



Olive Branch

Mount Olive
Lutheran Church

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Welcome Our New Members



On October 24 we welcomed 26 new members. Please make them feel welcome to Mount Olive as they commit to our mission and ministry!

Les Ohlhauser	Cynthia Southern
Cindi and David Rhodes	Lanette Witt
Josh and Rachel Fields and Zach	
Alice Lockyer	Jill Hurley
Lynn James	Kevin Reiss
Ben and Melissa Ernst, Annalee, Drew and Ryan	
Karen Soper	Donna Dissette
John and Pat Elmshouser	
Lisa Finks	Helen Haller
Donna Colkitt	Georgia Grunwald
	Ruth Winters

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Kindle the Fire



Kindle the Fire

As of December 5, 2010, \$129,705 has been received in contributions towards the *Kindle the Fire Campaign*. An additional principal payment was made in December in the amount of \$27,143.89 bringing the total additional principal payments to \$88,534.45. The remaining loan amount is now just under \$400,000!

Congratulations Mount Olive.

Save the Date

Rev. Kevin Parviz, Executive Director of Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism and Pastor of Chai v'Shalom congregation in St. Louis, is returning to Mount Olive to conduct a Seder meal on the afternoon of Sunday, March 13.

Many of you will remember his presentation three years ago that was educational and worshipful, not to mention a great time of fellowship. Rev. Parviz will be also be our guest preacher that weekend. Look for more details from Adult Ministry soon.



Seder Meal



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Share Our Story (SOS) Pastor Borgstede

As we passed into 2011 and wished 2010 farewell, we often pause to reflect on the things that happened in the past. It is a time to remember the good and the bad. It is a time to remember our stories.

Story telling is an important piece of each of our lives. We love to hear and tell stories ... and stories shape us as well. We are who we are because of the stories of our families past. We are who we are because of the stories we like to remember, or not remember. We are who we are because stories have shaped us.

And there is an even bigger story that shapes all of us. It is the story of God's love in Christ Jesus. We just spent December remembering the story of how God fulfilled His promise to send a Savior. We tell the story of how Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This is a story that has changed our lives and will change the lives of others as we **tell it, proclaim it, share it.**

God invites us to **Share our Story**, the story of Jesus in our lives; His story and our story woven together. Listen to the Apostle Paul, *For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, **How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!*** (Romans 10:13-15 ESV) We are called to share our story with the world.

So, what is your story? Have you been part of a Christian

family your whole life? If so, think of the memories you have going to worship and Sunday school. Who would you say had the most influence on your faith life? Was there a time of doubt and God helped you? This is your story of God's working in your life—share it!

Did you come to faith in Jesus later in life? Then you have a story in how God changed your life in a very visible way. Who helped you by telling you about Jesus? What was it like before you knew Jesus and what is it like now? These are things that are unique to you and part of your story—share it!

Even the low and difficult times are part of your story.

How did you deal with a prolonged illness or injury? How did God see you through a loss of a loved one? What is the hope you have that your loved one is in heaven? What little things have you seen that show God is watching over you? These things are your story. They are unique to you and only you can tell them. God's story interwoven in your story—that is what we are called to share with others.

In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15 NIV)



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Saturday, 5 PM, Holy Communion
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Our Mission Statement

God has called us to **reach** out, **care** for and **build** people toward maturity in Christ.

The deadline for the February Olive Branch is Monday, January 10. Articles turned in after that time will appear in the March newsletter.



Happy Birthday to ...

1/1	Guigli, John Woodcook, Vicki Pelepchan, Walter White, Jacob Hong, Amanda		Bachofer, Mason Bond, Angela		Stibrich, Scott Myers, Kelly	1/23	Dieterich, Jillian Sinaga, Jeanette Wildermann, Angela
1/2	Hixson, Julia Neuharth, Kristin	1/11	Borgstede, Michael Zdinak, William Stephens, Clark	1/19	Brotzman, Martin Wert, Jim Potzer, Robert	1/24	Joy, Bill O'Hara, Carol Pierce, Maria
1/3	Fujita, Eugene Johnston, Crystal	1/12	West, Amanda Terry-Elliott, Teresa Elliott, Tim Becker, Shirley	1/20	Rose, Mitchell Kelly, Eugene Colavita, Sandy Marks, Breanna	1/25	Einspahr, Keith Reisdorff, Noah Selander, Dave Skov, Norma Belier, John
1/4	Kilgore, Ed Miller, Ginger Diaz, Andy Whittlesey, Charles Huebschmann, Anna	1/13	Kalthoff, Glenn Schonack, Mark Meyer, Kathleen	1/21	Rosenbaum, Anne Pittenridge, Christine Conley, Cheryl Pierce, Jennifer Asmus, Diane Myers, Quintin	1/26	Johnston, Leanne
1/7	Trebing, Ruby Fulton, Sydney Martin, Gabriella	1/14	Talamantes, Santiago		Weglowski, Mark	1/27	Latimer, Mallory Barstad, Stephenie
1/8	Collier, Lacey Donner, Darlene Wallace, Stephanie Humbargar, Blair Taylor, Jared	1/15	Emerson, Nancy Eckles, Bill White, Carolyn Leaneagh, Ryan		Kraft, Nancy Ford, Clara Johnson, Gary	1/28	Smith, Cody Whitworth, Royce Ammon, Phyllis
1/9	Swedberg, Jacquelyn Archuleta, David	1/16	Bogh, Ramona Boettcher, Darold	1/22	Wendell, Peggy McCasland, Catherine Klekamp, Jennifer	1/29	Parkinson, Elisabeth French, Elizabeth Johnston, Ian Auffert, Tess
1/10	Blesch, Kyle	1/17	Dyer, Constance Rink, Margaret Wirth, Arnie		Sande, Roy Bogh, Sara	1/30	Valore, Ruth
		1/18	Ford, Kayla Chambless, Marnie Clow, Megan			1/31	Lockyer, Alice Nizami, Neena Burke, Nycole Crane, Katherine Luedders, Jonathan

Anniversary Wishes to ...

- 1/1 Kerr, George & Connie
Miller, Eldon & Ruby
- 1/5 Whitworth, Royce & Lucille
- 1/11 Wert, Jim & Debra
- 1/24 Lauck, Stephen & Maureen
- 1/28 Matney, Kevin & Maria
- 1/29 Struempfer, Harold & Dee



Oasis Meals

Oasis begins again
January 5.



Cooks are also needed!
Sign up in the Fellowship
Hall on the wall by
the kitchen.

Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, January 15
4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, January 16
9-11 AM
(In the Church Office)



Before and after each worship service we provide an opportunity for you to have your blood pressure checked by a nurse. It is quick and simple and a great way to monitor your health.

Helping Hands Care Packages

Human Care Ministry continues the "Helping Hands Care Package" to help families in need of short term assistance with food. The items listed below are being stocked. This is in addition to our efforts and support of Aurora Interchurch. Please look for these items on sale or when shopping in bulk and donate items monthly as you are able to support this ministry for those in need. For questions, please contact Pastor Borgstede, 303.755.9123.

- Peanut butter
- Cereal – small boxes
- Easy prepare meals like Mac and Cheese or Ramen Noodles
- Can soup with pop-top lids
- Can vegetables and fruit with pop top lids
- Granola bars or similar packaged snacks
- Water bottles
- Small single can/box juices
- Crackers
- Also small toiletries like toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and/or deodorant

Soup's On



Please join the Good Shepherd Auxiliary in collecting Labels for Education! A full product list is available at: http://www.softcoin.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/EligibleProductsPage/ Labels can be given to Wilna Ashby or placed in the Campbell's Bin found in the Narthex. The labels program provides free items that are used by the programs of Bethesda Lutheran Communities who serve and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(This is different from the Box Tops for Education currently being collected by Mount Olive's Early Childhood Education Center.)

Senior Transportation

We provide transportation for those who have no other means to get to church and are able to get onto our bus (not wheelchair accessible) within a 2-3 mile radius from Mount Olive. There is a simple form to fill out and no cost for this bus service. Please contact Pastor Borgstede (303.755.9123) for more information or to get a form.



Dates are:
January 9, 23
February 13 and 27
March 13 and 27

The service is reserved for those who have no other means of transportation. Call the Church Office, 303.755.9123, for more information.

Aurora Interchurch

January donations ...

Peanut butter and jelly

Brown grocery bags are needed every month.



Reach Out
To Those in Need

You don't need to give every month. We ask that you give when you can, what you can. Thank you for all you do for others.



Early Childhood Education Center

We're ba-a-a-ack and ready to go. Happy 2011!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Last month was filled with much celebrating and fun. We enjoyed Jesus' birthday party, singing of Christmas carols, our program for our families and parties where there was much celebrating. The children brought in 90 boxes of cereal. WOW! All the cereal was donated to Aurora Interchurch to feed families in need. It took six BIG trash bags to deliver them.

Turn up the heat and get out the beach gear for Beach Day in the ECEC. We will have a fun game of beach volleyball, limbo, swimming and diving in our pretend pool and creating beautiful sand pictures. It will feel like a day in Hawaii.

Pastor Borgstede will lead us in chapel on January 20 and 21. The children love going to God's house and learning more about Him.

It is so good to be back at school with friends, teachers, and Jesus!

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends:

My heartfelt thanks to the Pastors, my Elder and each of you for your prayers, cards and inquiries while I was in the hospital and at Spaulding. I'm so thankful you were there when I needed you.

Five years ago, Gary Johnson invited me to join a ChristCare Group. We've studied God's Word, prayed and had fellowship together, but I never would have experienced the deep love

my ChristCare Group has for Jesus had the fall not happened. I not only got to see Jesus, but also I felt His strength as they held my hand and prayed during their many visits. They are truly God's helpers and I love them deeply.



Pearl Gleichmann

Did you know?



Mount Olive has an Endowment Fund that was seeded by a large sum from the Mike Casey Estate donated to Mount Olive in 1998. Through the diligent work and good stewardship, some of our members formally established the Endowment Fund in November

1999, when adopted in Church Bylaws. It provides a vehicle through which members and others can further the Christian outreach of Mount Olive Lutheran Church from bequests in wills, charitable remainder and other trusts, charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance, transfers of property and other gifts.

A committee comprised of six Managers elected by Voters oversees the Endowment Fund, makes recommendations for grant requests to the Governing Board (under former Bylaws such requests were presented to Voters for approval), and arranges for dispensation of the grants as so approved.

The value of investments ebbs and flows with financial market conditions, grants distributed and gifts received. The cumulative principal amount contributed, the "corpus", from inception to October 31, 2010 is \$164,863. This is reflective of another significant contribution from the Estate of Rev. Al Schuetz and the combined effects of annual member offerings. The Fund's market value at October's end was \$185,723 after dispersing \$12,000 this year. Since inception, \$49,500 has been distributed from earnings.

As Managers of the Endowment Fund, we thank the Lord for people who leave us a legacy of their stewardship to use for the benefit of others. We also thank the people with foresight who were instrumental in founding the Endowment Fund and the many who have contributed to its success over the years.

In His Service,

The Endowment Committee



Mount Olive Student Ministry

Youth Website

Check out mtoliveyouth.com for more information about upcoming events, pictures from recent events and registration forms for retreats and trips. Have an idea for the website? Email or text Brent Howard with your idea.

Sign up for Weekly Email Youth Updates ...

Sign up at the youth website for weekly email updates. You 'll stay informed about important student ministry news.

... or Sign Up for Text Message Updates ... or Both!

Click on the " Text Message " link on the youth website for text message updates. And don' t worry, we 'll keep your number safe!



YOUTH FOR HIRE

Need your leaves raked and bagged? Need your windows cleaned? Need a babysitter, pet sitter or house sitter? We have many high school students who would like to earn money for future summer trips. If you need help around your house, contact Brent Howard and he'll put you in touch with a student!

Upcoming Events

Jr High JOURNEY—Bible study for middle school students (Grades 6-8) meets every Sunday in Room 2, 9:30-10:30 AM.

Sr High REEL TIME—Bible study for high school students (Grades 9-12+) meets every Sunday in Room 10, 9:30-10:30 AM.

January 5—De-Hanging of the Greens—5:30-6:30 PM (All Church Event)

January 5—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

January 9—Youth/Family Retreat Deposit due

January 9—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

January 12—H2H Service Event—7-8:30 PM

January 12—8th Graders meet w/Pastor Shearier

January 16-17—High School Ski Trip

January 19—H2H Learning Event (Retreat \$ due)

January 23—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

January 23—Middle School ENERGY—1-3 PM—ICE SKATING @ Southlands

January 26—H2H Family Huddle (Guide Huddle 7-8 PM)

February 4-5—H2H Retreat

February 18-20—Family Retreat at LVR

Middle School Mission Trip— Week of Hope Workcamp, St. Louis, Missouri, June 25-July 2, 2011

High School Mission Trip— Idaho Servant Adventure, July 15-24, 2011

Need a registration form or more information? mtoliveyouth.com





Child and Family Ministry



Toddler Bible Class

January 9, 16, and 13
9:30-10:30 AM
Room 8

Toddler Blessing

January 30
8:00 AM Worship

All parents of two year olds are invited to a three week class, which will focus on spiritually parenting their toddler. On Sunday, January 30, each two year old will receive a Toddler Bible during worship. This is the second step in the Faith Legacy Series.

In these sessions parents learn to:

- Share faith with their 2 year-old.
- Spiritually parent their child.
- Have effective devotions with their 2 year-old.



Faith Legacy Series is a DVD-based curriculum to help families grow spiritually in their home. Parents meet for three sessions with other parents of same-aged children. When the course is completed, parents speak a personalized blessing over their child during a worship service and present a small gift.

Winter Carnival

Mount Olive Fellowship Hall
Saturday, January 16
6:00-8:00 PM

Come in from the cold and be warmed by Jesus' love at our January Family Date Night!

**Carnival Games, Prizes
Winter Crafts, Winter Story Time
Snacks and Cider**

Youth and Adult volunteers are needed for each station. Please talk to Robin Kurth if you can help.

Kid's Club

Age 3 - Grade 5
January 5, 5:30 PM

Kids will celebrate Epiphany at our January Kid's Club. They will have a short Bible time, make crafts, play games and participate in other activities. Friends and visitors are always welcome at Kid's Club.



We are called by God to:



reach out to children,
care for children and
build children toward maturity in Christ.

It is the goal of the Child and Family Ministry Team to accomplish this mission by equipping and encouraging parents to be active teachers and intentional examples of faith in their children's lives, as they share Jesus' love.

Cookie Can Ministry News

- Next packing day is Saturday, February 5, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bake and join us!!
- We need 70+ coffee cans to finish up this year. Please drop them off at the Church Office or in the kitchen.
- Please sign up to bake cookies! We need over 60 dozen each for the next three mailings.
- Donations for postage are always welcome! You can drop them off in the can on the Narthex table or in the Church Office.

Bless you for being a part of this ministry! The college kids really appreciate the cans filled with cookies and love from all of us!



Young at Heart 55+

**January 12 11:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall**

All seniors (55+) are invited to join the Young at Heart for a potluck lunch and program. There is always lots of good food and fellowship.

Officer J. D. Wykstra, from the Aurora Police Department will share information about scams and other information pertinent to seniors.



2011 Governing Board Roster

Name	Term Expires
Angela Bond	12/31/2011
Rob Berlinski	12/31/2011
Amy Draper	12/31/2011
Charlie Thies	12/31/2011
Melinda Hixson	12/31/2012
Kevin Meador	12/31/2012
Charlene Endsley-Burge	12/31/2012
Frank Candelaria	12/31/2012
Tim Yotter	12/31/2013
Heather Cammack	12/31/2013
Don Henninger	12/31/2013
Stan McKinster	12/31/2013
Pastor Shearier	
Mike Kallas	



... to those who served during 2010.



Aurora Interchurch Needs for 2011

Your **generous sharing** with hungry and needful people in our community has been a loving and blessed **act of stewardship in name of our Lord**. All praise to Him who enables this! The Human Care Team once again solicits your support continuing in 2011 with donations of food and other goods, assistance with special projects, and certainly with your prayers. These make a difference in so many lives in our community. You don't need to give every month. Won't you please give **what you can** and **when you are able**? Monthly reminders will be placed in the bulletins and newsletters. Here is a list of 2011 items for Aurora Interchurch:



**Reach Out
To Those in Need**

January	Peanut butter and jelly
February	Soup, stews and crackers
March	Soap (dish and laundry)
April	Rice, macaroni, spaghetti and sauce
May	Cereal and oatmeal
June	Ziplock bags - sandwich, quart and gallon
July	Diapers - Size 4, 5 and 6 only
August	Canned fruit and vegetables
September	Toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue
October	Toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo and conditioner
November	Thanksgiving dinner items
December	Canned meat/tuna, chili, stew

You don't need to give every month. We ask that you give when you can, what you can. Thank you for all you do for others.

Scrip Available

The ECEC continues their Scrip fundraiser. You may purchase gift certificates to hundreds of area retailers and merchants. With every purchase, you earn revenue for the ECEC's Education Grant Fund, which helps children with their tuition to attend our school.

Gift cards are available from such places as:

- Applebee's
- Chili's
- Old Navy
- Texas Roadhouse
- Starbucks
- Chipotle
- Home Depot
- Kohl's

JoAnn Stibrich is available by the Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9-9:30 to answer questions and take orders, or call 303.750.9856. (For your convenience, many certificates are available for your immediate purchase.)

Think Scrip ... Think ECEC

Stephen Ministry

From January 9-15 Cynde Fischer, a member of Mount Olive, will be taking part in a Stephen Leader Training in Orlando, Florida.

A Stephen Leader is one who has been trained to lead the Stephen Ministry program and help train and supervise Stephen Ministers. Presently Kaye Cairns, Jean Derr and Pastor Borgstede are trained as Stephen Leaders.

We ask you to lift up Cynde in prayer for safe travel and a Spirit-filled learning experience. We are very excited to have Cynde coming on board as a Stephen Leader and look forward to having her on the team.

When we commission Cynde as a Stephen Leader, let us thank God for all that Stephen Ministers and Leaders bring to Mount Olive in providing care to others, and let us promise to keep them in our daily prayers as we send them out to minister among us.





LWML Circle Meetings

LWML offers small group Bible studies at our **Circle Meetings** each month. They are available on different days and times and meeting places to fit into many of your schedules. The following Circles are meeting in January. Questions? Contact Gilda Kaczmarek at 303.693.5519.

Mercy Circle will meet Tuesday, January 4, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

Glory Circle will meet Thursday, January 13, 7 PM at the home of Linda Romer.

Faith Circle will meet Thursday, January 20, 9:30 AM. Location to be determined.

Mark your calendar now!

Mercy Circle invites you to mark your calendar for February 19 at 10 AM when they host the February LWML event. Watch the bulletins for more details.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. LWML works through the national, district, zone and society levels.

We collect Mites (money) to sponsor grants throughout the world. The national and district conventions are held on opposite years and the mission grants are chosen for the biennium. There are no 'corporate' donations—this is Sisters in Christ working together---Serving with Gladness. **Who needs a corporate CEO...we have Christ as ours!**



Here's an easy way for EVERYBODY to 'donate' to LWML

GOOD SEARCH: GOOD FOR MISSIONS

Want to earn money for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League **AND** search the Internet at the same time? It's possible using GoodSearch. Instead of "Googling" the next time you use a search engine, go to goodsearch.com and enter "LWML" and select LWML St. Louis in the "I'm supporting" box. Each time a search is initiated, an estimated 1 cent is given to LWML. This sounds like a small amount, but multiple searches by many people add up. For example, if 1,000 women or men searched twice a day, LWML could potentially receive \$7,300 a year. Much like Mites add up to produce significant results, so can GoodSearch generate money for missions. Tell your friends and happy searching!

Wanderers

Tuesday, January 18 A repeat of the very popular October outing. Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge and Eagle Repository led by Walter Derr, a member of Mount Olive who is also a volunteer at the refuge. We'll lunch at El Jardin Restaurant in Commerce City which offers Mexican and American food. Come and see the bison, deer and eagles. Depart at 9 AM and return approximately 2:30 PM. Cost is \$5 plus lunch. **LIMIT 30.**



Sign up on the Narthex table or contact Phyllis Eifler with questions.

Become a Wanderer by ...

... simply signing up for any of the tours on the sign-up sheets on the Narthex table. All ages are welcome. It's a fun way to get better acquainted with all that Colorado has to offer and it's a great way to get better acquainted with other Mount Olive members.

Grace Wanderers

March 26–April 3, 2011 - The Grace Wanderers will tour San Antonio, TX. The cost of \$779 per person, double occupancy includes motor coach transportation, 8 nights lodging, 14 meals and guided tours of San Antonio and the LBJ Ranch; go to the famous River Walk for a scenic cruise; visit the Alamo and much more.



Grace Wanderers

Cape Cod and New York City will be the October 14-27, 2011 tour. Fourteen days and 13 nights including four nights in the quaint Cape Cod area and four nights in the New York City area - \$1,349 per person, double occupancy. Explore the historic seaside towns of Hyannis and Sandwich. Visit the JFK Museum. See Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square and Wall Street; enjoy an exciting New York City Harbor Cruise.

Please pick up a flier from the Wanderers' white notebook on the Narthex table, or call Phyllis Eifler, 303.333.6893 for more information.



Elders Corner

This month we will highlight Mr. Jim Downs. Jim has been attending Mount Olive since 1999. He has been on the Board of Elders for 11 months.

Jim and his wife, Virginia, will celebrate their 14th anniversary this May. They met on campus at Metro State University ... Virginia as an academic advisor and Jim as a professor. At the time Jim's principle job was teaching classes in communication to business majors.

Earlier in his career at Metro, Jim was the chair of the Business Education and Communications Department and also ran a Para-legal degree program through that department. Of course all of this was possible because Jim received a college education at Kansas State University earning a Ph.D. in business.

Jim retired from Metro in 2003 and with wife Virginia began traveling quite a bit ... Alaska, Spain, Morocco, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and the Scandinavian Capitals are just some of the places they have visited. They are also active members of the Wanderers (three bus trips here in the states) and they usually attend their monthly day trips.



At Mount Olive they have participated in Young at Heart; both have been singing in the choir since 1999; and have been members of an on-going Christ Care Bible study since 2002. They have participated in Crossways and a variety of adult Sunday School classes.

Jim enjoys being an Elder, working with people, and is looking forward to participating in more activities as an Elder and member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

... so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5).

Ministry Program

The following Ministry Program for 2011 was approved by the Voter's Assembly on December 12.

Human Resources

Church Staff \$ 607,016
(Salary/Benefits)

Church Programs & Ministry

Evangelism & Outreach \$ 74,388
Worship \$ 6,290
Music \$ 7,468
Christian Formation \$ 53,495
Hospitality \$ 12,500

Church Support Services

Administrative \$ 32,428
Properties \$ 199,482

ECEC \$ 183,952

Total \$1,177,019



Audio sermons are available at mtoliveluth.org (click on the link under worship times) You can also access them in iTunes by typing in the search box "Mount Olive Lutheran Church Sermons." Then you can 'subscribe' and get the podcasts of our sermons automatically.





Benevolence Fund

One goal of the Human Care Team is to provide minimal assistance to those in need.

We provide a small food pantry to assist those who come in to us for assistance. This has worked well and thank you for your donations for this pantry. If you know someone in need of a few groceries let us know.

We can also provide assistance to your members in need through our Benevolence Fund. It is a designated fund, meaning the money put in this fund remains there year after year until we use it. It doesn't come from our regular budget, but is "filled" by generous donations from members of Mount Olive. If you would like to donate to the designated fund, you can mail the Church Office your donation, or place your donation in the offering plate, indicating that it is for the Benevolence Fund.

Thank you for your support and if you are in need of assistance, please feel free to contact Pastor Borgstede, 303.755.9123.

Income/Expenses November 2010

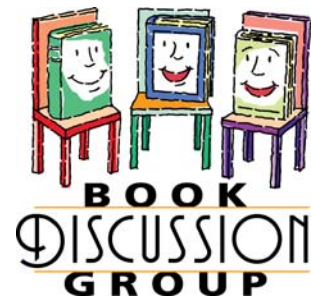
Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	825,511	860,134	(34,623)
Other Income	18,327	16,545	1,782
Total Income	843,838	876,679	(32,841)
Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	501,999	530,462	(28,463)
Programs	126,574	135,980	(9,406)
Administrative	34,734	35,048	(314)
Properties	186,992	190,487	(3,495)
Total Expenses	850,299	891,977	(41,678)
Net Income	(6,461)	(15,298)	8,837

KINDLE THE FIRE

Income: 125,115 Campaign Expenses: 26,769
 Additional Mortgage Principal: 76,958
 Bus loan payoff: 10,245 **Net: 11,143**

Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
January 5	<i>The Handmaid and the Carpenter</i> by Elizabeth Berg	Caryl Fagerquist
February 2	<i>The Known World</i> by Edward P. Jones	Liz Rehwalt
March 2	<i>Beneath the Marble Sky</i> by John Shors	Anne Shearier
April 6	<i>Prayers for Sale</i> by Sandra Dallas	Janice Muir
May 4	<i>Secretariat's Meadow</i> by Kate Chenery-Tweedy	Jennifer Klekamp



Expand your reading list. Stretch yourself ... read something you have never heard of ... then join in on our discussion in BOOK GROUP. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 5:45 PM.