



THE OLIVE BRANCH

OCTOBER 2020



From the desk of Pastor Ryan

I remember a time I naively thought Jesus was only concerned with my spiritual health and cared little about my physical wellbeing. It was only after digging deep into scripture that I noticed how many times Jesus mentions sickness and healing. It makes perfect sense. Jesus is the Word made flesh. God's ultimate act is taking on a human body and meeting us where we are. The goal of our existence is to use the gift of our bodies for God's purposes and to one day be physically remade to live bodily under God's reign. So now I truly believe Jesus cares as much for our physical health as he does our spiritual health.

Mt. Olive's Gathering Anew Task Force has been meeting regularly online to determine safe and faithful protocols to recommend for our Council's approval. Thus far this task force has developed Indoor Small Group (25 or less) Meeting Guidelines and Facility Request Forms, as well as been actively working on protocols for Indoor Worship to be put in use when it is deemed safe to resume worship in that format. Please note that none of us know when that time will come and all of us are praying for sooner rather than later. A crucial resource for us is the Synod-wide Task Force, which has been doing similar work to guide congregations across our state. Largely, we have been following Synod guidelines, which are listed below:

NC Synod Re-Gathering Task Force Recommendations for Phase 2.5 (September 3, 2020)

1. We recommend refraining from in-person gatherings of more than 25 people indoors and 50 outdoors until the NC governor moves us into Phase Three. Indoor numbers may need to be less than 25 depending on the limits of your facility when considering physical distancing requirements.
2. We recommend children or youth events of no more than 25 people, outdoors, physically-distanced, and with face coverings.
3. We recommend developing in-person gathering protocols and an implementation plan in writing prior to gathering, especially around distribution of Communion.
4. We recommend beginning to celebrate Holy Communion with appropriate protocols, following the physically-distanced 25 indoors and 50 outdoor recommendations of Phase 2.5.
5. We continue to recommend no singing or chanting. Musical activities such as handbells, guitars, violins, etc. are low risk options.
6. We continue to recommend no fellowship meals, coffee hours, or other such events that make physical distancing difficult.

If you wish to host a small group (25 or less) inside the church building, please contact Church Administrator Karen Abernathy, who will provide you with meeting guidelines, waivers, and a request form. Once the request is approved (which will most likely happen same-day) and waivers signed, you may meet with your group!

I leave you with these words of encouragement from Hebrews, chapter 12:

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him... so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed."

In Christ's love, Pastor Ryan

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**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:
October 15**

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

Happenings at Mt. Olive During Pandemic

Worship Always - Worship All Ways!

Homecoming Sunday is October 11 and it marks 135 years of our ministry! We have some special things planned for online worship that day.

Reformation Sunday, October 25

Leading up to Reformation Sunday, Pastor Ryan and Vicar Denise will offer a sermon series entitled “Solae: The Alones that Bring Us Together.” “Sola” is the Latin word for “alone” Martin Luther used to describe his new vision for the Church. Each week a different “Sola” will be explored to see how these guiding principles of the Lutheran Reformation still shape our congregation’s identity today.

October 11 – Sola Scriptura: Scripture over Tradition

October 18 – Sola Fide: Faith over Works

October 25 – Sola Gratia: Grace over Merit

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and before you start thinking I’m fishing for your appreciation, I want you to know I believe I already have it – in abundance. Rarely a week goes by I don’t receive a text, email, card, or note to encourage me in ministry. In fact, each year when this month comes around, I find myself thinking how nice it would be to have an occasion for CONGREGATIONAL appreciation.

Therefore, I’m saying “Thank you!” I truly appreciate you all. I am more grateful than I can express for all our supportive leaders, faithful volunteers, and hard-working staff. After 21 years of congregational ministry, I no longer make it my goal to be the best preacher, teacher, or leader. There are plenty of pastors much better at all those things. My goal is to be the most grateful pastor - and in that I think I’m giving my colleagues a run for their money!

Ministry Notes from Deacon Lynne

The Bishop’s Bible Study

Fourteen people from Mt. Olive are participating in the Bishop’s online Bible study of the Gospel of Mark! By the time this newsletter is printed, these fourteen people will have already met once at Mt. Olive as a small group to continue our “Mark” discussions. Please know that we are following all safety guidelines to protect the group’s health. We will meet again in person sometime in October.

Deacon Lynne is posting a recording of the Bishop’s live sessions each week on our church Facebook and webpage. If you are unable to attend online on Wednesday evenings, then you might want to view the recordings.

Children’s Music

A group of our older children met outdoors for a percussion music session in September. If all went well and we were able to meet safely following the church’s guidelines, then we will continue to meet in October and November. Since we can’t sing together, we will be learning Bible stories with drum/percussion accompaniments. We will share these with you via a recording during online worship!

Kid’s Korner Preschool Music & Stories

KK Preschool Music & Stories has started back this fall, but online and not in person. Each Thursday or Friday, recordings are sent to families and are also posted on our church Facebook and webpage. If you know of any families who would like to have this music link, please contact Deacon Lynne.

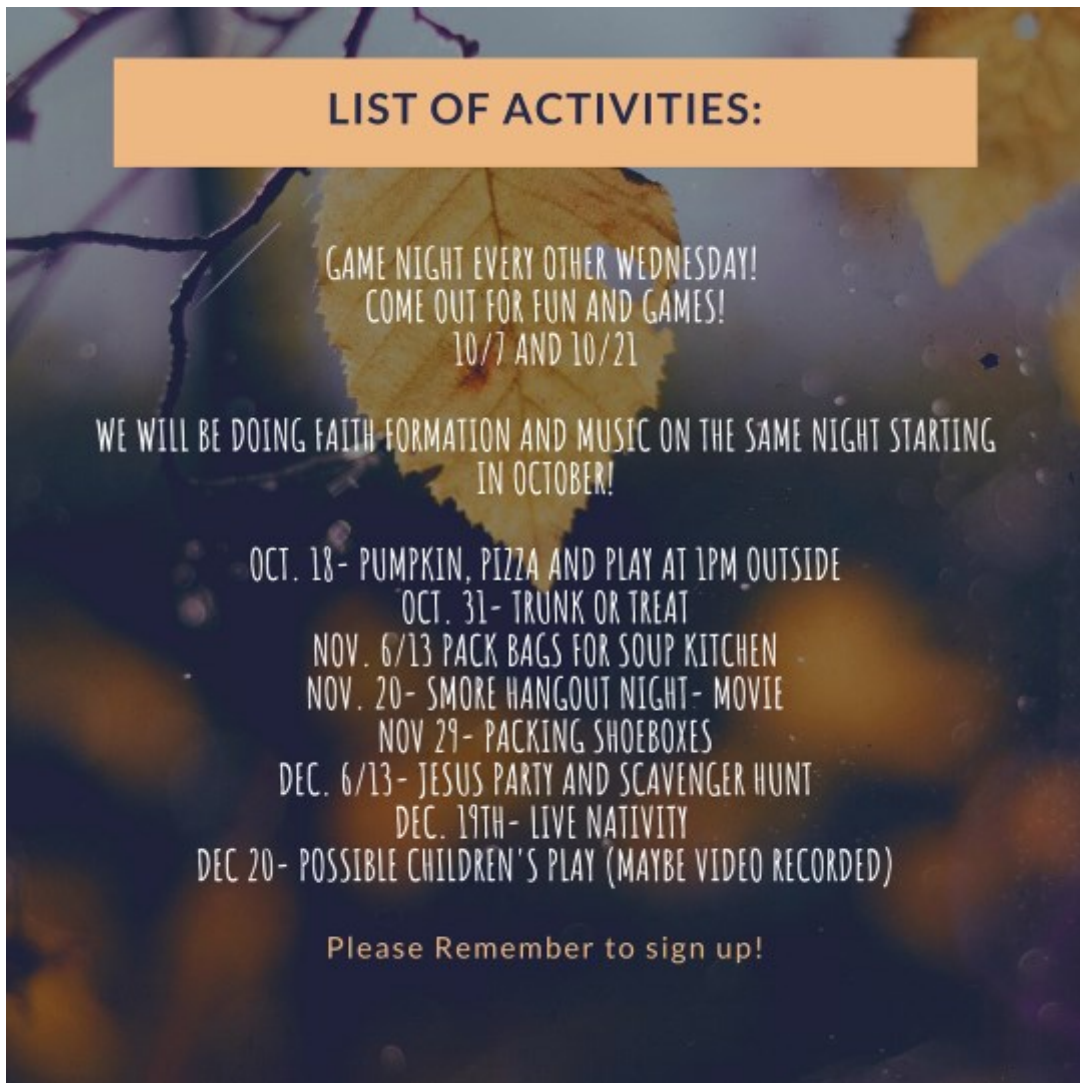
Handbells

A small group of adults began rehearsing handbell music this month. We are meeting in-person, upstairs in the church. Please know that we are following all safety guidelines to protect the group’s health. Handbell tables and music stands are placed at least six feet apart; each person has their own table or stand, notebook, music, and gloves; and no bells are shared among members.

As we learn new music, it will be recorded to share with you. These bell recordings will be played during our online worship for you to view and will also be posted on our church Facebook and webpage.



Kid's Korner Preschool Music



Teen Ministry

In October, our teens will be participating in a **Special Project for Homecoming**. It's a surprise, so be looking out for what's to come!

Teen Outdoor Game Night is Wednesday, October 14, from 5:30-7pm. Dinner is provided. Please wear a mask and play clothes/shoes.

Confirmation

The Catawba County Confirmation Cluster is participating in the NC Synod's Online Confirmation Program this year. **The first session is via ZOOM Sunday, October 11, from 4-5:15p.m.** This monthly class will have a different leader each month and will address the topics below:

- October 11 - Reformation with the Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann
- November 8 - Prayer with the Rev. CeCee Mills
- December 6 - Holy Communion with the Rev. Laura Henrik
- January 10 - Baptism with Bishop Tim Smith
- February 10 - Worship with Bishop Kevin Strickland.

Each confirmand must register by Wednesday, October 7 at <https://lutheranyouth.org/nc-synod-confirmation-2020-2021/>. Contact Pastor Ryan with questions.

In addition to ZOOM classes, our cluster will also be offering outdoor in-person fellowship and service events. More details to come!



1. What did Jesus once use clay to do?
2. What was the first city destroyed by God in the Bible?
3. What was the name of the brother of the disciple James?

October Happenings at Mt. Olive

Trivia Answer:
 1. Heal a blind man (John 9:6)
 2. Sodom (Gen 19)
 3. John (Matt 10:2)

Welcome Our Newest Members

Please welcome our newest member of the Mt. Olive family, Zack Williams, son of Jim & Patty. Welcome. Zack!

October Birthdays

Oct 1	Autumn Wilson
Oct 3	Caylee Rink
Oct 4	Mary Langan, Lynne Reed
Oct 6	Brenda Bass
Oct 8	Van Seabock
Oct 9	Keely Horton
Oct 10	Margaret Barger, Aleacia Brice
Oct 12	Ken Tonnesen
Oct 15	Monica Helton, Tim Lineberger
Oct 16	Joshua Helton
Oct 20	Betty Rink
Oct 21	Danielle McDaniels
Oct 25	Me'Siyah Smith
Oct 28	Stephan Moore
Oct 29	Gary Pope
Oct 30	Carson Hefner



Chrismon Workshop

Chrismon workshop will be held in Heritage Hall on October 25th at 2:30 p.m. Please wear a mask and we will be social distancing. Come if you feel comfortable. Hope to see you there. There will be a maximum of 25 to attend.

United World Community Day

The Church of Women United World Community Day will not be held this year. Hopefully, things will get better so that World Day of Prayer can be held in March.


Sympathy for Edna Punch and family on the death of her brother, Norman Punch.

Sympathy for Rick & Debbie Carmack and family on the passing of her mother, Anne Everhart.

Sympathy for Rusty Hoover's family of his passing.


Sympathy for Pat Thompson and family on the passing of her daughter, Leigh.

Sympathy for Thom Shell on the passing of his aunt, Kate.



The family of Ann Everhart would like to express our appreciation for the many kinds of support, love, and sympathy shown by the members of Mt. Olive. She received many cards and prayers preceding her death. We, the family, have also felt those prayers and appreciated those cards, texts, e-mails, calls, and other means of support afterwards. Thank you for lifting us up.

In Christ,
 Rick and Debbie Carmack
 Jen, Mike, and Bryce Baxley
 Jon Carmack



Dear Mt. Olive friends,
 I would like to express my sincere thanks for the kind words, cards, flowers, and phone calls at the loss of my daughter, Leigh. Your prayers are most appreciated.
 Love
 Pat Thompson

Dear Mt. Olive family,
 On behalf of those of us at GHCCM we want to thank you for continued support of our ministries. The demands on our programs and resources have increased during this unusual time in which we are living. The giving spirit of our faith community continues to allow us to minister to our neighbors Again, thank you!
 Sincerely,
 Linda Wade



In this time of physical distancing and mask wearing, it is more difficult to get to know each other. I am thankful that I have met some of you either in the church office or during our drive through communion. I appreciate re-introductions too! It's going to be difficult to recognize each other with or without our masks.

I am a senior at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. When I began at Luther, I was a full time school counselor in Davidson County Schools, so I have taken most of my courses online. I took an early retirement in 2018 for family reasons. It has enabled me to care for my grand-twins who were born to my daughter, Katie, in January 2019. Katie and her little family live in Winston - Salem.

My son, Joshua, also lives in Winston - Salem. I am blessed to have them so close. We do have a Hickory connection - my daughter was born here and I received my MA in counseling from Lenoir -Rhyne.

I grew up in Cayce, SC, but have been in NC since 1986. I am a member of Epiphany Lutheran in Winston - Salem. I have served on the board of the NC Women of the ELCA. I know there is much more to find out about me and I look forward to getting to know you during the year we'll be together. I am thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit that brought me here.

Peace, Vicar Denise

Things this summer:

Dear Ministers of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church,

Ministry, itself, looks quite different these days. I never thought in a million years we would be where we are at in October, but here we are!

In the midst of crazy, we have a lot of things to be grateful and look forward to in the life of the church.

- 1) We have over 30 kids in our program we know and love! That is something really exciting.
- 2) Over 120 packets for the kids have gone out this year with crafts, faith formation information, breaks and more.
- 3) Camp in a box was huge this year.
- 4) Signs outside our kid's homes to rejoice in them starting school!
- 5) VBS- Yes, we still had VBS.
- 6) Godly Play Curriculum that has been written for when we can gather again.
- 7) Ideas of faith boxes in the pews are moving forward.
- 8) The kids have tried to meet on Zoom for group activities throughout the spring and summer.
- 9) Pentecost Packs were handed out
- 10) Visits to the kid's houses have been made to check-in.
- 11) Checking in with parents/grandparents/ guardians have happened.
- 12) Tailgates for the beginning of school.
- 13) Graduation Sunday where the students received quilts and other goodies.
- 14) Milestone Ministry Sunday.
- 15) Games and programs have started back full swing.

We are still moving along with:

- 1) Music
- 2) Faith Formation
- 3) Get togethers to play
- 4) Trunk or Treat
- 5) All Saints and Reformation Sunday
- 6) Christmas programs
- 7) Get togethers and so much more

Let us look ahead and I cannot wait to see what God is up to at Mt. Olive!

Deacon Liz



Catawba County's Special Olympics will be using part of our field for bocce practice beginning this Saturday, Sept. 19th, from around 10:00 (includes time for equipment set-up) to 12:00 pm at the latest. This will be weekly for approximately nine weeks – the last possible date is Nov. 14th. We will let you know if any Saturdays will be missed. All bocce equipment will be set up and torn down during the practice times. This activity was approved by church council in February.



We have determined that the flattest locations on the field are as shown in the attached picture. We prefer the first choice since this is the flattest area, but are not sure yet if our athletes will be bothered by being so close to the graveyard. If so, we will move to the second site. To ensure the grass is nice and flat, I can inspect the areas on Fridays and bring my mower and mow them if needed. (A close cut is best for the sport.) This way there is no disruption for your regular mowing schedule.

Special Olympics will have a maximum of four athletes and four coaches participating. All activities will follow strict social distancing guidelines as established by SONC. We will provide Mt. Olive with copies of the signed Code of Conduct forms required by Special Olympics North Carolina for all participants in bocce, including coaches. A copy of this form is also attached.

We would also like to plan an outdoor Special Olympics event at Mt. Olive for Saturday, Nov. 14th, probably 10:00am to 12:00 pm. We would like to have a drive through, end-of-season celebration for our athletes. We envision that athletes and parents would stay in their cars while we cheered them with signs, balloons, etc, and we gave them their end-of-season gifts through the car windows. This would not include food or drinks. Our end-of-season celebrations are a highlight of our SO activities, and we hate to think of giving that up, so this was suggested as a safe way to hold an event. If Mt. Olive members also wanted to bring signs, balloons, noisemakers, etc. and cheer our athletes, they would be most welcome!



Mt. Olive council conference call of Thursday, September 10, 2020

Attending: Lynne Reed, Liz Fox, Pam Sigmon, Herm Price, Geoff Yount, Becky Anthony, Chris Frye, Ryan Ray, Sue Seabock, Denise Henry, Carly Seif

Absent: Samantha Seabock, Mickey Barnett, Chasity Richter

Welcome to the world, Mickey & Linda Barnett's newest granddaughter, Josephine Elsie May Barnett! Born September 10, 2020.

Pastor Ryan opened meeting with devotions and prayer. Title: I Miss The Building.

Psalm 90:1-2

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place^[a]
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Churches stand as the great reminder of witnesses.

Mickey's word: Unity. We're heading in the right direction. In order to be helpful, members need to talk of their concerns with the pastor or appropriate staff member

Discussion of small group meeting guidelines:

Chris Frye made motion to accept the Re-opening Task Force's guidelines; Becky Anthony seconded.

Any questions about this document from re-gathering team?

Indoor meetings are limited to 10 people per guidelines.

This includes all groups that meet.

At the present time, Heritage Hall is the only indoor meeting location.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS ARE STILL MAXIMUM OF 25 PEOPLE, MASK REQUIRED, record of who is in attendance should be kept.

Outdoor meeting policies have not been created yet.

Change title to "indoor" Small Group Meeting.

Ryan tries to contact the funeral home to let them know of our guidelines when there will be a graveside service. That is no more than 25 people for an outdoor service.

Vote to approving guidelines: motion passed. Geoff Yount asked about liability. We have policies and waivers on our insurance. They will need to fill out form and keep record of who attends meeting.

There is nothing in policy that excludes pandemic issue. We do receive a certificate of insurance from most outside groups that use our facilities.

COVID is not excluded.

Facility Reservation Form:

Liz will add note about waiver in meeting guidelines.

Group leader would need to complete this form in order to conduct meeting.

Sue Seabock made motion that we approve this document; Becky Anthony seconded.

Herm Price asked when does the leader of meeting receive the guidelines. Leader will receive both documents at the same time.

Vote was taken; motion passed.

Vicar guidance team suggestions: Pastor Ryan asked for name suggestions that will make up the support team for Denise Henry to aid her and evaluate Denise's progress in a loving way. There is a handbook for the team. We will need 5 people to serve on team. About 12 or 13 names were suggested. Pastor Ryan will contact these people, compile list of those accepting, and the council will be informed.

Cleaning at church:

Pastor Ryan will have Karen to reach out to Lake Hickory Cleaning and Hickory Sheet Metal about filters being changed to mitigate the risk in Heritage Hall and the sanctuary.

Re-gathering Task Force:

The reason for anonymity of those serving on this team is to allow them to make safe choices without pressure to meet folks preferences.

Also the task force is working on protocols for in-sanctuary worshiping. The task force is trying to be forward-looking.

Condolences:

Former member Eric West died this morning after a several months' bout with cancer. Please keep Tammy, Robert, and their family in your prayers.

The conference call was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Sigmon

OFFERINGS

Cash Basis:	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	
Total General Offerings	\$5,751.00	\$2,555.00	\$9,963.50	\$5,566.50	
Budgeted amount needed weekly					
Designated Funds:					
World Hunger			\$220.00		
LWR		\$100.00		\$1,120.00	
Micah's Cupboard	\$10.00		\$50.00	\$35.00	
Quilting Fund	\$10.00	\$300.00		\$10.00	
Pastor's discr fund					
Sanctuary flowers					
Evangelism/Outreach/School	\$50.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	
Advent offerings /CCM					
Memorials					
Soup Kitchen	\$50.00		\$200.00	\$25.00	
Operation Christmas Shoebox					
CCM	\$50.00		\$150.00	\$25.00	
Use of building	\$50.00				
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$220.00	\$400.00	\$630.00	\$1,225.00	

Reserve - Repairs & Maintenance	n/a	n/a	\$45.00	\$300.00	
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Financial Update at a glance:	July	August	September
Month to date giving	\$39,097.15	\$27,658.50	\$15,530.00
Monthly budgeted amount:	\$33,962.00	\$42,452.50	\$33,962.00

AUGUST 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Total income for August 2020 was \$30,194 the budget amount was \$34,000, and August 2019 was \$28,573. Total expenses were \$30,170 compared with a budget amount of \$34,156. For the month, income exceeded expenses by \$24.

Income for the eight-month period ending August 31, 2020 was \$289,314, compared with the prior year period of \$283,907. Expenses were \$232,427 for this period in 2020, compared with the prior year of \$267,036.

Gerald Burke
Treasurer



Our Family and Friends

Mt. Olive Members in Assisted Living or Nursing Facilities:

Heritage Care
John Beatty

Trinity Village, Springs Road:
Martha Yount,
Edna Punch

Brookdale Assisted Living Falling Creek
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, Derek Moose, Halee Ormand, Markus Pope, Daniel Richter, Kayla Seabock, Paige Shook, Jenna Waters, Katie Tice, Caleb Hedgepeth, Meadow Frye, Leaci Brice.

Prayer List for Members of Mt. Olive

Esther Armstrong	Michael Bock
Margaret Barger	Loretta Stephenson
Jennie Bost	Miya Teague
Chris Brookshire	Tony & Diane
Brad, Meredith, and	Shacklady
Owen Elder	Henry & Thelma Jarvis
Nina Fullwood	Herman Price
Mary Gregory	Todd Propst
Eugene Helton	Georgia Collins
Jeanette Huffman	Frankie Wilson
Linda Huffman	Clyde & Sarah Hull
Gwen Kingsley	Lynette Stilley
Terry Laxton	Sylvia Whisnant
Thomas Salley	Chip Drum
K.C. Setzer	Karen Pruet
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	
Diana Kingsley	
Sal Rao	

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
 Chelsea Larkin, friend of Josh & Courtney Goble
 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
 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
 Jack, friend of Lynne Reed
 Kelly, friend of Beth Smith
 Raigen, brain surgery

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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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