



THE OLIVE BRANCH

SEPTEMBER 2020



From the desk of Pastor Ryan

Imagine you are in your living room, alone. You have found a few, rare, fleeting moments to sit down and have a little prayer time with God. It could be at the start of the day or at the close of night or anytime in between - all times are good for prayer. Perhaps finding the “right” words eludes you so you go with a prayer that’s been given to you, specifically the Lord’s Prayer. Again, no one else is around. This is a time you will share only with God. You settle into your seat, close your eyes, take a breath, and begin with the words you know so well - “Our Father,” - Hold on.

Why “*Our* Father” and not “*My* Father”? Remember you are alone with God... or are you?

Well, yes, you are alone, physically. The whole truth is bigger than that though – billions of times bigger. When we say “Our Father” we speak to God as part of the Christian community. We pray as part of our family, as part of Mt. Olive, as part of the North Carolina Synod, as part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as part of the entire Christian church across all places and all times – we pray even with the faithful dearly departed!

18 centuries ago, Bishop Cyprian of Carthage wrote “When we pray, we pray not for one, but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one.” Slow down for a moment and think about how radical it is to pray “Our Father.” If I pray “Our Father” and you also pray “Our Father”, the implication is we share the same Father. Conservative or progressive, black or white, rich or poor, Baptist or Lutheran, old or young, in faith we’re family. To be perfectly clear, God expects us to treat one another as such. Therefore our prayers, which certainly include ourselves, can never be just about us, but about the good of our sisters and brothers. This truth, when we believe it, has the power to realign our values and change how we live in the world. Were we to truly live into this reality where we saw our faith family as true family, the world couldn’t help but take notice. As I learned singing around the fire at Campfirmation, “They will know we are Christians by our love.”

I invite you to join me in praying about how we might do a better job of treating one another like family within our congregation and community. How can we speak to one another in both truth and love? How can we make sacrifices for one another like we’re glad to do for our biological families? How can we listen better to actually learn from those with different perspectives and life experiences from our own?

Perhaps this prayer will bring about good, not just for me, but also for my neighbor.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Ryan

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:
September 15**

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

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Happenings at Mt. Olive During Pandemic

Worship Always - Worship All Ways!

Weekly worship will continue throughout September and we await new information regarding NC Phases on September 11. What we can tell you is:

- 1) We heard you when you said you are enjoying the interactive and intimate online services from Pastor's porch. There will be more to come.
- 2) We heard you when you said you miss seeing our beautiful sanctuary and hearing Jenna's organ playing. There will be more to come.
- 3) We heard you when you said you appreciate the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. There will be more to come.
- 4) We heard you when you said you enjoyed physically gathering in the parking lot for worship. There will be more to come.

We have all of these types of worship experiences planned for September in order to meet you where you are in the midst of this pandemic. You'll be notified weekly through One Call Now, Facebook, and email to inform you how worship will be offered each week. In whatever form it takes, we look forward to worshipping with you!

Update on Gathering Anew

Mt. Olive's Council and Regathering Task Force are both committed to your safety in the midst of this pandemic. Because of that commitment, both have whole-heartedly endorsed Synod recommendations to avoid in-person gatherings until North Carolina moves into Phase 3 restrictions. Please understand that even when we reach Phase 3, gatherings will most likely look very different from what we all remember. At this time, NC Phase 2 restrictions will continue at least until September 11. Because of your faithfulness and commitment, Mt. Olive is holding strong through this trial. We will weather the storm. You are missed. You are loved. You are prayed for.

Sunday School and Coffee Hour:

Coffee Hour:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87516062806?pwd=VVJOCW5ZbS92TmFNbkZlYlhneTd6dz09>

Meeting ID: 875 1606 2806

Passcode: Jesus

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,87516062806#,,,,,0#,,572833# US (New York)

+13017158592,,87516062806#,,,,,0#,,572833# US (Germantown)

Sunday School: Starts Sept 6, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85178527008?pwd=UGFSbU9TeTVuWXZpUURFOGo3RUdhUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 7852 7008

Passcode: Jesus

One tap mobile

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Music Notes

We are happy announce that Jenna Waters has decided to remain at Mt. Olive as Organist & Choir Director! Although she has moved to Winston-Salem to pursue a graduate degree at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, she will be commuting back to Mt. Olive as necessary to maintain her position with us. We are blessed that she will continue to share her talents and musical growth with us during her studies.

Would you like to send Jenna a card to wish her well in her new home and with her graduate studies? Her new address:

Jenna Waters
1101 Vista View Lane, Apt. 222
Winston-Salem, NC 27103



Kid's Korner Preschool Music

Mt. Olive's Thursday morning preschool music will return ONLINE on September 17 and 24 at 10 a.m. Weekly sessions will be presented through Facebook Live on the Mt. Olive Facebook page. When presented live and online, the class size is unlimited! Please invite any preschool families to join us. This program has presented a tremendous outreach opportunity and you can help to make it accessible for our community families.



Contact Deacon Lynne if you have any questions at lynnebreed@gmail.com or 828-324-6198 and leave a message. When you leave a message, I receive an automatic email telling me that a message is waiting. I can retrieve my message from any computer! Isn't our technology terrific? Please do not hesitate to leave a voicemail/message for me.



Teen Ministry

What Would Jesus Say? Pastor Ryan is inviting all of our teens to submit issues, situations, or questions that you or your friends are facing today and he'll lead a series of ZOOM calls on how Jesus might respond. All submissions are completely anonymous, so feel free to ask whatever you'd like. Remember that if you're wondering about something, chances are good someone else is too.

Water Tubing! Beginner-level tubing now available on Jacobs Fork River in Mountain View. We will be surveying families to see what Saturday in September will be best to try it out in a socially distanced way.

Confirmation will resume in September. The confirmation team is working right now to figure out how we'll continue during the pandemic. More details to come.



1. What were the equal parts that the Jewish day was divided into called?
2. Which book says that a Christian should not let the sun go down on his anger?
3. Whose son became the fathers of the tribes of Israel?

September Happenings at Mt. Olive

Trivia Answer:

1. Watches (e.g. Matt 14:25)
2. Ephesians (4:26)
3. Jacob (Gen 49:28)

Please keep the Lyerly family in your prayers for the loss of Anne.



September Birthdays

Sep 2	Chris Cook
Sep 3	Donald Coulter
Sep 4	Curtis Paul, Geoff Yount
Sep 5	Jane Hitchcock
Sep 6	Joshua Sullivan
Sep 9	Lisa Atwater
Sep 11	Charles Smith
Sep 12	Joy Job, Haley Ormand
Sep 16	Sarah Garner, Paige Shook, Pat Thompson
Sep 17	Matthew Cook, Darrell Punch
Sep 19	Teresa Bazzle
Sep 22	Judy Ingold
Sep 23	Roxy Poovey
Sep 24	Frankie Wilson
Sep 27	Frank Miller
Sep 28	Kathy Laxton
Sep 29	Declan Anthony
Sep 30	Keri Anthony

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all

Caleb Hedgepeth
Meadow Frye
Leaci Brice
Peyton Gibbs
Paige Houston
Jenna Waters

New Addition Congrats!

Congratulations on their newest granddaughter Avery Susan Duncan. Mark and Kenley Duncan are doing great. Grandparents, Ken & Susy Morrison are so excited!

Polls / Survey Lookout

We are updating our records and need your information. Please take time to fill out the form included in this newsletter and return to the church office. Thank you for your continued support. I will also be emailing one out for those who don't get paper copy of newsletter if you will fill out and either email back in or mail the church a copy.

Soup Kitchen

Jesus said "Feed my sheep." If you are in good health and would like to do just that, please volunteer with Pastor Ryan to help dish out food for the to-go boxes at the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

All volunteers wear a mask and stay distanced from those picking up food. Mt. Olive is responsible for serving every 2nd Monday of each month from 11:15-12:45.



Welcome Our Newest Members

Please welcome our newest members of the Mt. Olive family.

Sherrie Sigmon
Lance Sigmon

Cards & Notes for Anny Lyerly may be sent to:

Lynn Lyerly
47 High Rock Rd.
Malden, MA 02148

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your gifts and support. You all have helped set me up for a successful college journey. I will never forget how you all have helped me over the past 7 years. Again, thank you all for being a loving church family. Go Pack!

Sincerely,
Caleb Hedgepeth

Thank you all so much for your kindness. The graduation gift basket filled with cards, gift cards, and other thoughtful items really made me feel special. I wanted to thank you all in person, but due to Covid, I do not know the next opportunity I will have to see you all. Thank you all so much.

Love,
Peyton

Dear Mt. Olive Family,

Thank you greatly for the calls, cards and memorials following the death of my son, Gralen Waldon. You have been a blessing to me and my family.

In Christian love,
Marion Waldon

Dear Mt. Olive families,

Thank you so much for your continued support within our community. May God Bless You!

CCM, Hickory Soup Kitchen, Family Guidance Center

Thank you for all your prayers, notes, cards and other gestures of kindness. I appreciate them all.

Love,
Gwen Kingsley

Mt. Olive Congregation Council Minutes

Mt. Olive Council conf call Sunday, August 16, 2020, 10:30am

Attending: Gerald Burke, Pam Sigmon, Liz Fox, Ryan Ray, Becky Anthony, Lynne Reed, Chris Frye, Geoff Yount, Chasity Richter, Herm Price, Mickey Barnett, Sue Seabock

Absent: Carly Seif, Sam Seabock

Pastor Ryan opened the meeting with prayer.

Mt. Olive on FB/YouTube: 758 views on Youtube /FB for our on-line service last Sunday 8/9/2020 per Lynne Reed. She has been tracking the on-line headcount for each Sunday since Mt. Olive began posting service during the Pandemic.

State guidelines update: Synod continues to follow the Governor's orders, Phase 2 will continue until at least September 11, 2020. We do have a parking lot service scheduled for August 30, at 8:30am. Stay tuned for more information on that event. Comments have been very positive for last Sunday's service that was filmed in our sanctuary with Jenna playing the organ and accompanying Pastor Ryan on the hymn of the day.

Intern interview: A conversation via ZOOM with our possible intern is scheduled for this Thursday, August 20, at 9:30am with council officers.

Mickey would like feedback about how she and our congregation can make this internship workable during this pandemic phase of social distancing. What can she/we do? **Please give Mickey recommendations and ideas by early Thursday.** She will need to sample all of our ministries and it may be a challenge for some of these experiences for her. Our interns are not staff members and should not be treated as such. It is a self-giving ministry that we give to the church. We are helping to train an intern for the ministry, to give to the church this gift of training an intern for the work of ministry: a year of the gift of teaching and learning with this intern.

Jenna Waters: Jenna has already moved to Winston Salem as a new chapter in her life begins as she studies for her Masters. Jenna has asked to stay on with M.O. as choir director and organist. Choir rehearsals would need to be on Sunday afternoons. Our lead of a new organist did not pan out. Jenna's continuing in her current role is a great idea! It is very difficult to find a talented organist. The Council was in agreement that we will keep Jenna as long as we can. She is such an asset to our music program and to our congregation.

Gerald addressed finances: We are doing very good financially.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Pam Sigmon

It's Shoebox Time

Christmas is just around the corner. We are making plans to do the shoeboxes again for Pocahontas. We need your help in collecting items to send in the boxes. This year will be an even greater need for these items considering the pandemic. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding this project.

ELCA Prayer Ventures – a Prayer for Each Day of the Month

- 1 Give thanks and take comfort in knowing that God is trustworthy and unwavering in remembering and accompanying us every moment of our lives — in our joy, suffering and complicated situations.
- 2 September often marks a time of beginning, with students starting school, congregations launching programs and creation transitioning into a new season. But due to the pandemic, this year is different, presenting challenges we have not faced before. Pray that the Spirit will grant us wisdom, creativity and patience as we seek new ways of being church together, attend to the needs of children and youth, care for one another and fight the spread of COVID-19.
- 3 There is no better time than right now for us to hold on to what is good, treat one another with respect, extend hospitality to strangers and those different from ourselves, seek peace, and care for our neighbors, including our enemies. Pray for strength, empathy, compassion and boldness in our faith and daily life as we follow Jesus.
- 4 In the name of the God who creates every human being out of love, and remembering the ELCA social teaching that “the God who justifies expects all people to do justice,” pray that more Christians will enter into public conversation about and take action to safeguard the dignity due to all children of God.
- 5 Pray that, as Election Day grows closer, our conversations, deliberations and decisions will be guided by our faith, the teachings of Jesus, and our concern for justice, reconciliation, unity and the well-being of all people and communities.
- 6 Conflict and hurtful actions are part of our human nature and experience — in the church, in society and in the world. Ask God to grant us humility, concern for one another and, when there is conflict, the courage to forswear vengeance, engage each other and work toward truth, understanding, reconciliation and unity.
- 7 Pray for farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers as they struggle through the pandemic. Ask God to bless every aspect of their work, from planning and planting to tending crops and animals to harvesting and distributing their bounty, which feeds the world.
- 8 Pray that the Spirit might help us understand and follow the ways and commandments of God for the well-being of humanity, and that our life together might shine with justice, compassion, unity, care for those who suffer and a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ.
- 9 Remember in prayer our siblings in Christ and companions in Latin America and the Caribbean region. Pray that we will support each other — through prayer, generosity and sharing of resources — to spread the gospel, train and support leaders, respond to the needs of communities, work for justice and grow the church.
- 10 During this anniversary year, marking a half century of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, give thanks for the gifts and service that women pastors have brought to our church and our world; lament that women have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded; ask forgiveness; and resolve that we will welcome, encourage and respect women of all ages and backgrounds as they respond to God’s call to ministry and service.
- 11 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God’s work in an ever-changing world.
- 12 Pray that, with the assurance of God’s forgiveness and our salvation, we will experience the freedom to love and value our neighbor, living with purpose and a sense of each day’s importance.
- 13 “*God’s work. Our hands.*” *Sunday* Pray that our congregations, together with neighboring congregations, ecumenical and interreligious partners, community organizations and Lutheran agencies, will respond daily to the endless opportunities for serving our neighbor and addressing critical social needs, loving our neighbors and making our communities stronger, healthier and more hopeful.
- 14 Pray for our pastors, our youth and family ministers, our congregational leaders and our synod staff as they learn new things amid difficult times. Give thanks for the work of the Spirit in equipping leaders with new skills, new perspectives and renewed creativity for sharing the gospel, building up the church and doing God’s work in the world.
- 15 *National Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino brothers and sisters, and pray for the growth and vitality of the 147 ELCA Latino ministries and the Latino Association (Asociación Ministerios Latinos ELCA) as they share the good news of Jesus Christ, encourage our unity in him and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA as a “community of communities.”
- 16 As children of God, give thanks and bless the Lord for being “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”
- 17 Give thanks for the good we do together through ELCA World Hunger and our partners, responding to the critical needs of people everywhere. Pray that our work will bring hope and relief to communities in need and will foster sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.
- 18 When forgiving someone is difficult, pray for the patience and mercy toward others that Jesus describes to Peter — the same inexhaustible patience and mercy God has demonstrated toward us.

- 19** Reflect on members of your congregation and community and pray for specific people who are grieving, celebrating or trying to sort out their lives right now, or who simply could use our thanks and gratitude.
- 20** Pray that our acts of generosity will be driven by our faith, without partiality, restraint, the promise of reward or recognition, or the expectation of earning God's favor.
- 21** Thank God for our special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders, and pray that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 22** Pray that reflecting on the ways and word of God will help us understand how God's amazing grace and forgiveness are directed toward all humanity, including people we judge to be undeserving or beyond saving. Remember the undeserved gifts of love, forgiveness, new life and salvation we have received through Jesus Christ, and give thanks and praise to God.
- 23** Ask the Spirit to help and inspire us as we deliver messages of hope, joy, truth, unity, positive change and God's kindness in the world.
- 24** Pray for our siblings in Christ in Asia and the Pacific region, that we might support each other, share our resources and spread the gospel across diverse cultures and languages, growing the church by working for justice, training and supporting leaders, and responding to the needs of communities.
- 25** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.
- 26** "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable." Give thanks to God and tell everyone about God's grace, mercy and wonderful works for the sake of the world — works we are called to join in together as children of God.
- 27** Pray for the Spirit to help us recognize, trust and appreciate God's authority and power over all creation, the universe and our everyday lives.
- 28** Pray for our seminaries, colleges, universities and campus ministries as they work to create new approaches to education, fostering community among students and faculty when they cannot be physically present. Pray that we will be generous in supporting ELCA educational institutions and student ministries that are vital to our church and society.
- 29** *Michael and All Angels* There is so much we do not fully comprehend about heaven, earth and the means — including angels and divine beings — by which God has interacted with us throughout human history. Pray that our faith and the inspiration of the Spirit will open our minds, hearts and imaginations to the infinite, mysterious and awesome ways that God is present and at work in the world.
- 30** Pray for individuals and families trying to immigrate to our nation or seeking asylum and safety as they face changing laws, complicated procedures and unwelcoming situations and people. Pray that the love of God dwelling within us will move us to step forward and practice hospitality, compassion, understanding and empathy as bold advocates who accompany immigrants and refugees during their difficult and confusing experiences.

OFFERINGS

Cash Basis:	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	
Total General Offerings	\$8,860.50	\$8,365.00	\$5,251.00	\$5,636.50	
Budgeted amount needed weekly					
Designated Funds:					
World Hunger	\$220.00	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$220.00	
VBS				\$90.00	
Micah's Cupboard		\$25.00			
Quilting Fund					
Pastor's discr fund				\$50.00	
Sanctuary flowers					
Evangelism/Outreach/School	\$10.00	\$30.00		\$20.00	
Advent offerings /CCM					
Memoirals				\$30.00	
Soup Kitchen		\$10.00			
Operation Christmas Shoebox					
CCM					
Use of building					
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$230.00	\$85.00	\$200.00	\$410.00	
Reserve - Repairs & Maintenance	\$115.00	\$300.00	n/a	\$140.00	

Financial Update at a glance:	June	July	August
Month to date giving	\$29,956.58	\$39,097.15	\$19,252.50
Monthly budgeted amount:	\$33,962.00	\$33,962.00	\$42,452.50

AUGUST 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Total income for July 2020 was \$34,365 the budget amount was \$35,000, and July 2109 was \$38,406. Total expenses were \$28,039 compared with a budget amount of \$35,596. For the month, income exceeded expenses by \$6,326.

Income for the seven-month period ending July 31, 2020 was \$259,120, compared with the prior year period of \$255,334. Expenses were \$202,257 for this period in 2020, compared with the prior year of \$237,109.

Gerald Burke
Treasurer



Mt. Olive Members in

Assisted Living or Nursing Facilities:

Heritage Care: John Beatty

Trinity Village, Springs Road:

Martha Yount,

Edna Punch

Mary Wright

Brookdale Assisted Living Falling Creek

Ann Everhart, Gwen Kingsley

Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn:

Maxine Kirchin

Grace Ridge: 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, Keely Horton, Whitney Horton, Bradley Langan, Derek Moose, Halee Ormand, Markus Pope, Daniel Richter, Kayla Seabock, Paige Shook, Jenna Waters, Katie Tice.

Prayer List for Members of Mt. Olive

Esther Armstrong	Diana Kingsley
Margaret Barger	Sal Rao
Jennie Bost	Michael Bock
Chris Brookshire	Loretta Stephenson
Brad, Meredith, and	Miya Teague
Owen Elder	Tony & Diane
Nina Fullwood	Shacklady
Ann Everhart	Henry & Thelma Jarvis
Mary Gregory	Paulette Church
Eugene Helton	Herman Price
Jeanette Huffman	Todd Propst
Linda Huffman	Georgia Collins
Gwen Kingsley	Frankie Wilson
Terry Laxton	Clyde & Sarah Hull
Thomas Salley	Lynette Stilley
K.C. Setzer	Sylvia Whisnant
Pat & Leigh Thompson	Chip Drum
Mary Wright	Karen Pruett
Tom Rhea Jr.	Gail Welch
Tom East	Nancy Arndt
Van Seabock	Becky Psioda
John Beatty	Wayne Hefner
Sarah Garren Taylor	Rosa & Ronnie Owens
Tara Rink	

Our Family and Friends

Susan Anderson, friend of Marion Waldon
 Wayne Austin, friend of Penny & Tim Lineberger
 Shirley Baker, friend of Kathy Starr
 Becky Barkley, friend of Ronnie & Roxy Poovey
 Anne Barnes, friend of Susy Morrison
 Robert Beard, friend of Jimmy Seabock
 Bud Beyers, friend of Judy Rao
 Kim Birtwistle, friend of Pam Sigmon
 Margie Black, friend of Penny Lineberger
 David Bolick, friend of John & Kathie Hegert
 Belinda Borzich, friend of Darin & Karen Shook
 Barbara Boudreaux, friend of Hank & Bernice McCrorie
 Bill Canata, friend of McCrorie's
 Barbara Van Cleave, cousin of McCrorie's
 Eric Cogan-Pat Neill's brother in law
 April Colbert, niece of Van & Debbie Seabock
 Frances Cranford, friend of Eva Helton
 Bill Field, family of June Field
 Louise Foster, mother of Paulette Church
 Misti Fuller, granddaughter of Mary Gregory
 Joyce Garrett, friend of June Field
 Christine Gates, friend of Judy Rao
 Deborah Gleaton, friend of Amanda Truett
 James & Cathy Grant, friend of Rick and Debbie Carmack
 Bobbie, Christopher, Jada, and Jason Halle
 David Harwood, friend of Hank & Bernice McCrorie
 Mary Howell, friend of Teresa Bazzle
 Peggy Hollar, mother of Scott Hollar
 Kathy Holmes, friend of June Field
 Mona Hughes, sister of June Field
 Sue Johnson, friend of Pat Neill
 Sandy Kauk, friend of Chris & Brenda Bass
 Gregory Larochelle
 Tom McCarthy, brother-in-law of Ellis Bolick
 Olivia Mason, great niece of Teresa Bazzle
 Shelby Mason, niece of Teresa Bazzle
 Eric Nilsen, brother of Amy Whaley
 Donna Parker, sister of Frances Hallman & Margaret Barger
 Lauren Parlier, Paul Rozzelle & Zeke, friend of Amy Whaley
 Randall Parsons-friend of Tom & Kate Rhea
 Courtney Pearce, granddaughter of Sylvia Whisnant
 Barbara Pennell, sister of Kay Hefner and Jeanette Huffman
 Norman Punch, uncle of Darrell Punch
 Richard Rhea, Tom Rhea's brother
 Jim Russell, friend of McCrorie's
 Alton Piester, brother of Elma Jean Beatty
 Terri Brown Robbins, friend of Tom & Kate Rhea
 Amanda Rogers, Jim William's sister
 Scott Ross, friend of Judy Rao
 Jim Russell, friend of McCrorie's
 Norene Setzer, Cindy Sullivan's mother
 Courtney Spencer, daughter of Jane Kazelman
 Janet & Buddy Spoon, friend of Carol Tawney
 Jim Starkey & family, friend of Eva Helton
 Judy Steele, friend of Judy Rao
 Cindy Brittain-White & Abby Brittain-daughter in law of Kate Rhea and granddaughter
 Lee Whitfield, McCrorie relative
 Ann Widner, friend of Lynn Seabock
 Robert & Kaye Ullman-sister, brother-in-law of Nina Fullwood
 Kelly, friend of Beth Smith

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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.

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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