a.m.	Faith Out Loud rehearsal Worship w/Communion Children's Ministry (K-5th grade) Teen Ministry (6th-12th grade) Adult Sunday School Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall Worship w/Communion
Mon	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Tying & Tacking - Quilt Making
Tues	7-8:00 a.m. 8-9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Men's Breakfast @ Café Gouda Mt. Olive Staff Meeting
Wed	6-6:45 p.m. 6:45-7:35 p.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Faith Out Loud Praise Group Chancel Choir
Thur	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Kid's Korner (Preschool Ministry) Narcotics Anonymous
Fri & Sat		Office Closed

Music Notes

Music Resumes on Wednesday, May 1st

We will return to our regular Wednesday evening schedule:

6-6:45 p.m.: Children's & Youth Music (all ages are welcome and we will accommodate the age groups as flexibly as we can!) Our last Wednesday evening rehearsal will be held on June 5 and our last music in church will be on the Day of Pentecost, June 9. After that, we will break for the summer, but please look for other upcoming activities at Mt. Olive during the summer to fill in the gap.

6:45-7:25 p.m.: Faith Out Loud (our acoustic ensemble that sings at 8:30 a.m. worship)

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir (our more traditional choir that sings at 10:45 a.m. worship)

We welcome all people who want to sing or play instruments. Please speak to Deacon Lynne if you have any questions.

More about the Children's & Youth Music program:

We have about 7 or 8 school-age youth who join us for Wednesday evening music each week, but are not members of Mt. Olive. Due to their own church involvement, they are most often not able to join us on Sunday morning. But we did welcome them to play and sing on one of our Wednesday evening Lenten services. It was a joy to have them all together in worship.

Please keep this youth music program in mind for your friends and neighbors. It is a great opportunity for young people to learn new music skills, make new friends, and work together to make beautiful





KAMO Events (K-6)

May 2019

- **May 5th:** Service project during Sunday School
- **May 12th:** Mother's Day Banquet
- **May 19th:** Bo's following 10:45 a.m. worship, bring money for food

The children of the church have had a busy few months! We have had a blast either working to pack boxes or meals, going to camp, working on our upstairs room and participating in worship. It's truly amazing to see the Holy Spirit at work with everything these children do, living out their baptism daily. When we struggle with our own faith, we see children living it so vibrantly asking questions, dreaming about how they can serve, and where they see the church lived out in the future.

Please continue to encourage and support our children. How can you do this? Take time to listen to what the children are saying. Ask to go to one of their activities outside of church. The children like having someone to eat lunch with them at their school, so go have lunch. Allow them to be children and find safety within the world here at the church by showing compassion and care. Take time to play with them and learn what they are interested in at the church and at school. In this, we live into our Baptisms and letting others know they belong.

****Remember we have Sunday School every Sunday with Music at 9:45 a.m. and Cross-training at 9:45 /9:50 a.m. (donuts and juice for breakfast during cross-training)****

Kids' Korner Preschool Music & Stories

We will resume our Thursday morning preschool music program on Thursday, May 2nd. Again, please share this program with your friends and family. Most of the participants are not members of Mt. Olive, but rest assured that they are exposed to the open and welcoming love of God each week when they enter our church. Each family is a valued member of our music team.

Youth (Teen) Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Weekly meeting– Teens meet every Sunday from 9:35-10:35 a.m. in the Youth Room for sharing weekly joys and struggles and exploring the central stories of our faith. We always have fresh donuts!

Tool Training-All those going on this summer's mission trip (and others who would like to learn) will meet in Heritage Hall on May 19 at 6pm for tool training. Learn how to hammer a nail, measure, saw, and other useful skills.

Confirmation-Sunday, May 19th from 3-5:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran in Mountain View

Adventure-Coming in May– rafting the Nolichucky River. Dates and times to be determined. The estimated cost is \$80, and includes lunch. Friends are welcome and confidential scholarships are available if cost is an issue.

May Happenings at Mt. Olive

**Trivia Answer:
Judas (John 13:27)**

May Adult Fellowship

Pastor Kate is working on finalizing details for the Adult Fellowship in May. Please see the weekly bulletin for updates.

Membership Updates

We are beginning a project to update our membership data. We noticed some discrepancies in our present directory in the 2018 Annual Report. We are requesting our members to contact Karen or Rick with any type of changes for updating: family members, addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, baptismal dates, confirmation dates, etc. This updating will help in knowing our 80+ members, youth, recognition of baptism and birth dates, and mailings.

Sipe's Transitional Graduation Party

On June 15th from 3-5 p.m. we will be hosting the graduation party for Sipe's Transitional Housing. Everyone is invited. Currently we have 4 graduates, 3 girls, 1 boy. These young people have been through so much in their lives which is why we strive to give them this day of recognition. If you would like to contribute or help with the wonderful day, please

Feeding the Homeless Update

We have served breakfast and lunch snacks several times at the Life house. We have given out blessing bags and snacks at Open Door Homeless Ministry monthly giveaway. We have served 2 meals at Highways & Hedges and assisted with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and VBS at Vision and Highways and Hedges. We have given out numerous blessing/snack bags for our neighbors in the area. We have also helped the Hickory Soup Kitchen with meals, blessing bags, and snacks. Our biggest meal is our July 4th and blessing bag giveaways at the Hickory Soup Kitchen. We will continue to do this and more throughout the year. We want to say thank you to everyone that has helped and continues to help us do this. If you have any questions contact Chasity Richter or



Thank You!!!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Lenten and Holy Week activities the very best they could be. Thanks especially to Pat Neill and the Hospitality Team for all the many meals prepared throughout

Dear Pastor Ray & Church family,

Thank you for all the church has done over the past many years for mom & dad. We have been forever blessed. We continue to love you all.
The family of Ben & Lorene

May Birthdays

May 1	Linda Barnett, Ann Everhart, Taylor Williams
May 2	Simon Frye
May 3	Matysen Setzer, Preston Taylor
May 4	Meredith Elder, Diane Shacklady
May 5	Jason Punch, Antony Shacklady
May 7	Sonny Bolick, Mary Davis, Kathie Hegert
May 9	Jeff Tice
May 10	Karen Abernathy
May 11	Esther Armstrong
May 13	Loretta Burke, Rusty Hoover
May 14	Bethany Kahill
May 15	Bernice McCrorie
May 16	Bob Eliasson
May 17	Susan Garren, Leon Hoover, Ian Smail
May 19	Heather Langan, Carolyn Tawney
May 20	Cody Coburn, Penny Lineberger, Jane Miller
May 22	Patsy Bolick
May 23	Patty Mesuch-Scronce
May 24	Zoe Garren
May 29	Darin Shook

Breakfast Club

When: Sunday, May 12th

Where: Panera Bread

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to all the ones that crochet or knit prayer shawls. Starting now, there will be a basket on top of the cabinet with the cards you sign as well as lengths of yarn to attach the cards to your shawl. This will be an easier way for all prayer shawls to be identified. Please continue to place completed shawls in the box to be blessed. Thanks again to all the dedicated people who continue to contribute to this vital ministry of our congregation. If you have any questions contact Frances

Outreach Team

The Outreach Team has outlined our projects for the next three months.

May-We will be collecting toiletry items for the Salvation Army Men's Shelter. Items such as soap, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloths, etc. would be very useful.

June- We will be doing blessing bags to give to the homeless. Suggested items are pop top canned foods, juice pouches, hard candy, gum, nuts, cracker jacks, pudding, applesauce, fruit cups, mini boxes of cereal, rice krispies, peanut butter, ramen noodles, raisins, gummies, two gallon baggies. Please no chocolates and no crackers.

July-We will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed are 70 page spiral bound composition books, pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, rulers, 2 1/2 inch pink erasers, 16 or 24 count crayons, and blunt safety scissors. Also bath size bars of soap will be collected.

Thank you from the Outreach Team for your help and consideration concerning these projects. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Outreach Team. Thank you again in Christian love.

Please feel free to make a monetary donation for any of these projects. Please designate on your check or envelope where you want your donation to be used.



Outreach Team

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Drew Hitchcock (son of Stephen and Cathy Hitchcock) as he completed his first 5K swim ever as he represented Team North Carolina at the Open Water Zone meet in Ft. Myers, Florida on April 13th. Awesome job!

Congratulations to Stephanie Leshner on baptism on Easter Sunday. Her daughters are Ella and Ezra. Her mother is Storm Strong.



her baptism
are Ella

April Photo Booth



Mt. Olive Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

Next council meeting is **Sunday, May 12, at 6pm** in Heritage Hall.

Thom Shell will be in charge of devotions.

Attending: Mickey Barnett, Pam Sigmon, Geoff Yount, Chasity Richter, Herm Price, Gerald Burke, Samantha Seabock, Thom Shell, Simon Frye, Pastor Ryan

Absent: Melissa Cook, Lindsay Atwater, Lynne Reed

Samantha Seabock opened the meeting with devotions. John 12:19.

Approval of March meeting: Herm Price made motion to approve; Geoff Yount seconded; March meeting minutes accepted.

Approval of staff reports: Thom Shell made motion to accept staff reports; Herm Price seconded; motion passed.

Finances: Gerald Burke covered the financial reports. Those reports will be attached to the hard copy of council minutes. Geoff Yount moved to accept financial reports; Samantha seconded; motion passed.

Discussion on purchasing a van: Mickey suggested that we rent a van for a few months to see how much we will use it. Used van may cost around \$30,000. Pastor Ryan suggested that we might do better to just rent one when and as we need it. The issue will be researched a bit more and discussed by council later this year.

Painting: Mickey will talk with Property Committee to have them make recommendation to council to have the exterior of the Christian Ed Building painted.

July joint Sunday services: Just discussion on having only one service per Sunday during the month of July. Discussion to be made at next council meeting.

Encourage programs offering use of our facilities to outside classes: Council and others should encourage use of our facilities for outside groups to hold classes which would enhance our youth and family ministries. Since our Kid's Korner program has been so successful, it would serve us well to include other areas. We won't just allow anyone/group access; recommended programs would need to adhere to church guidelines and have council approval. For example, a local art teacher who is currently in need of a space to teach art students. Lynne Reed suggested Mt. Olive. Do not know if Lindsay Drayer has contacted anyone on further discussion. Mickey has asked Lynne for her number so we can contact her.

Family Care Center use of our vicarage: Our first family "residents" have gotten their own home and have moved out of our vicarage. Family Care Center is in process of cleaning the facility and relocating another family into the house on Mt. Olive property. Be proud, Mt. Olive, that you were instrumental in helping our family achieve success!!!

July council meeting: Mickey suggested that we not meet in July; Herm made motion; Geoff Yount seconded. Motion passed.

Congregational care team: Pastor Kate Crecelius will be leaving Mt. Olive at the end of May for full-time position at Mt. Pisgah. Thank you, Kate, for your insight and leadership with this much needed work of the church.

Bibles & taps: Jodi Jabs has asked to have monthly meeting with young adults at a local pub. More info to come on this.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Sigmon



leadership with
with young adults



**Mt. Olive Members in
Assisted Living or Nursing Facilities:**

Heritage Care

John Beatty

Trinity Village, Springs Road:

Martha Yount,

Mildred Salley

Edna Punch

Brookdale Assisted Living Falling Creek

Ann Everhart

Brookdale Assisted Living Lenoir

Catherine Adams

Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn:

Maxine Kirchin

GraceRidge

Jennie Bost

Pinecrest

Mary Black

We are proud of our Mt. Olive members who are continuing their education post high school. **Please remember to keep them in your prayers.**

Emma Barger, Darrius Adam Barger, Ben Bazzle, Brittany Collins, Matt Cook, Jacob Garren, Keely Horton, Whitney Horton, Bradley Langan, Heather Langan, Derek Moose, Halee Ormand, Markus Pope, Daniel Richter, Kayla Seabock, Megan Shook, Paige Shook, Allison Tice, Will Truett, Jenna Waters,

Members of Mt. Olive

Esther Armstrong	Tom East
Margaret Barger	Van Seabock
Jennie Bost	Tara Rink
Chris Brookshire	Amy Preslar
Brad, Meredith, and	
Owen Elder	Michael Bock
Nina Fullwood	Loretta Stephenson
Ann Everhart	Miya Teague
Mary Gregory	Diane Shacklady
Eugene Helton	Todd Propst
Jeanette Huffman	
Linda Huffman	
Sarah Hull	
Henry & Thelma Javis	
Virginia Killian	
Gwen Kingsley	
Terry Laxton	
Darrell Punch	
Mildred Salley	
Thomas Salley	
K.C. Setzer	
Carolyn Sigmon	
Pat Thompson	
Mary Wright	
Huitt Drum	
Tom Rhea Jr.	

Our Family and Friends

Wayne Austin, friend of Penny & Tim Lineberger
 Shirley Baker, friend of Kathy Starr
 Anne Barnes, friend of Susy Morrison
 John Beatty, son of Elma Jean Beatty
 Kim Birtwistle, friend of Pam Sigmon
 David Bolick, friend of John & Kathie Hegert
 Barbara Boudreau, friend of Hank & Bernice McCrorie
 Gary & Lisa Bowne, friends of Mickey & Linda Barnett
 Bill Canata, friend of McCrorie's
 Barbara Van Cleave, cousin of McCrorie's
 David Conger, friend of Jane Spaugh
 Frances Cranford, friend of Eva Helton
 Daphne Crump, Doug Sullivan's mother
 Micki Earp, friend of Judy Rao
 Nadine Eckerd, Joan Yount's mother
 Bill Field, family of June Field
 Louise Foster, mother of Paulette Church
 Christine Gates, friend of Judy Rao
 Deborah Gleaton, friend of Amanda Truett
 James & Cathy Grant, friend of Rick and Debbie Carmack
 Dwayne Helton, friend of Amanda Fu
 Mary Howell, friend of Teresa Bazzle
 Daken James, friend of Penny & Adeliah from Pocahontas, VA
 Sandy Kauk, friend of Chris & Brenda Bass
 Leroy Lail, friend of Thom Shell
 Lynn Lail, friend of Thom Shell
 Shirley Lail, friend of Pat Neill
 Boyce Laxton, father of Terry Laxton
 Kaitlyn Lineberger, family of Tim & Penny Lineberger
 Tom McCarthy, brother-in-law of Ellis Bolick
 Olivia Mason, great niece of Teresa Bazzle
 Shelby Mason, niece of Teresa Bazzle
 Sidney McCoy, niece of Jane Spaugh
 Miriam Newmire, friend of Caroly Tawney
 Donna Parker, sister of Frances Hallman & Margaret Barger
 Lauren Parlier, Paul Rozzelle & Zeke, friend of Amy Whaley
 Warren Paschal, nephew of Pat Neill
 Courtney Pearce, granddaughter of Sylvia Whisnant
 Barbara Pennell, sister of Kay Hefner and Jeanette Huffman
 Eric Petersen, son of John & Susan Petersen
 Tom Rhea III, Tom Rhea's son
 Alton Piester, brother of Elma Jean Beatty
 Cindy Robbins, sister of Jane Spaugh
 Amanda Rogers, Jim William's sister
 Jim Russell, friend of McCrorie's
 Norene Setzer, Cindy Sullivan's mother
 Sharon Smith, friend of Amanda Fu
 Leigh Thompson
 Robin Teeter, friend of Pam Propst
 Celeste Cranford-White, friend of Eva Helton
 Justin White, son of Kate Rhea
 Ann Widner, friend of Lynn Seabock
 Sandra Yahl, family of John & Susan Petersen

Please keep Jon and Kaylee Anthony in your prayers as she lost her father, David Talton.



OFFERINGS

Cash Basis:	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	
Total General Offerings	\$8,649.93	\$10,036.50	\$10,940.32	\$8,252.50	
Budgeted amount needed weekly	\$8,310.00				
Designated Funds:	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	
World Hunger	\$110.00	\$220.00		\$220.00	
Youth fund/trip					
Micah's Cupboard		\$20.00	\$200.00		
Quilting Fund			\$50.00	\$10.00	
Love Offering Jenna			\$40.00		
Cemetery fund			\$2,442.82		
Evangelism	\$10.00				
Hickory Soup Kitchen	\$165.00	\$245.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	
Hospitality			\$25.00		
Pickle jar/ Pastor					
Operation Christmas Shoebox					
Youth BYG Agape					
Use of building		\$300.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$285.00	\$785.00	\$2,857.82	\$455.00	
Reserve - Repairs & Maintenance	\$115.00	n/a	\$40.00	\$100.00	n/a

Financial Update at a glance:	February	March	April
Month to date giving	\$31,876.00	\$43,956.07	\$29,229.32
Monthly budgeted amount:	\$33,962.00	\$42,452.50	\$33,962.00

MARCH 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Highlights, March 2019

A net surplus of \$13,162 was experienced for **March**, compared with a budgeted monthly surplus of \$4,032. There were five Sunday services in March. Unrestricted giving of \$42,653 received during the month was above the budgeted target of \$38,000. Monthly actual expenses were \$29,491. Compared with a budgeted total of \$33,967.

The financial results for the **quarter ended March 31, 2019** were as follows. Unrestricted giving of \$111,143 received during the quarter, was above the budget amount of \$102,000. Total expenses for the quarter were \$95,329. This is a decrease in expenses of \$10,011 compared with this quarter in 2018. The excess of revenue over expenses, or net surplus, has improved by \$23,515, when compared to this quarter in 2018.

Gerald C. Burke

Treasurer

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SERVICE	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	
Combined	130	138	173	232	

STAFF AND CHURCH LEADERS

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Worship Times:

Sunday Mornings
8:30 am with Holy Communion
10:45 am with Holy Communion

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm
The office is closed on Friday

Our Mission Statement:

In response to the love of Jesus Christ,
our mission is:
Believe, Belong, Serve. God's Work. Our Hands.

MAY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, MEETINGS, ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 5 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Chris Bass
 Crucifer: Chris Bass
 Acolyte: Steve Pruett
 Lay Lector: Steve Pruett
 Greeters: Debbie Carmack/Cindy Sullivan
 Ushers: Doug/Josh Sullivan

MAY 12 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Amanda Truett
 Crucifer: Amanda Truett
 Acolyte: Darrell Punch
 Lay Lector: Roxy Poovey
 Greeters: Dennis/Becky Anthony
 Ushers: Carson Hefner/Bob Eliasson

MAY 19 7:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Darin Shook
 Crucifer: Tom Atwater
 Acolyte: Darin Shook
 Lay Lector: Debbie Hoover
 Greeters: Gail Miller/Pat Neill
 Ushers: Cecil Davis/ Beth Hefner

MAY 26 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Mickey Barnett
 Crucifer: Connie Burleson
 Acolyte: Mickey Barnett
 Lay Lector: Connie Burleson
 Greeters: Karen Pruett/ Linda Barnett
 Ushers: Dennis Anthony/ John Hegert

MAY 5 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Audrey Glenn
 Crucifer: Ian Smail
 Acolyte: Audrey Glenn
 Lay Lector: Geoff Yount
 Story Time: Jenna Waters
 Children's Church: Deacon Liz
 Greeters: Frances Hallman/Joan Yount
 Ushers: Harry Heavner/ Dave Collins

MAY 12 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Sonny Bolick
 Crucifer: Meadow Frye
 Acolyte: Simon Frye
 Lay Lector: Anne Lyerly
 Story Time: Karen Birkedal
 Children's Church: TBD
 Greeters: Patty Williams/Carolyn Tawney
 Ushers: Thom Shell/ Jane Spaugh

MAY 19 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Naomi East
 Crucifer: Caleb Hedgepeth
 Acolyte: Naomi East
 Lay Lector: Elma Jean Beatty
 Story Time: Deacon Liz
 Children's Church: Deacon Liz
 Greeters: Chasity Richter/ Kathy Starr
 Ushers: Gerald Burke/ Tim Lineberger

MAY 26 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Kim Ray
 Crucifer: Meadow Frye
 Acolyte: Caylee Rink
 Lay Lector: Lynette Carson
 Story Time: Pastor Ryan
 Children's Church: TBD
 Greeters: Debbie Seabock/ Marion Waldon
 Ushers: David Glenn/ Corey Seabock

MEETING TIMES:

Men's Bible Study: Tuesday 7:00 am
Upstairs Prayer Chapel

"Tying & Tacking Girls": Monday 8:30—11:30
Heritage Hall

ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents):
2nd Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Heritage Hall

Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday 6:30 pm
Heritage Hall

Girl Scouts: Second & Fourth Tuesday / Month
2nd floor Ed. Bldg.

WELCA CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Abigail: 1st Wed 7:00 pm Martin Luther Room
Devotions: Penny Lineberger

Esther: 1st Mon 2:00 pm Heritage Hall
Program: Lynnette Carson

Martha: 1st Tues 11:30 Heritage Hall
Leader: Karen Pruett

ALTAR FLOWERS:

May 5: Jodi Jabs
 May 12: Amanda Fu
 May 19: Hank & Bernice McCrorie
 May 26: Susan Garren / Naomi East

ALTAR DUTY:
COMMUNION PREP:

Barbara George
 Pam Sigmon
 Barbara George

COMMUNION BREAD:

Pam Sigmon

ROBE CLEANING:

Lynnette Carson

MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS:

John Petersen, Supervisor
 Gail Miller Marion Waldon

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

May 15: TBD

MAY 2019 MT. OLIVE ACTIVITIES

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<p>5 4 pm: Strawberry Festival (music & treats) 3pm: Outreach Team </p>	<p>6 8:30 am: Tying & Tacking Ladies 2pm: Esther Circle</p>	<p>7 7 am: Men's Bible Study 11 am: Staff Mtg. 11:30am: Martha Circle</p>	<p>8 6-6:45 pm: Youth Music 6:45-7:25 pm: FOL 7:30 pm: Choir</p>	<p>9 10 am: Kids' Korner 6:30 NA</p>	<p>10 Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 10:45am: Mother's Day Banquet following late service 6pm: Council Mtg Mother's Day</p>	<p>13 8:30 am: Tying & Tacking Ladies</p>	<p>14 7 am: Men's Bible Study 11 am: Staff Mtg. 5:30pm: ACAP 6 pm: Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15 10:30am: Adult Fellowship TBD 12pm: Lunch at Safe Harbor 6-6:45 pm: Youth Music 6:45-7:25 pm: FOL</p>	<p>16 10 am: Kids' Korner 6:30 NA</p>	<p>17 Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 12pm: Youth to Bo's after service</p>	<p>20 8:30 am: Tying & Tacking Ladies</p>	<p>21 7 am: Men's Bible Study 11 am: Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>22 6-6:45 pm: Youth Music 6:45-7:25 pm: FOL 7:30 pm: Choir</p>	<p>23 10 am: Kids' Korner 6:30 NA</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day: Office Closed </p>	<p>28 7 am: Men's Bible Study 11 am: Staff Mtg. 6 pm: Girl Scouts</p>	<p>29 6-6:45 pm: Youth Music 6:45-7:25 pm: FOL 7:30 pm: Choir</p>	<p>30 10 am: Kids' Korner 6:30 NA</p>	<p>31 Office Closed</p>	<p>FOL = Faith Out Loud music group NA = Narcotics, Anonymous</p>