



The Olive Branch

June 6, 2018

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

New-Old Words

This season after Pentecost (through Christ the King Sunday), Mount Olive will be using the lectionary's alternate track of First

Readings (with paired psalm) for our Eucharist. In the three year Revised Common Lectionary, which Mount Olive has used since 1992, and which we share with Christians of many denominations around the world, there are two sets of First Readings for the period of Ordinary Time following Pentecost.

The first set, the one we're accustomed to using, is a set of readings from the Hebrew Scriptures that the Consultation on Common Texts (the framers of the lectionary) chose for a connection with the appointed Gospel of the day. Lutherans, Catholics, and Episcopalians in the planning process all asked for this "complementary" option. However, the lectionary also includes a "semi-continuous" set of readings for these Sundays, with accompanying psalm.

For the First Reading, this lectionary year, year B, includes the stories of Samuel, David, and Solomon, then moves into the wisdom literature. In these same months we're already accustomed to a semi-continuous track for the Second Reading.

This summer we'll meet consecutive readings from 2 Corinthians, then Ephesians, and in the fall James and Hebrews. These are the same as we've heard each year B. The Gospel readings for this season are also the same as usual, and are semi-continuous in a way, progressing through Mark's Gospel.

Why would we do this? Using these readings adds a great deal of Scripture we otherwise never hear in worship. Rather than using the Hebrew Scriptures as aids to the Gospel reading, this set presents the story of Israel alongside the story of Christ, in its own right. Many more women of the Bible show up in our worship using this set, and many stories familiar from Sunday School and other study also will appear for the first time.

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Sunday Readings

June 10, 2018

**Third Sunday after
Pentecost**

I Samuel 8:4-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 17, 2018

**Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost**

I Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

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The Worship Committee will evaluate this after this season is completed, to decide if for the other two years of the lectionary we'll do the same. We'll certainly return to the complementary set of readings at some time, but it might be a gift to use a three-year rotation between the two tracks. Many thanks to Vicar Jessica Christy, whose vicar project was to research the two tracks of readings, compare them, and analyze both what is added and what is missed by either track.

I hope that we all find it refreshing to hear these old words anew, and an opportunity for the Spirit's guiding us in new ways. It certainly will be a gift to preaching to have "new" readings to listen to for God's guidance and grace. And, as Isaiah 55 promises, God's Word always bears the fruit that God desires it to bear, so no matter what, this will most certainly be a blessing to us.



Ascension Thank You

A warm word of thanks to Mount Olive, including Cantor Cherwien, Pastor Crippen, and Vicar Christy, from the congregation and choirs of Olivet Congregational Church in St. Paul. Thank you for welcoming us to Mount Olive for your Ascension Day Eucharist and for joining us at Olivet for a second service on May 12. It was a very moving experience for the people of Olivet. They loved sharing this "patronal feast" with you.

- Mark Spitzack

Book Discussion

For the June 9 meeting, the Book Discussion group will read *The Spire*, by William Golding. For July 14, they will read *Moscow Nights: The Van Cliburn Story*, by Nigel Cliff; and for August 11 "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the West Assembly area.

All readers welcome!

State Capitol Tour

On Sunday, July 22, there will be a special tour of the Minnesota State Capitol specifically for Mount Olive members.

Led by John Marty and Lora Dundek, the tour will offer special access to Capitol spaces, and information on the history, art, and architecture of this Minnesota gem.

More information will be available soon. For questions, call or email Lora Dundek.

Calendar

Wednesday, June 6

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Neighborhood Ministries Comm. meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 8

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Saturday, June 9

- 10:00 am Book Discussion Group
10am-10pm Narcotics Anonymous speaker event

Sunday, June 10 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
Noon Book Study: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*
6:45 pm Mount Olive serves Our Saviour's meal

Monday, June 11

- 7:00 pm Vestry meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 12

- Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

Mount Olive Feeds the Homeless

Every second Sunday of the month our congregation serves the 7 p.m. dinner meal at Our Saviour's Housing, not far from Mount Olive. We are looking for people who like to cook and help with this ministry. There is room for you to be part of this program!

Call Connie Olson or Elaine Halbardier for more information. Olson - 763-544-2381 or olsonrr@gmail.com
Halbardier - 763-639-7701 - ech914@comcast.net.

***Olive Branch* Publication Schedule**

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published every other week.

Deadline for information for the June 20 issue is Monday, June 18.

June Book Study of James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

For three Sundays in June, David Engen will be leading a book study of the late James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, a book connecting the continuing oppression and suffering of African Americans with Christ's crucifixion.

The study will take place on June 10, 17, and 24 in the Chapel/Lounge after the 10:00 liturgy and coffee hour, about 11:45 a.m. It is not necessary to be at all sessions to participate. All the copies that Mount Olive ordered have been sold, but copies can be ordered through amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com.

Those who wish to participate should prepare as follows:

- June 10: Intro – Chapter 2
June 17: Chapters 3 & 4
June 24: Chapters 5 & 6

For more information, contact Susan Cherwien at susan.cherwien@gmail.com.

Save the Date!

Fort Wayne Children's Choir to Sing at Mount Olive July 14, 2 pm

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir offers an afterschool music education curriculum that challenges children musically through singing, while learning a discipline that serves them throughout their lifetime. Using the Kodály philosophy, an approach to music education, FWCC teaches children to read music just as a child learns to read words in a book. Singers attain excellence in artistry and music education through 1) music literacy, 2) education about composers, history, and language related to the music selected, and 3) performances.

Participation in the program provides the platform for children to discover their individual voice and at the same time be part of a larger collaborative performance that artistically enriches their lives and the community-at-large.

The Choir has grown from one choir to nine different ensembles, including a preparatory program, Boychoir, and a community choir serving a rural area. With an annual membership of over 300 children, singers represent northeast Indiana schools, including public, private, and home schools; over 5,000 children have participated in the organization.

2018 ReconcilingWorks RIC Assembly

Mount Olive, as an RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregation, has been asked to help support the national work of Reconciling Works. We are pulling together items to be included in a silent auction gift basket that will be a part of the ReconcilingWorks National Assembly gala coming up on June 22, 2018. The local RIC congregations are each putting together individual baskets of items to be a part of the silent auction for the banquet event.

If any Mount Olive members would like to contribute an item or give gift cards to local or national retailers or restaurants we will assemble the items and give it to Reconciling Works for the auction. All gifts are tax deductible.

If you would like to contribute please contact Paul Nixdorf at pn@paulnixdorf.com or call at 612-296-0055. Items should be labeled "RIC Auction Item" and left in the church office by Monday, June 18.

Thank you.

Volunteers Needed for Twin Cities Pride Weekend!

Join others from downtown area churches staffing a booth at Pride on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. Volunteers will again be handing out fans with area congregations' names, including Mount Olive's. If you are available to help for a few hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. either Saturday or Sunday, call or email Lora Dundek.



News From the Neighborhood



Many of you are supporters of our partner program The Sheridan Story, working to provide weekend meals to students to end child hunger. Each Friday a team from Mount Olive has gone to Jefferson Community School to put food bags in backpacks that make their way home with kids. This amazing program is wrapping up another school year and wants to say THANK YOU to all of its volunteers and contributors, as well as let you know what summer will hold since hunger doesn't take the summer off. If you are a contributing member, please look out for your donation renewal opportunity, or if you need any information on how to support the Sheridan Story for the upcoming 2018-2019 season please let Anna know. We will continue our financial support and service partnership with them to work to end child hunger!

The following is what The Sheridan Story does in the summer:

- **Weekend food bags:** The Sheridan Story provides our weekend food packs to students attending summer school in a number of school districts across the Twin Cities.
- **Minnesota Department of Education Migrant Schools:** over 2,500 weekend food bags distributed to students participating in MDE's Migrant Education Summer School Programs in rural Minnesota.
- **Produce gardens and distributions:** The Sheridan Story collects produce from community gardens run by our friends at Surly and Dangerous Man breweries. The produce is then distributed to a number of students in the Minneapolis Public Schools from mid-July through September.
- **Community meal distribution** - A pilot program - every Saturday and Sunday we will serve lunch to children and youth at a Roseville park in coordination with a local church as part of the USDA's Summer Food Service Program.

Please watch this video as we extend our gratitude to you:

<https://vimeo.com/mojosolo/review/266011703/e8e3111d76>

A Friend in Need ...

As most of you know, the historic Roberts Shoes building recently burned down, leaving a gaping hole on the corner of Lake St. and Chicago Ave., one block away. What you may not know is that the building right next to it houses CLUES (translated acronym means Latino Community United in Service), a mainly Latinx community organization that offers a wide variety of resources and classes for its clients. While demolishing the remainder of the old Roberts building, a wall collapsed on to the CLUES building causing serious damage to it, which means they cannot use their entire building for the time being.

Their director reached out to friends in the neighborhood for help, and Mount Olive is glad to be able to host our partners and house their daytime ESL classes in the Undercroft for June and July.

This will be a great opportunity to open our doors and use our space to serve the neighborhood as our amigos at CLUES recover, repair, and move ahead.

From Our Partners at Common Hope

Our hearts are with the people in Guatemala directly affected by Volcán de Fuego's eruption. At this time, there has not been report of any incidents to families or staff of Common Hope as a result of the eruption Sunday morning. A significant volcanic ash storm has closed the airport and caused visibility and safety challenges due to slippery roads of rain/ash mix.

We do not know the full extent of how the eruption will impact our families and staff in the coming days. We do know that there will be on-going cleanup in the days and weeks following. We also know that the air quality is currently an issue. The CDC is advising the use of face masks, especially for those with lung conditions. We know many of you want to help. As a partner in the community, our Emergency Response Team is visiting local shelters in the affected areas to determine what their greatest needs are and how we can best support the relief efforts over the coming days and possibly weeks. For more information, please visit <http://www.commonhope.org/fuego-eruption-update/>

If you would like to donate to the Common Hope Emergency Response Team, please use a blue envelope and mark the envelope Common Hope Emergency or note this designation in your check memo line. Please hold Common Hope and the people of Guatemala in your prayers.



Step-by-BOLD STEP FORWARD - Update

The week of June 12, the 31st Street parking lot will be getting its final layer of pavement. No more bumps at the entrance! By the way, those "bumps" are trench drains to capture rainwater and direct it into the rain gardens along the Chicago Avenue side.

This will all be good - eventually. BUT, this layer of pavement has to cure for several days before it's ready for use. How many days is determined by the weather. Worst case is the lot may not be usable the June 17/18 weekend. If so, you will see the familiar signs from last year posted pointing you to the Minnesota Work Force parking lot at Chicago and Lake. For those who need some assistance with parking, help will

be available at the Parish House door.

The new door is operating now. If you come to Mount Olive during office hours during the week, you can call the office from the key pad on the wall. Cha will answer and let you in. This will be real-person Cha, not electronic-voice Cha. If you perceive a slightly more cheerful note in her voice, it may be because she doesn't have to run up and down the stairs to open the door dozens of times per day!

For those with keys, your key will still open the front and both doors to the alley, as before. Watch for information about getting an "electronic fob" soon.

Also, the canopy should be in place soon. Installation should take only one or two days. Thanks for all your patience through these next few weeks.

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congregation.*



New Pipes!

The new facade pipes for the Schlicker organ arrived at Mount Olive from the Dobson Organ Company, Lake City, Iowa on Monday. The new pipes are replacing 14 of the original pipes that were beginning to buckle due to the proportions of metals used in the original alloy.

