



# Olive Branch

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Lutheran Church

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## We Want the Shirt Off Your Back

### Diapers for Haiti



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t-shirts

diapers

Glory Circle invites you to the LWML Winter Service Event

**February 4, 9:30 AM**

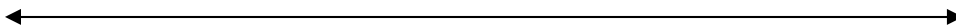
Continental breakfast will be served.

Mount Olive members: We will be collecting used t-shirts throughout the month of January ... watch for the box in the Narthex. We need adult t-shirts—any color other than black—floral, printed, designs—we'll use them all!

February 4 ... Join us to hear about the planned trip to Haiti by our members and how we can help in this easy project. We will cut the t-shirts and make *diapers!* Some ladies will cut and there will be ladies who will sew and create diapers. The diapers then will be taken to Haiti by members of our congregation on their trip.

Clean out those closets and donate t-shirts. Mission projects come in all forms ... will you help?

P.S. Scraps of material will go to the Dumb Friends League to clean kennels.



Kindle the Fire

As of December 6, 2011, \$252,533 has been received in contributions towards the *Kindle the Fire Campaign*. An additional principal payment was made in December in the amount of \$6,945 bringing the total additional principal payments to \$215,963. The remaining loan amount is now just over \$200,000!

**Congratulations Mount Olive!**

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# Cruise Ship or Fishing Boat? *Pastor Borgstede*

On Sunday, December 11, Mount Olive met for our annual meeting of the Voters to decide on the Mission Allocation Plan (budget) and members of the Governing Board. We had a good turnout for this meeting and that is great. It is important that many people can be involved in the process as we are moving *together* into the New Year—2012 (as you are reading this it is probably 2012 already – Happy New Year!)

But there was a concern for me that came up at this meeting – the concern was how do we view involvement in ministry by the members of Mount Olive. My fear is that we have moved to a view that many things in the church can only be done by *professionals* and not by others. There are many dangers with this view:

- Less people are participating in ministry because it *can only be done by professionals.*
- We are not using the God-given strengths of *the many* and only relying on skills of a few.

- We as staff are not sharing the tasks of ministry well and visa versa many are not stepping up to participate in ministry.
- There is a view that “true” ministry can only be done by *professionals* or *well-trained* individuals.

In the end the danger is that ministry doesn’t happen because everyone is waiting for someone else to do it. And that is not how the church can function.

**The church functions well when we see the strengths of every individual and use them to further God’s kingdom.** God has placed every person in this congregation with skills and abilities to be used to make Mount Olive the unique congregation it is to impact our community for Christ.

Let’s look at it another way and use the analogy of a ship. Are we a “cruise” ship or a “fishing” boat? On a cruise ship there are usually thousands of people all traveling to a destination. On a cruise ship there is a strong distinction between passengers and crew. Passengers

have paid a good amount of money to travel but do not participate in the work



strengths and in the end they are all successful.

I am afraid that Mount Olive is moving more and more to be like a “cruise”

that goes on – they are along for the ride. The crew on the other hand works hard to maintain the ship and the comfort of the passengers.

On a fishing boat there are no passengers but only crew. They still have a destination (catching fish and returning home) but there are no people on board just for the ride. Each person has duties and responsibilities that need to get accomplished or the “mission” fails. All work to their

ship – many passengers along for the ride and a smaller crew doing all the work. Instead, the model for the church, should be the “fishing” boat. We all are working together and the more involved the better the mission. (Interesting that the first disciples were fisherman and that the Early Church sometimes depicted itself as a ship!) One of the things heard at the voters meeting, not

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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 newsletter is the 10th of each month.**



## Happy Birthday to ...

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

## Anniversary Wishes to ...

- 1/1 Kerr, George & Connie
- 1/4 Mc Coy, Ken & Janet
- 1/5 Whitworth, Royce & Lucille
- 1/11 Wert, Jim & Debra
- 1/21 Bentz, Tom & Terri
- 1/24 Lauck, Stephen & Maureen
- 1/28 Matney, Kevin & Maria
- 1/29 Struempfer, Harold & Dee

Happy  
Anniversary

## Young at Heart

Join us for a potluck lunch on Wednesday, January 11, 11:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest speaker will be author Bob Wiley, a member of Mount Olive. Bob will tell us about his life and his new book.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship.

young  
at heart

## Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, January 21**  
**4:30-6:15 PM**

**Sunday, January 22**  
**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

## 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 our 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.

## 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 8 and 22  
February 12 and 26

## 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.





## Handy Helpers

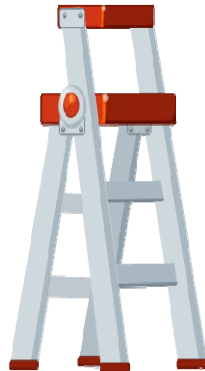
**It's time to update our files  
and we need your help!**



Starting Sunday, January 8, Human Care Ministry will have a table in the Narthex for you to re-submit your information for Handy Helpers.

Handy Helpers is a group of volunteers that could 'help' you with small jobs or errands that need to be done. Examples are: fixing a screen door, shoveling snow, raking leaves, picking up a few things at the store, light housecleaning, making and delivering meals, short-term pet sitting or child care, visitation, handyman services.

So, if you are willing/able to do any or all of the above OR if you are in need of any of the above services, stop by the table starting Sunday, January 8, and sign up or let us know of your need!



For light and serious conversations on the Bible, join Bible Talk January 4 through February 15, 10-11:15 AM. The topic will be *Isaiah — the Prophet, the Servant Songs of Isaiah*. Rev. Glenn Kalthoff will lead the study.

New participants are welcome. Questions? Call 303.755.4307.

## Early Childhood Education Center

We're ba-a-a-ack and ready to go. Happy 2012!

We loved our Christmas break but missed school, friends and teachers.

Last month was filled with much 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 68 boxes of cereal. WOW! All the cereal was donated to Aurora Interchurch to feed families in need. It took five BIG trash bags to deliver them.



Let it snow, let it snow PLEASE let it snow! This month will be filled with lots of learning about winter and snow so we are praying for a lot of the white stuff. We will giddy-up and gallop as cowboys/girls on January 13 and 14 for Cowboy Day as our special day this month. We'll learn a little about life as a cowboy, sing some songs and eat a real cowboy snack. We are collecting empty wrapping paper tubes to make our very own horses and would appreciate your donation.

Miss Robin will lead us in chapel on January 18 and 19. 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!**



## Mount Olive Youth Ministry

### Mount Olive Youth Facebook page

Friend "MO YM" (Mount Olive Youth Ministry) on Facebook to receive information on upcoming events!

### Sign up for Weekly Email Youth Updates ...

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

### Jr. Youth Mission Trip!

Jr. Youth will be participating in the Mountain Builders servant event August 5-10. Registration and deposit deadline is **January 15!** A \$50 deposit is due to hold your spot.



## 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

- 4 – De-Decorate the Church—5:30-6:30 PM—All Church Event
- 4 – H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM
- 8 – IMPACT—6-8 PM
- 11 – H2H Service Event—7-8:30 PM—Retreat 2 \$75 due
- 11 – 8th Graders meet with Pastor Shearier—7-8:30 PM
- 15 -- Deadline—Registration and Deposit for Jr. Youth mission trip
- 18 – H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM
- 22 – IMPACT—6-8 PM
- 25 – H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM
- 27-29 – Retreat 2: Jr High Retreat at LVR

### FEBRUARY

- 1 – H2H Fellowship Event—7-8:30 PM
- 5 – IMPACT—6-8 PM
- 8 – H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM
- 10-12 – Youth & Family Retreat at LVR
- 15 – H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM
- 19 – IMPACT—6-8 PM
- 22 – No Event (Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM)
- 25 – Day Ski Trip
- 29 – H2H Lent Worship/Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

**\*Subject to change, please watch weekly bulletin for more information!\***





## Child and Family Ministry



### Toddler Bible Class

January 8, 15, and 22  
9:30-10:30 AM  
Room 8

### Toddler Blessing

January 29  
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 29, 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.

### Kid's Club

Age 3 - Grade 5  
January 4, 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.



### Winter Carnival

Mount Olive Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, January 21  
4:00-6:00 PM

Come in from the cold and be warmed by Jesus' love at our January Family Date Night! There will be games, prizes, Bingo, story time, and this year, there will be concessions for purchase. Families will be able to purchase pizza or hotdogs, drinks, and other yummy items. The proceeds will benefit Mount Olive Children's Ministry. Youth and adult volunteers are needed for each station. Please talk to Robin Kurth if you can help.



### White as Snow! Family Retreat

Lutheran Valley Retreat  
February 10-12

Families will meet at Mount Olive and travel together for a weekend of outdoor fun, family Bible time, and fellowship. Families will stay in cabins. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. A \$50 deposit/family is due January 15. See rates below.

\$50/Adult (18+)

\$30/Child (6-13)

Free for children 5 and under  
Maximum \$150/Family  
\$50 deposit due January 15.

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.



## Protect Your Family Against the Unexpected

Too often, people work hard to build their assets, then fail to protect them. Without proper protection, the money you're working so hard to save—could be lost if you die or suffer an illness or injury. Are you protected?

**Life insurance:** One in four Americans dies before he or she retires.<sup>1</sup> Premature death can undermine a family's financial health, now and in the future. Having adequate life insurance can ensure your family continues to live at home, your children go to college and your spouse retires as planned, even if something unexpected happens to you.

**Disability income insurance:** Illness and injuries are more common than you might think. Today, a 25-year-old has a one in four chance of experiencing a long-term loss of income from a disability before he or she turns 65.<sup>1</sup> A disability disrupts a person's ability to work, impact your earnings and ability to cover daily living expenses. Disability income insurance can help. If you're unable to work due to a qualifying illness or injury, this vital coverage helps pay eligible expenses.

**Long-term care insurance:** one of every two women and one of every three men age 65 and older will spend some time in a nursing home.<sup>2</sup> Long-term care insurance can protect your savings, as well as your freedom to choose the care you receive.

For help protecting your financial strategy and your family, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at 303.690.8924 or Robert.apmann@thrivent.com today or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).



## Cruise Ship or Fishing Boat (continued from page 2)



intentional but still evident, is that to accomplish a particular ministry we need to “hire a professional” to get it done. But what about the idea that instead of one professional could we not have many skilled and gifted individuals creating something better?!

Let me give you another more practical example – visiting homebound members. As part of my responsibilities I visit people who for various reasons cannot come to church regularly. Over the years I have averaged about 15-20 visits a month and it takes roughly about 1/3 of my time as a paid staff person. I enjoy making the visits and love the people I can help, but it also consumes a lot of my time and each person I visit gets one 45 minute visit each month from the church. I have noticed that 15-20 is my limit, when more people need to be visited I often find some people falling through the cracks and not getting the attention they need. I have reached my “professional” limit and it is a very small number. But what if people, who God has blessed with the skills to care for people (and often those skills, while not “professional” are better than what I can offer) started visiting a few homebound regularly? What if we had a team of 10 people who loved to visit and socialize (and God has wired them that way for a reason) could visit the homebound on a regular basis? Each person could be responsible for just 2-3 people (a very manageable number, especially to those who love to visit) that would cover 20-30 people – which is just beyond my limit as one “professional” person. We would get the task of visiting the homebound done better and in a more efficient way – just imagine the possibility.

So are we a “cruise” ship just looking for more passengers or are we a “fishing” boat where each person can work to their God-given strengths to create a more active, engaging, and effective ministry to the community and world?

Some things to think about:

- How can we as a church help people re-discover their God-given talents and passions and use them in the church?
- Can we get away from thinking “only a professional church worker can do that” mentality?
- Can we as a staff better share the tasks that need to happen in ministry so more people can be involved and great outcomes can happen?
- Where can you be involved in a way you enjoy and love to make an impact in our community for Christ?

Let's continue this conversation on Facebook (go to our main website, scroll down to the bottom left side and click on the Facebook button and look for the conversation entitled “Cruise Ship or Fishing Boat?”)





## Cookie Cans for College Students

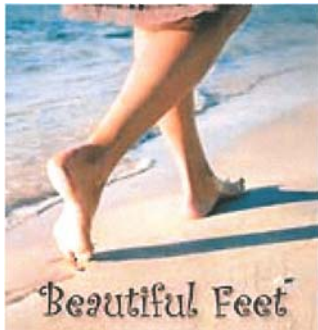
**Cookie Cans for College Students** – 2011/12 School Year is going GREAT! We have 21 cans on our list! There will be no mailing in January because most kids are home for the holidays! Cans will be sent out again on Saturday, February 4.

**We still need donations of cider mix, hot cocoa packets, seasonal candy, granola bars, popcorn, pretzels, cheese/peanut butter-filled crackers, nuts, raisins and other dried fruits, trail mix, rice cakes, Crystal Lite, ice tea and/or other drink packets, etc. Please mark them for cookie cans and drop off in the kitchen after the new year! Thank you!**

**Sign up sheets** for February will be placed on the Narthex table in January.

**Thank you so much for all your support and help!**

## Women's Retreat



*Mount Olive's 2nd annual Women's Retreat is coming in March 2012.*

*To prepare our hearts for the retreat, Sara Borgstede will be leading a Bible study on Sunday mornings starting January 8.*

*All women of Mount Olive are invited to attend.  
The class will meet in the Library.*

## Lutherans in Business

**Lutherans in Business** is a group of Lutheran men and women whose purpose is to advocate and promote the businesses of group members throughout the community. Members strive to foster and stimulate economic success, based upon sound Christian principles and practices.

We meet for breakfast on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 AM at the Egg and I Restaurant, 6818 South Yosemite Street.

Contact Art Rosenboom, 303.881.7787 for further information.

# NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

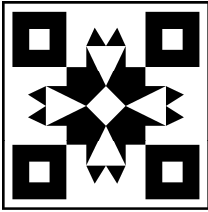
### What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

### What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.

## LWML



### Quilt Winners

The ladies of the Mount Olive LWML are happy to announce that Leone Schonack and JoAnn Stibrich submitted the winning tickets for the two twin size quilts donated by Phyllis Eifler. All proceeds are earmarked for materials used by the Sewing Committee.

For the outpouring of your donated baked goods, sweet treats and warming hot drink mixes, and for the generous monetary support you've provided us over the years the annual bake sale has been held, your Mount Olive LWML extends a heartfelt thank you.



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.

### Circle Meetings

**Charity Circle**—Meeting time to be determined.

**Glory Circle** will meet Saturday, January 14, 10 AM at the home of Carolyn Morton.

**Mercy Circle**—Tuesday, January 3, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

**Faith Circle**—Thursday, January 19, 9:30 AM at the home of Dee Struempfer

## Online Giving

[Donate Now](#)

Mount Olive Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that we can now accept your offerings online using **check, savings, debit or credit card**. This safe and secure method is a convenient way to move your stewardship plan into action. You choose either a one time or repeated offering and may begin the process when you click on the secured "Donate Now" button found at [mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org).

Thank You

## Wanderers

You're invited to join the Wanderers on a 4,000 year road trip on **Friday, January 20** at the Mizel Museum's exhibit "Gathering Sparks" at 400 S. Kearney St., Denver. It's a dynamic journey through art and artifacts that illustrates, narrates, and celebrates Jewish stories. Lunch at the East Side Kosher Deli, 4995 S. Elm will follow our guided tour. \$10 includes transportation and tour. Depart church at 9:15 AM via church bus and private car.

The Wanderers will be in the audience on **Sunday, February 19**, when "Three American Giants"—Copeland's *El Salon Mexico*, Barber's *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra – Op 14*, and Corigliano's *Symphony No. 1* are presented by the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra at the Green Center in Golden. Depart church following the 10:45 service. Lunch will be at Jus' Cookins in Lakewood before attending the 3 PM concert. \$20 includes transportation and tickets to the concert.

On **Friday, March 16**, the adventuresome Wanderers will visit the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum in Golden, home to some of the most historic artifacts in all of mountaineering. Learn what it feels like to stand on top of the world's highest peak, Mt. Everest. Lunch in historic downtown Golden at the Buffalo Rose. Depart at 9:15 AM via church bus and private cars.

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



## Become a Wanderer by ...

... 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.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, memory books, gifts and well-wishes as we concluded our ministry at Mount Olive. We count you as blessings and will cherish the memories of our ministry together. If I-70 takes you east to Kansas City, be sure to look us up at: 11428 W. 117th Terrace, Overland Park, KS, 66210, 913.322.6636.

Love in Christ,  
Brent, Michelle, Nathan and Emily Howard



## Elders Corner

Stan McKinster

Blessings and Happy New Year. I am Stan Humbargar, Zone 13 Elder at Mount Olive.

2012 will be my second year on the Board of Elders and I am honored to be allowed to serve you and Mount Olive in this capacity.

My wife, Claudia, and I, along with our children, Cody and Blair joined Mount Olive in 2001. Since that time I have served on various boards, including the Youth Board with Brent Howard and as congregation President for three years.

I am a native of Colorado and am a graduate of the Denver Public Schools system, having attended George Washington High School. After high school I attended and graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in accounting. Following college I was a corporate accountant for Public Service Company of Colorado for five and one half years and for the past 34 years I have run my own State Farm Insurance agency in southeast Denver.

I met my wonderful wife when we were both playing co-ed softball here in Denver during the summer of 1980 and we were married the following summer at Grace Lutheran Church in Denver. (Pastor Kalthoff was one of the pastors). We have been blessed to have two wonderful children. Our son, Cody, is an engineer with Ratheon in Aurora and our daughter, Blair, will graduate this spring from the University of Colorado. We all enjoy anything to do with the outdoors, including hunting, fishing and snowmobiling at our cabin in Grand Lake.

We generally attend the 8 AM service and would welcome the chance to meet you.

In His Service,  
Stan Humbargar

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

## Music Ministry



### Are you on Facebook?

Check out Mount Olive's Music page by searching for "Mount Olive Music" and "like" us! Schedules, service information, hymn spotlights, etc. will be posted from time to time for your enjoyment!

### Mount Olive Music Ministry Ensembles

It is ALWAYS a great time to begin your involvement in any of Mount Olive's music ensembles. Listed below are the various opportunities and rehearsal times. If you wish to see what rehearsals are like, the level of difficulty, etc. simply attend a rehearsal to find out! If you are interested in participating in a group, please contact Rebecca Elmshouser, an ensemble director, or attend a rehearsal!

#### Bel Canto Handbells

The adult handbell group meets on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Bell Room.

#### Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

#### Carillon Handbells

The HS—young adults handbell choir meets Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM—12 Noon in the Bell Room.

#### Chamber Ensemble

The Chamber Ensemble is comprised of woodwind and string instruments. Contact Christine Krueger for details.

#### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir (HS-Adult) meet Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM in Skidmore Hall.

#### Children's Music (Kindergarten-middle school)

The children's music program meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:55 PM and introduces children to singing, handchimes and handbells.

The Altar Flower Calendar for 2012 is up and ready for you to sign up for your special dates.

The calendar is located on the wall by the Church Office. Bouquets are \$30 each and checks are payable to Mount Olive Ladies Guild.





## Financial Peace

**The first Financial Peace University (FPU) class added so much to their savings and paid off so much debt the last 13 weeks that we're going to do it again!**

**Financial Peace University** is a life-changing class that teaches you the nuts and bolts of getting out of debt and how to make a plan for your future – so you can live and give like never before. Join over a million families in finding out just how rewarding it is to be weird! **Financial Peace University** is a biblically-based, 13 week video-driven study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before.

**Attend the preview class on Thursday, January 19, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** The family kit costs \$93 (about \$1 a day for the 90 day, 13 week class!) and will be ordered and ready for you the first night of class. Sign-up at the church website – [mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org) – and click on the FPU logo.

**Classes begin Thursday, February 2, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

## Income/Expenses November 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	790,093	876,276	(86,183)
Other Income	35,856	14,830	21,206
ECEC	144,126	168,637	(24,511)
Total Income	970,075	1,059,743	(89,668)
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel/Benefits	541,867	563,990	(22,123)
Programs	128,618	138,780	(10,162)
Administrative	27,882	30,816	(2,934)
Properties	186,303	186,279	24
ECEC	142,841	151,579	(8,738)
Total Expenses	1,027,511	1,071,444	(43,933)
Net Income	<b>(57,436)</b>	<b>(11,701)</b>	<b>(45,735)</b>

### KINDLE THE FIRE

**Fund Balance January 1, 2011: 16,041**

**YTD Income: 111,438**      Additional Mortgage Principal: 120,534  
**Net: 6,945**



## Book Group



Read By	Book and Author	Leader
January 4	<i>O Pioneer</i> by Willa Cather	Mary Rindahl
February 1	<i>The Cruellest Miles</i> by Gay and Laney Salisbury	Kathy Meyer
March 7	<i>Five Quarters of the Orange</i> by Joanne Harris	Cynthia Southern
April 4	<i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand	Marsha Raebel

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.