



ADVENT READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
 Psalm 25: 1-10
 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

SECOND SUNDAY

Malachi 3: 1-4
 Luke 1: 68-79
 Philippians 1: 3-11
 Luke 3: 1-6

THIRD SUNDAY

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
 Isaiah 12: 2-6
 Philippians 4: 4-7
 Luke 3: 7-18

FOURTH SUNDAY

Micah 5: 2-5a
 Luke 1: 47-55
 Psalm 80: 1-7
 Hebrews 10: 5-10
 Luke 1: 39-55

CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9: 2-7
 Psalm 96
 Titus 2: 11-14
 Luke 2: 1-20

CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52: 7-10
 Psalm 98
 Hebrews 1: 1-12
 John 1: 1-14

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Dear Friends and Members of Mt. Olivet,

I want to thank each of you for your faithfulness during this study and sermon series. The topic of financial giving is not an easy topic to discuss in the life of the church. As difficult a task it is for preachers to preach and congregants to hear, the fact that Jesus gave it so much attention indicates a certain necessity in such a journey. In fact, Jesus talked about it more than any topic. The more than 2,000 verses of Scripture tell us to be generous and good stewards of our resources.

During the past few weeks, we have examined some of the financial challenges facing us as a nation, and we have looked at our own spending, saving, and giving habits. We have examined the biblical principles of financial management, and we have learned about ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that will allow us to experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. Now, you are invited to set some personal goals and seek God's blessing on these goals for the upcoming year.

My Personal Goals and Commitment for 2010

1. I will thank God daily for all my blessings.
 My goal for daily Bible reading and prayer is _____ days each week.
2. I will seek contentment and simplicity and live within my means.
 My spending goal is _____
3. I will seek freedom from the bonds of credit and debt.
 My debt reduction goal is _____.
4. I will seek to wisely manage the gifts God has given me, investing and saving for the future.
 My saving goal is _____.
5. I will worship God each week by the giving of my tithes and offerings.
 My estimate of giving for 2010 is _____

Lord,

I present this commitment to you, acknowledging that everything I have and everything I am is a gift from you. I pray that you will grant me wisdom and strength in the coming year, and that you will bless and use the gifts that I humbly present to you. Amen.

Consider placing this in your Bible for reference in the coming year. May you grow in your relationship with God and others as you commit to God in maybe a new way or as you continue your commitment that has been a part of your life.

Peace and Prayers, Rev. Greg

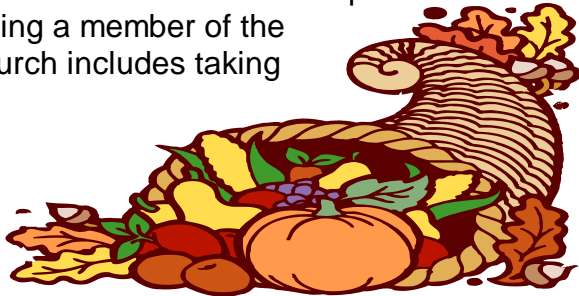




An Event "full" November...

The month of November will be filled with events and time for fellowship.

- The youth will be sponsoring a "**Harvest Party**" on Sunday, November 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Party-goers can participate in a costume contest, games, scavenger hunt, bonfire, (weather permitting) roasting hotdogs and s'mores, and a good old fashioned Christian pumpkin story.
- On Saturday, November 7 the Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church will be hosting a **Northern District Leadership Seminar**. The seminar, "Deepening Your Effectiveness", will have registration at 8:00 and study from 9:00 - 4:00. The cost is \$12.00 and will include a lunch. Register by Nov. 4 by calling the church office.
- All church members are invited to attend the **Church Council** meeting on Tuesday, November 10. The meeting will be held in the old social room at 7:00 p.m. Being a member of the church includes taking



- There will be a "**Fall Craft Fair**" in the new social room on Saturday, November 14. The time will be 9:00-2:00 p.m. There will be dozens of vendors, a brunch with Santa for the kids, and great food/baked goods. If you would like to sell any crafts or want more information, please contact Melanie Duke. (304-233-8137)
- On Tuesday, November 24 we will be holding our **Charge Conference**. The event will take place at Triadelphia United Methodist Church on route 40 in Triadelphia. The event will be at 6:30 p.m. All officers and members of the church are asked to attend.
- There will be an ecumenical **Thanksgiving Service** on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at (TBA) Please come and enjoy the quiet fellowship and give thanks for all that God has given us.
- Our annual "**Hanging of the Greens**" will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m. In the past few years less than 10 people have helped to prepare our church for the "birth of Christ" Let us as members of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church remember that this is the "season of giving"; the giving of gifts, time, and talents

Youth...making us proud...

We have some of our youth who love to run. Karissa Duke, at John Marshall and Alison Duke and Jackie Gellner at Sherrard Middle School are members of their school's Cross Country team. The girls have been placing in meets and receiving medals in cross country events from Brooke County to Marion County. The John Marshall team has adopted maintaining the trails at Grandview Park as a community service project. When you see these wonderful girls, give them a pat on the back. "If you can catch them"!

Another youth who participated in another form of running is Lyndsey Ingram. Lyndsey was a member of John Marshall High School's Homecoming Court. She was crowned Homecoming Queen on Friday, October 2. Lindsay is the daughter of Lisa and Rob Ingram, granddaughter of Jean and Fred Dougherty, and great-granddaughter of Ella Loges.



"Each person must live their life as a model to others".....Rosa Parks



Fundraising Events:

Members at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church recognize that the national economy is having a noticeable effect on the church. In an effort to help with the financial crunch, some fundraising events have been planned. The fundraisers are easy on the pocket and will tickle your tastebuds. The projects will benefit the General Fund.



SMOOTHIE SALE

Edie Proger's famous Smoothies will be available for ordering now through December 15. The cost is \$3.00 per dozen. Fill out this order form and give it to Edie at church or call her at 304-242-7463.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

DATE NEEDED _____

_____ DOZEN @ \$3.00 = _____

PUMPKIN ROLL SALE

Becky Luyster will be taking orders for her delicious pumpkin rolls now through November 16. Becky will have order blanks at the back of the church. The cost of the pumpkin roll is \$5.00. Place your orders at church or call Becky at 304-233-8375.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



Becky Luyster will be taking Christmas cookie orders beginning November 22. The orders will be taken through December 14. The cost of the cookies is \$3.50 per dozen. Please fill out this order form and return it to Becky or call her at 304-233-8375.

NAME _____ DATE NEEDED _____

PHONE _____ TOTAL COST _____

_____ DOZ. CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____

_____ DOZ. PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____

_____ DOZ. OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____

_____ DOZ. BUCKEYES @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____

_____ DOZ. M&M COOKIES @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____

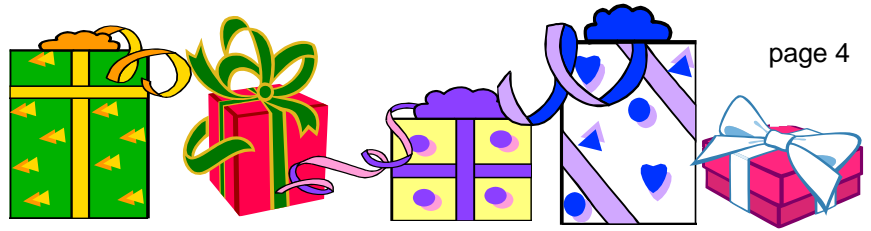
_____ DOZ. NUT ROLL COOKIES @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____

_____ DOZ. PINEAPPLE NUT CUPS @ \$3.50 PER DOZ. = _____



The Cookbooks are Coming.....

The Mt. Olivet United Methodist Women will be selling their long awaited cookbook just in time for Christmas gift giving. The cost for each book will be \$15.00. Recipes from past and current church members will be highlighted. Watch for the upcoming date in the church bulletin.



Candles and More....

Linda Amos will be heading a candle and Holiday food mixes sale. The candles were sold a couple years ago. They sell very well for gifts or to add wonderful fragrances to your own home. The Holiday food mixes will include, cookie mixes, muffin mixes, pie mixes, and dip mixes.

Linda will address all services on the first Sunday and Monday in November. There was a profit of \$1200.00 the last time the sale was held. If at least 50 members will sell 10 items, we could see a profit of \$3000.00. The money will be donated to the building fund.



Congratulations Graduate....

Our own Jesse Delbert, 2007 valedictorian at John Marshall High School, has earned a 4-year degree from West Virginia University in just 22 months. Jesse accomplished this by taking Advanced Placement courses while at JM, extra hours each semester in college, and summer courses while at WVU. Jesse was also on the Dean's List each semester at WVU while completing his degree in Theater. Jesse has moved to New York City to pursue a career. Please feel free to contact Jesse at 25-29 34th Street, Apt. 2-R, Astoria, New York 11103-4919.

UMM Fudge Sale....

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for their homemade fudge. The fudge will sell for \$4.00 for a half pound box of assorted flavors and will be ready for Christmas. The assortment will include: Peanut Butter, Choc. with or without nuts, and Vanilla with or without nuts. Contact Cecil Huss with your order or fill in the form below and give to Cecil by the first Sunday in December.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

___ BOX(S) with nuts @ \$4.00 _____

___ BOX(S) without nuts @ \$4.00 _____

TOTAL _____

*The language of friendship
is not words, but meanings.*

Henry David

Thoreau

Forget Me Not Notes.....

As we enter into the busy Holiday season, let us not forget the "reason for the season". Also, let us not forget about those who are unable to attend our services. Those faithful members who need our thoughts and prayers. Please consider sending a card this Holiday season to:

Ora Amos

Betty Lou Stoy

Ruth Palmer

Galdys Wallace

