



The Olive Branch

June 18, 2018

Accent on Worship

Vicar Jessica Christy

Sunday Readings

June 24, 2018

St. John the Baptist

Micah 3:1-4

Psalm 141

Acts 13:13-26

Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]

July 1, 2018

**6th Sunday after
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Beloved people of Mount Olive,

Internship is a year of discernment. That is true for all vicars, but it is especially true of how I have approached my time here. I entered this year uncertain if I was headed towards parish ministry, further academic study, or something else entirely. From my first Sunday, I was immensely gratified by this community's openness to walking with me on my journey, wherever that might lead.

I'm excited to announce that I have decided on my next steps. After months of trying new things, listening for the Spirit, and testing my sense of call, I have decided not to continue pursuing ordained ministry at this time.

I want to be absolutely clear that this decision is not because of anything I have or have not experienced in this place. My time at Mount Olive has been nothing but a blessing. I love this place – its worship, its people, its community, its conscience. The support that I have received from Pastor Crippen, my internship committee, and the congregation as a whole has been superb. You have been more warm and affirming than I ever could have dreamed, and it's going to be very hard to leave when my term concludes in August. But as

the months have gone by, it has become increasingly clear to me that, even at a place as wonderful as this, professional ministry is not where my vocation lies. There are many, many things that I love about this work, but I do not feel called to it as a career. As difficult as it is to step away from this life path, I'm trusting that the Spirit is leading me elsewhere.

Instead, I will be heading back to Manhattan this fall to start law school at New York University. I don't yet know what kind of law I want to practice, but NYU is known for its emphasis on public service, and I am looking forward to discovering how I can use what I have learned here to serve the world in a different way. I'm not entirely sure what that will look like, but I know as surely as I know anything that I will always carry this year with me. You are a part of me now, and for that, I am grateful.

Vocation is a mysterious thing. I thank you all for your prayers, and will pray for you as you listen for where the Spirit is leading in your lives.

All my love,

Vicar Jessica Christy

Brother, Can You Spare a ...

Dime? Or some toiletries? For those who will be heading out on a vacation trip, this is a reminder. If you stay in a motel or hotel and do not need to use all the toiletries that are provided, please take the unused pieces with you to donate to the homeless. Many homeless people do not have space for (and cannot afford) large containers of toiletries, so these small ones are more suitable. Please bring your toiletries to Mount Olive and deposit them in a container in the coatroom area. They will be delivered to Our Saviour's Housing where they will be distributed to those who need them most.

Many thanks for your donations.

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 July 5 issue is Monday, July 2.

Book Discussion

For the July 14 meeting, the Book Discussion group is reading *Moscow Nights: The Van Cliburn Story* by Nigel Cliff, for August 11, they will read *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, and for September 8, they will read *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

All readers welcome!

Know Anyone Who Needs Meals on Wheels? A Note From TRUST

TRUST Meals on Wheels has openings for new Meals on Wheels clients. If you or a parent, friend, or neighbor is in need of a nutritious, hot daily meal delivered right to the door, call Eleonore at 612-822-6040. If you are outside our area, we will direct you.

Mount Olive Tour at the State Capitol

On Sunday, July 22, at 1 p.m., Mount Olive members Lora Dundek and John Marty will offer a special tour of the Minnesota State Capitol, just for the congregation.

Lora works for the Minnesota Historical Society as a Capitol guide, and John is a State Senator representing the Roseville area. Together they will lead you through the building, highlighting the history, art, and government function represented there.

The Capitol is mostly accessible via elevator, with the exception of the "Quadriga" (golden horse statue) on the roof. It is not required that you climb to the Quadriga in order to participate in the rest of the tour.

There is no charge for the tour, but the Historical Society appreciates donations to support the Capitol historic work. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. Registration is limited to 30 people. To sign up, or to ask for more information, please email or call Lora Dundek at 651-645-6636 or lhdundek@usfamily.net.

Calendar

Wednesday, June 20

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
10:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, June 21

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

Friday, June 22

7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Saturday, June 23

10am-10pm Narcotics Anonymous speaker event

Sunday, June 24 - St. John the Baptist

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
Noon Book Study: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

Monday, June 25

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 26

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

Wednesday, June 27

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Internship Committee meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, June 28

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
3-5 pm Energy Efficiency Workshop

Sunday, July 1 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
Noon Theological Discussion group

Monday, July 2

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 3

9am-1pm Summer ACTS
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting

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.

Would you like to share Communion with your family?

Every Sunday we send out members of Mount Olive to bring communion to those of our community who aren't able to come to worship. It's a great blessing, and an extension of my pastoral ministry and the ministry of the vicar. We also bring communion at times on visits, and we share the grace of seeing our folks who can't get out. But there is deep grace in having fellow members of the community come on that day and share prayer, a reading, and the Eucharist with sisters and brothers.

Tom Graves and Ginny Agresti organize this ministry, and we have recently had several faithful folks decide it was time to take a break. We'd very much like to have three or four more people who would rotate with the others. It usually means once a month you'd take communion to someone.

If you're interested in talking about this, talk to me (or email), or reach out to Ginny and Tom. You'll find it becomes a great joy, and it is a ministry that enriches the life of our congregation.

Peace,
Pr. Crippen

2018 ReconcilingWorks RIC Assembly

Mount Olive, as an RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregation, has been asked to help support the national work of ReconcilingWorks. 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 ReconcilingWorks 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>

Mount Olive is Temporary Home to Tutoring Program

CLUES (in the English version) stands for Latino Communities United In Service.

Since the recent fire on the corner of Lake/Chicago damaged their building they have found a temporary home in the Undercroft at Mount Olive to continue their ESL and GED classes. Through July, or until their building is ready, we are happy to have them Monday - Thursday and the clients and kids they bring to share our space and enrich our lives!

Wanted: Does anyone have a men's briefcase bag that needs a new loving owner? There has been a request, so if you're willing to part with one please drop it off in the office. Thank you!

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>FOOD COLLECTION</p> <p>10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 am - Coffee and conversation</p> <p>Noon – Theological Discussion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7pm Missions Committee mtng.</p>	<p>4 - Independence Day holiday</p> <p>Church offices closed</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm NA First Friday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p> <p>1 pm – Prayer Shawl group</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 am - Coffee and conversation</p> <p>6:45 pm – Mount Olive serves Our Saviour’s Meal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p> <p>7 pm – Vestry meeting</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p> <p>1:30 pm – Staff meeting</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am-1pm – Summer ACTS</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 am – Book Discussion Group</p> <p>11 am – Funeral Eucharist: Erik Floan</p> <p>2pm – MFA Event: Fort Wayne Children’s Choir concert</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 am - Coffee and conversation</p> <p><i>(Thank you reception for church librarian Leanna Kloempken)</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm – Reconciling Works committee meeting</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>6pm – Safety Commission meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am – Staff meeting</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11 am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 am - Coffee and conversation</p> <p>1pm – Field Trip: State Capitol Tour</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am – Staff meeting</p> <p>6 pm – Internship Committee meeting</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group</p> <p>7:30 pm – ALCM Hymn Festival</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ALCM Regional Conference at Mount Olive</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 am - Coffee and conversation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot</p>				

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