

# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

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## Order of Worship

February 24, 2019

### Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

\* Please stand if you are able.

#### We Gather to Worship

10:55 Greeting & Announcements

11:00 Worship

Prelude      "Great is the Lord / Holy Manna"      Bell Choir

Lighting of the Candles

#### Praise & Thanksgiving

\*Call to Worship      Zach Erwin

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

\*Hymn of Praise      "Where Charity and Love Prevail"      UMH #549

Opening Prayer

**Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.**

Anthem      "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"      Chancel Choir

#### The Word Read & Proclaimed

Children's Time      Ron Sansing

(Following the Children's Time all children in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are invited to attend Worship Kids with Mr. Ron Sansing.)

Hymn of Preparation      "Spirit Song"      UMH #347

Gospel Reading      Luke 6:27-38  
Message      "Radical Grace: Forgiveness"      Rev. Nathan Finsel

#### Our Response to God's Word

Special Music      "Forgiveness" by Matthew West

Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer      UMH #895

Receiving of Our Gifts, Tithes, & Offerings  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Offertory      "Glorify Thy Name"      Organist

\*Doxology      "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"      UMH #94

#### Sent Forth to Serve

\*Hymn of Sending Forth      "Freely, Freely"      UMH #389

\*The Light of Christ Leads Us Into the World

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response

\*Postlude

\*Benediction

\*The Light of Christ Leads Us Into the World

\*Sung Response      "Take The Love of Jesus With You"      Congregation

Take the love of Jesus with you as you leave this place. Share with those around you God's amazing grace. Stand tall and proud out in the world with confidence and strength from God. Share His love, and His grace, take the love of Jesus with you as you leave this place.

\*Postlude      "Greater Is He That Is In Me"      Organist  
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**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Please pray this week for... Diane Atwell, Angie Barnhardt, Alex Brandon, Bruno Black, Don Brafford & family, Margie Campbell, Armando Casteneda, Richard & Nancy Fischbach, Michael Gant, family of Charles Harp, Hathaway family, Jeremy Hathaway, Nadine Hildebran, Blair & Landon Honeycutt, Craig Hopkins, Josh Hughes, Gerald Jones, Jane Marlow, Gary Moore, Mickey Penninger, Carly Phillips, Paula Rawlins, Robert Rawlins, Amy Ritchie, Mike Rorie, Diane Sansing, Mary & Roy Scott, Richard Skinner, Jim Stowe, Pat Walter, Renda Welch, Rennea Wilmot, Allison Lackey Yandle, & Keah Young

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Please continue to pray for... Beam family, Wayne Brewer, Betty Christie, Dylan Coker, Arlin Dancy, Bob & Ann Eudy, Ed Fink, Willie Foster, George Hipp, Marie Hunsucker, Glen

Julian, Misheck & Jennifer Kanake, Hope Lackey, David Marlow, Nancy Marlow, Elaine Parnell, Michala Penninger, Cooper Pickens, Mary Pletcher, Evan Printy, Joy Purser, Virginia Rodgers, Eric & Cindy Simmons, Kathy Stowe, Wayne White, Brice Williford, Dennis Williams, LuAnn Wilmot, Glenn & Barbara Yow, military personnel and their families.

#### Honorariums

##### *General Budget*

##### *In Honor of*

Mt. Olivet Congregation

##### *Given By*

Eddie & Linda Hathaway

#### Memorials

##### *General Budget*

##### *In Loving Memory of*

Carolyn Brafford

##### *Given By*

Jo Carpenter

Many thanks to **Rev. Nathan Finsel**, Associate Minister of Youth at Trinity UMC, for bringing the message this morning! Nathan recently passed his final interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry for full ordination as an Elder at Annual Conference this June. Congratulations, Nathan!

#### **This morning it is our great pleasure to welcome our new Director of Music, Jeremy Flock!**

Jeremy is a graduate of Ball State University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he studied Choral Conducting, Organ Performance and Vocal Performance. He is currently the Elementary Music Instructor and Elementary Chorus Director at Carolina International School in Concord, and comes to us highly recommended by his principal and colleagues. In his cover letter to us Jeremy stated: "Music is an important part of my life and I have found an outlet to serve and worship through my music as an organist and choir director. Worship through music allows me to teach musical skills and to illuminate the teachings of the church by providing a meaningful worship experience to the congregation. In my past experiences, I have worked closely with the pastor and worship committee to bring a music program that highlights the teachings and missions of the church. These connections allow the church to go beyond its walls to include the community at large in music and worship." Please take a moment to welcome Jeremy into our church family!

**The Mount Olivet UMC Kenya Team** is sponsoring a meal **TODAY**. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. All funds will go to cover the cost of the projects we will be working on at three schools in a rural area of Kenya. Hope to see you there!

L  **king Ahead 2019**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

8:45 a.m. Early Service  
9:15 a.m. Meet & Greet Parlor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - **Kenya meal following service**  
5:00 p.m. UMYF

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing  
6:00 p.m. Piedmont Singing Men  
**7:00 p.m. Finance**  
7:00 p.m. Choir (Note: date change)

Special Session of General Conference in St. Louis, MO concludes Tuesday, February 26—please keep the United Methodist Church and all the conference delegates in your prayers!

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

No Adult Bell Choir  
**7:00 p.m. Disciple Study**

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

10 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dogs

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

8:45 a.m. Early Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. UMYF

**Pastor Cheryl** will be out of town through Monday, February 25. Rev. Neal Jones, Pastor of Mt. Mitchell UMC, will be on call in case of emergency—you may reach him at 704-775-5900.

**YOUTH** - The Winter Jam event has been cancelled. Instead, we will be going to the Casting Crowns concert at Cabarrus Arena the following Saturday (March 2).

**Pastor Cheryl's Weekly Office Hours & Contact Information**

Mondays: Off      Tuesdays: 9-11  
Wednesdays: 9-12      Thursdays: 9-12  
Fridays: Hot Dogs 10-2  
Email: [skinnerrev@hotmail.com](mailto:skinnerrev@hotmail.com)  
Cell phone: 336-813-2626

**Mount Olivet Purpose Statement** - Your Spiritual Connection to Jesus Christ  
Work - Go into the World as Disciples  
Witness - Share the Love of Jesus  
Worship - Gather in Praise of God

**Our Stewardship**

“We will support Mount Olivet United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.”

**Our Prayers**

Prayer Chain Requests - call or email church office  
Email - Carolyn Fink - [oldandfeeble@carolina.rr.com](mailto:oldandfeeble@carolina.rr.com)

**Our Presence**

Sunday, February 17, 2019  
Sunday School 54      Worship 105

**Our Gifts**

General Budget - \$2,244      Weekly Amount Needed - \$5,384  
Building Fund - \$85; Discretionary Fund - \$600; Kenya Team - \$1189

**The General Fund** - which supports the daily operating budget and ministries.  
**The Building Fund** - which is for the maintenance and upkeep of our **current** facilities.  
**The Future Fund** - which is for any **new** buildings or **expansion**.  
Please make all checks to Mount Olivet UMC and **notate on them** which fund your gift is for.

**Our Service today**

Head Ushers – Jeff Rodgers, Ron Barnhardt  
Ushers - Mike & Brenda Benton, Charlie Shearon  
Roving Hall Monitor - Scott Rodgers (Next Week - Jim Stowe )

**Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)**

sugar free items, low sodium items, canned fruit, tomatoes, chicken/meats/no tuna, #1 Spaghetti, mac'n cheese, bar soap, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6

**Mount Olivet Food Pantry (Money Accepted)**

corn, green beans, green peas, whole potatoes, fruit, peanut butter, rice, noodles, canned chicken

**Pastor Cheryl Skinner**

Secretary – Angela Barnhardt  
Youth Director - Zach Erwin  
Choir Director - Jeremy Flock  
Children's Music Director - Donna Childers  
Organist/Bell Director – Dana Jarrett  
Parish Nurse – Willie Foster - email - [schoolnurse2@windstream.net](mailto:schoolnurse2@windstream.net)  
Sunday School Superintendent - Diana Starkey  
Church office hours- Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

**MTO Tech Talks – Have You Tried Rebooting? Basic Troubleshooting and Device Health for PC and Phones**– This information session will cover how to recover from problems on your smartphone, PC or home internet, and also inform you about ways to keep your PC/phone healthy. We encourage you to share with friends and neighbors, who are also invited to attend. Please join us from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in Memorial Hall at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. To better focus the information and assistance for the sessions, if you have any topics you would like for us to include regarding technology in your life, questions, or help you wish you could find, please reach out and share them with Jennifer Deese, at 704-490-1691 or [jennifer.t.deese@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.t.deese@gmail.com), or contact the church office. Please suggest a different time if the Sunday afternoon time will keep you from attending.

**The Parlor** has been painted and looks beautiful. Some of the items removed from the walls are going to be sold. If you would like to purchase any of these items (pictures, mirror, etc.), the Parlor will be open today, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service and Tuesday morning, February 26 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. On March 4, they will be put on Market Place for re-sale. All funds we receive will be used in the Parlor for up-dating.

**Thanks to all** who sent a card, visited, or lifted a prayer for me during my heart procedure and recovery. They were greatly appreciated. What do folks do without a loving church family? Love y'all, Delinda Rodgers

**WELCOME to our visitors today.** . . Thanks for joining our worship. If you would like to be informed of other services or mission opportunities, complete the Yellow Visitor's card in the hymnal racks – place it in the offering plate, and we will send you an email giving you details. Hope to see you again soon!