



# The Olive Branch

August 1, 2018

## Accent on Worship

Anna Scott

### Sunday Readings

**August 5, 2018**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:16-35

**August 12, 2018**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

The element of my role as a neighborhood coordinator that I have come to value the most is the interruptions. By design, my time in the office is a rather blank slate, working on ongoing projects like the Diaper Depot and Longer Table Lending, but essentially just waiting for the neighborhood to walk in. And walk in it does.

Just in the past two weeks I've had multiple people make their way in the doors with deep hurts and needs that extend far beyond rent help or a laundry voucher. One person is having a major surgery and has no one to take care of him during the month of recovery. He came in asking for a laundry voucher, but really he wanted to know if we would just care about him during such a scary, lonely time. Another person came in who is barely holding on to her housing and fighting serious mental health issues. Unable to control her mind, she is frightened, lonely, and scared about her future. This morning, an older man came in hoping for a bus card, but sat crying on the bench outside the offices from the hurt his partner has caused him, asking Jesus to help him walk away from an unhealthy relationship. Last week a couple was \$241 away from housing. When I wrote the check, the woman wept in relief and her partner and friend both said it's been a long road but this is finally going to end and they can move on.

For an instant I may cringe when Cha says, "it's for you," not always wanting to stop everything and walk dark roads with people I don't know, but it melts away when I remember that this is a church, this is where hurt and addiction and bad decisions and pain and humanness all gets held up before God, shined on, and graciously washed away. This is a place of healing and hope and there is no schedule or timeline or program that God is working on that is more valuable than showing love to one another. Sometimes I don't feel equipped to handle the pain people are living in, but I am a neighbor and we can all "love thy neighbor" whenever, however, and from wherever we meet.

## Farewell to our Vicar

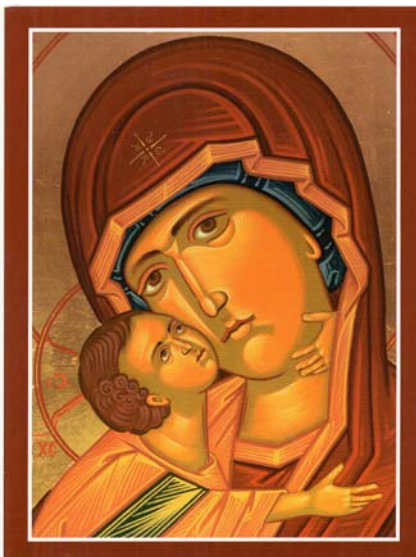
It's never easy to say goodbye, but once again we are reaching the end of a vicar's year with us. We have received grace and blessing from Vicar Christy as she has shared ministry with us for this past year, and now we bid her farewell. She concludes her year with us this Sunday, August 5. A reception will be given for Jessica by the Internship Committee following the liturgy on Sunday, and it will be an opportunity for us all to thank her for the blessing she has been among us this past year. We also wish her the blessings of God as she follows the new path she has discerned for her calling and begins law school at New York University this fall.

## Help Celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7!

Come party in the neighborhood! Mount Olive will celebrate National Night Out with our neighbors again this year. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 7, from 6-8 PM in our newly revamped parking lot. We have invited our neighbors to join us as we share food, fun, games, and an opportunity to meet some new friends.

**We need several additional volunteers** to help with set-up, greeting neighbors, serving snacks, and organizing games for children. We also need a grill or two to use that night. Please call the church office if you can help.

See you at National Night Out!



*Mary, Mother of  
Our Lord*

**Wednesday,  
August 15**

**Holy Eucharist  
at 7:00 pm**

*All are welcome.*

## Attention Mount Olive Worship Assistants!

The Servant Schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018 (October - December) will be published at the beginning of September 2018. The deadline for submitting requests is August 16, 2018. Please email your requests to [peggyrf70@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrf70@gmail.com).

## *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 August 15 issue is Monday, August 13.*

## A Note From Vicar Jessica

My time at Mount Olive is coming to a close, but I want to stay in touch! I promise to send major life updates to Pastor Crippen, but if you want to contact me personally, my email address is [jachristy13@gmail.com](mailto:jachristy13@gmail.com), or you can find me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/j.a.christy](https://www.facebook.com/j.a.christy). Thanks for everything!

*-Vicar Christy*

## Calendar

### Wednesday, August 1

10:00 pm Staff Meeting  
Noon Congregational Life Committee meeting  
5:30 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee meeting  
7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meeting  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, August 3

6:00 pm N.A. First Friday social event

### Saturday, August 4

11am-1pm Diaper Depot open  
Noon Community Meal  
1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting Co.

### Sunday, August 5 - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation  
1:00 pm Neighborhood Ministries Picnic @ Gail Nielsen's

### Monday, August 6

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, August 7

Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open  
7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting

### Wednesday, August 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, August 10

7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

### Saturday, August 11

10:00 am Book Discussion group  
10:00 am Women's Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, August 12 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation  
11:30 am Adult Education: "Before the Flood"

### Monday, August 13

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

### Tuesday, August 14

Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

## **Bargain Box to be Held This Saturday**

It's already time to plan ahead for the next school year. Please help make sure that all children have clothes and school supplies to make school something to look forward to!

**This Saturday, August 4, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**, at Mount Olive, Bargain Box will sell new clothing at very low prices and give out free gently-used clothing for kids. This makes going back to school fun for kids and much easier for parents!

Can you help?

\* Volunteer a few hours on that day;

\* Bring donations of new and gently used kids' clothes.

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## **Book Discussion**

For the August 11 meeting, the Book Discussion group will read *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, and for September 8, they will read *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

All readers welcome!

## ***Before the Flood***

After liturgy on Sunday, August 12, join us in the Chapel Lounge for a screening of *Before the Flood*, a National Geographic documentary, featuring Leonardo DiCaprio, serving as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand.

The film is an hour and a half long, but gives us an excellent perspective of the urgency of addressing climate change.

DiCaprio goes on expeditions with scientists uncovering the reality of climate change and meets with political leaders fighting against inaction. He also discovers a calculated disinformation campaign orchestrated by powerful special interests working to confuse the public about the urgency of the growing climate crisis. With unprecedented access to thought leaders around the world, DiCaprio searches for hope in a rising tide of catastrophic news. <https://www.beforetheflood.com/about/>

For further information, or if you would like to borrow the DVD to watch at a later date, contact Connie Marty.

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## **Powderhorn Art Fair Needs Volunteers!**

PPNA is recruiting volunteers for the annual Powderhorn Art Fair on August 4-5! They are looking for folks that are able to help out with a few 3 hour shifts.

Booth sitters will relieve artists at their booth so the artist can have the opportunity to eat, use the restroom, and take a break. Depending on the artist, they may be helping with sales. Some volunteers will also be asked to sit at information booths throughout the park as well. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt.

Please email [grace@ppna.org](mailto:grace@ppna.org) for additional information or to sign up.

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## **Summer Choir Opportunity**

- ***Women's Choir - Sunday, August 26 (NOTE NEW DATE!)***  
One rehearsal that day (Aug. 26) 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in singing with this group is welcome! No RSVP required, simply come to the rehearsal.

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## **It's a Birthday Celebration!**

Melba Smrcka will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this fall! Her family is celebrating with a post-liturgy lunch at Mount Olive, and everyone is invited!

Mark your calendars now: Sunday, September 9, following the second liturgy.



## News From the Neighborhood

### *New Neighborhood Partner - Ace in the City*

There are good people doing good work all around our neighborhood. Ace in the City is one of the organizations that's been up to a lot of good caring for kids and families, especially the Latino community. Their mission is, "Cultivating community through relationships, we are building safe spaces of belonging where all are known, valued, and loved." Through sports, tutoring, mentoring, or just conversations with families, they are building relationships and making sure people feel seen.

The Neighborhood Ministries Committee (NMC) has recognized the opportunity to partner with Ace in its efforts, especially through school supplies. On August 11, Ace hosts a large Back-to-School-Bash in Powderhorn Park with games, food, haircuts, and most importantly, school supplies! Churches and partners help Ace buy high-quality backpacks that can be chosen by each student, then parents are able to shop in a store full of highly discounted supplies, making sure that each child has exactly what they need for their school year. Parents pay a small amount for a great bag and the gear their student will use. And it's a fun day full of activity and chances to get to know people in the neighborhood.

To support ACE and help provide school supplies, we invite you to buy a backpack (high-quality, any age range) and bring it to Mount Olive with a \$20 donation for the supplies. We are also looking for folks who like to have fun at the bash on August 11! Sign up for a role or ask a question at: [volunteer@aceinthecity.org](mailto:volunteer@aceinthecity.org).



Who thanks you? We all do U. ↓  
A New York Johnny  
Adriana Kelly  
Munira Jasmine  
Anthony  
Daisy  
Jaden  
Amin  
Tawell

Dear Mount Olive,  
Thank you so much for giving us a place to hold our program. Because of your kindness and generosity we have all learned so much and had so much fun in the process. We hope to see the program continue to thrive for many years to come! Once again, thank you!  
sincerely,  
Summer Acts Program

## Helping at the Border

At their last meeting the Missions Committee decided to make a special contribution to the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) in support of their work with refugees and immigrants entering our country. The LIRS has been assisting immigrants and refugees since the 1930s as they enter and resettle in America. While not directly connected with a specific Lutheran church body, this organization works with the ELCA, the LCMS and the Latvian Lutheran Church. LIRS also works with and receives grants from the Department of Human Services of the federal government. They have been recognized for their recent work in reuniting families and assisting those families as they struggle with the immigration process. If you would like to join the Missions Committee in this special effort, please use your blue mission envelope and mark it clearly LIRS, or note LIRS in the memo line of your check contribution.

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## Get Your Pen Ready

We begin our fall education season with our annual **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**. On Sunday, September 2, we will get together to learn and to join with Christians across the country in writing to our representatives in Washington as they continue their budget discussions. This year's campaign is focused on *For Such a Time as This*: "In 2018, funding for vital domestic and international anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs is again at risk of deep cuts. Through hand-written letters, we will urge Congress to invest and protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women, and children facing hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world."

Watch for more information in *The Olive Branch* as you prepare for this important and influential advocacy.

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## Key Cards NOW Available

The Parish House Door and the two entry doors from the alley now have electronic locks. If you currently have a key to the doors, you may trade that key for a card (the size of a credit card) which will open any of the doors. The price of the card is your old key, which you may turn in to Cha at the office.

The advantage of the card is that it does not have to be taken out to open the door. Simply hold your wallet or purse up to the reader, and it will read your card within and unlock the door. If you carry your wallet in a hip pocket...and are quite agile ... you can even present the appropriate hip to the reader and, voila, you're in.

Why is this important? Of course, electronic entrance is more convenient. Plus, when a traditional key is lost, the locks must be re-keyed, and new keys issued to everyone. It's very expensive. Should, heaven forbid, you ever lose your card, all that is needed is deleting that card or fob in the system and issuing a new one.

Stop at the church office with your old key as soon as possible to check out your new card.

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## **Summer Sunday Eucharist: 10 am**

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Sexton – *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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