

**MOUNT
OLIVET** LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF
PLYMOUTH

finding our place in God's unfolding story...

Welcome! If you are a guest this morning, please stop by the Welcome Counter to receive a gift.

For more information about Mount Olivet, please call 763-559-2775 or visit our website: <http://moply.org>.

THE LITTLE BLESSINGS NURSERY

is open on the garden level and available during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Also, the Family Worship area at the back of the Worship Center is available for parents with young children.

Coffee and doughnuts are served in the Fireside Room between services. All are welcome.

FOR PASTORAL CARE

When the office is closed and assistance is needed due to a crisis or emergency, please call Pastor John, Pastor Beth, or Kirsten Kessel, DM at home:

John Strommen, Senior Pastor	763-540-9427
Beth Horsch, Pastor of Faith Formation	763-208-0380
Kirsten Kessel, Diaconal Minister	763-476-6466

COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling services are available through Peg Roberts, LMFT at Ridgedale Center for Counseling. Call 952-546-5565 to schedule an appointment.

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THIS WEEK

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MaD Breakfast Fundraiser TODAY

The MaD Fund is Mount Olivet's *Make a Difference* assistance fund for people who contact the church seeking help with daily necessities such as fuel, food or prescriptions.

Please come and enjoy breakfast—egg bakes, pancakes, ham, coffee and juice prepared and served by the MO Men's Bible Study groups— for a good cause!

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Your generous free-will donation will ALL go to the MaD Fund.

Taking Steps (even little ones) to Good Health

Do you or a loved one suffer from pain, digestive distress, mood swings, migranes, inflammation or chronic fatigue? Food intolerances, poor diet, stress, hormonal changes, lifestyle choices and even our genetics may be the cause. Mount Olivet's Congregational Care Team invites you to an evening with Dawn Swanson of New Dawn Health Thursday, September 29 from 7-8:30 in the Fireside Room. Join us and learn how you and your loved ones can *Take Steps to Good Health.*



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Middle School Event Planners Interest Meeting

Adults are needed to help plan events for MO middle school kids (grades 5-8). An interest meeting will be held Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. After that, the plan is to meet once a quarter. Contact Holly Carlson at hcarlson@moply.org or 763-559-2775 or Kendall Jeske at 763-509-9415 or kjeske@moply.org.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2

6 p.m. on the back lawn (in Fellowship Hall if it's raining). All pets are welcome - dogs, cats, rats, guinea pigs, birds, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, snakes, lizards, turtles - whatever! Favorite stuffed friends too! Bring your friends - Mount Olivet's Children's Choir will sing—OFFERING of pet food for PRISM.

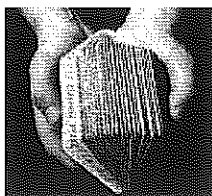
God is in All of It t-shirt tie-dye sessions Sunday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 5. Please plan to attend if you have ordered a t-shirt. THESE ARE THE ONLY TIE-DYE SESSIONS we will have! Next Sunday, we will tie-dye by Door C from 9:30—11:00 a.m.

Third Graders and Parents are invited to a special Bible Milestone class on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:50 p.m. This class will NOT be offered on Sunday - Sunday students should plan to attend on Wednesday, so all third graders and their parents can learn together. We will mark the gift of a new Bible and learn how to use it. Parents, please pick up a Bible from Emily as soon as possible.

Children's Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in Room 272. Children attending worship will be excused after the scripture reading, and then return to worship after the sermon. Children who attend Wednesday Bible Explorers will be escorted downstairs after choir. For more information, contact Sarah Hoerr at shoerr@moply.org or shoerr01@gmail.com or 612-396-5528.

**Unfolding the Story
Sunday Education Sessions**

At 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Doctoral candidate Pastor Erick Thompson will lead the discussion on September 25 and October 2. Plan to attend to learn more about each Sunday's Old Testament scripture.



YOU CAN HELP

363.org Sandwich making event Sunday, October 9

Stop in Fellowship Hall between services to make sandwiches for homeless people in the Twin Cities. Our goal is 1000 sandwiches! Your donation of \$5 pays for about 10 sandwiches. 363.org is an organization committed to providing food to the homeless the REST of the year—every day OTHER than Thanksgiving or Christmas. Over 2000 sandwiches are delivered daily to local homeless shelters as well as people who live completely out-of-doors. Go to 363.org for more info.

Parkside Fire Victim lost everything and needs:

cookware, flatware, dishes, drinkware, towels, queen size bedding and blanket, dresser, kitchen table and chairs, living room furniture, lamps, etc. If you have gently used or new items to donate, please contact Kirsten Kessel at kkessel@moply.org.

COATS/WINTER CLOTHING are needed for refugees new to Minnesota.

The Minnesota Council of Churches will be holding a large coat give-away in October for new refugee arrivals. Coats are needed for children and adults in all sizes. Also needed are snowpants, boots, hats, scarves and mittens. Please bring gently used or new items to the collection bin outside the church office labeled "Refugee Coat Drive." Thanks to Barb Olson for coordinating this.

Bible Explorers need:

- a BE storyteller for Sundays and Wednesdays.
- An adult to lend a helping hand on Sundays for the three/four-year-olds class.

Become a taste tester and earn money for yourself and Mount Olivet! There is a bonus program for new testers this fall—sign up online and the first time you participate in a taste test Mount Olivet will receive \$20 instead of the normal \$10. Also, the organization that has the most people participate during the promotional period (9/1/2011-3/31/2012) will receive an additional \$250! To sign up, go to www.fpitesters.com. For more information on this program, contact Rindee Erdmann at rerdmann@moply.org or 763-509-9401.

Mount Olivet members Barb and Norm Olson and their work with a refugee family last fall will be included in a special on WCCO-TV Channel 4 airing today at 1:30 p.m. The special is titled: *Refugee Resettlement: Faith Communities Making a Difference.*

GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Join the Mount Olivet Brew Crew

Do you like to brew your own beer or make your own wine? Would you like to learn how? Join in the tradition of Martin and Katie Luther and attend the fall kick-off meeting on Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m. This year we will plan to meet the first and third Sundays of each month. The first Sundays will feature an outside speaker or a Brew Crew member highlighting a special recipe or technique. The third Sunday we will bottle what we brewed, and offer an opportunity for those who don't have equipment to brew a personal batch. Led by experienced brewmaster Eric Hansen and not-quite-as-experienced-but-very-able-assistant Kevin Miller, on October 2 we'll brew a batch of the ever popular Trappist Ale, Eric will demonstrate his recipe for pumpkin beer, and everyone will have an opportunity to view the calendar of topics and field trips. (Oktoberfest at Gasthof, anyone?) Meet at Paul and Gail Nelson's home—call 763-550-1858 for directions. Also, bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Eric at nodakeric@aol.com or Kevin at Kevin.miller11@comcast.net.

West Suburban Grief Coalition will meet at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church through November. Meetings are held every Thursday at 4:30 p.m., with registration and refreshments beginning at 4 p.m. St. Philip the Deacon is located at 17205 County Road 6 in Plymouth. Call 763-475-7126 for directions. Contact Marie Wagner for more information: 763-509-9409 or mwagner@moply.org.

Christian Yoga will begin a new session on Thursday, Sep 29 at 7:00 p.m. in CM140. The classes include prayer, scripture, breath, hatha yoga postures and meditation, taught by Yahweh Yoga trained instructor, Julie Thour. Cost is \$50—bring a yoga mat and water. Contact Julie at rjthour@gmail.com or 763-557-0269.

Congratulations to Pastor Jane Buckley-Farlee, Senior Pastor of our companion congregation, Trinity Lutheran. Pastor Jane is receiving the Race, Church and Change Award from Luther Seminary. This award recognizes individuals who have significantly impacted society through multicultural ministry, race relations and reconciliation.

"Pastor Jane lives out leadership and invites others to do the same to advocate for systemic change in institutional racism... With a ministry defined by active listening, persistence, and presence, Buckley-Farlee leads with quiet strength a church that is at the forefront of ministry for the 21st century."

taking questions

wednesdays @ mount olivet

How does Jesus call us to relate to non-Christians?

WHY INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MATTERS

This year we will explore the single theme of how to regard those of different faiths. Each month, we will consider a different faith tradition, usually with a guest presenter who practices that faith. We will devote our time to learning more about that particular belief system, spend some time dialoging with our guest about points of convergence and divergence in our respective traditions, then take some "in house" time on the final Wednesday of each month to process what we've learned.

Interspersed with our conversations with other faith traditions will be a monthly study of Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity*. This book will help us in our understanding of our own faith tradition as we consider others. This reflection time will be led by Pastor John on the first Wednesday of each month

September 28: WHY INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MATTERS

Pastor John leads debriefing

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| October | JUDAISM |
| 5 | Book study on the first section of <i>A New Kind of Christianity</i> , pages 1-66. |
| 12 & 19 | Rabbi Barry Cytron |
| 26 | Pastor John leads debriefing |

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| November | ATHEISM |
| 2 | <i>A New Kind of Christianity</i> , pgs 67-107 |
| 9 & 16 | Doctoral candidate Erick Thompson |
| 23 | Thanksgiving break, no class |
| 30 | Debriefing on atheism |

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| December | ISLAM |
| 7 | No class. Pastor John is in Africa. |
| 14 & 21 | Pastor Jane Buckley-Farlee from our partner church, Trinity, will bring a Muslim guest. |
| 28 | Debriefing on Islam |

No fee will be charged for **taking questions** this year. These sessions are open to all and a free-will donation will be taken to cover the costs. Sessions meet every Wednesday from 6:50-8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Joy Miller at jmillier@moply.org or 763-509-9407 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVET

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Use the white pew card or call the church office (763-559-2775) to let us know of concerns you would like on the Prayer List. Confidential concerns will never appear on this list.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Ken, Marilyn & Elizabeth Zieska as they grieve the death of Ken's father, Ken, on September 21. Pray for comfort and peace for the entire family.
- Ed, Connie & Molly Parker. Molly is facing surgery in October and a 10-day hospital stay. Pray for comfort, peace and patience for all.
- Doug Meythaler's mother Vicky, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Karen Anderson's cousin Susie Olson, having extensive surgery to prevent further colon cancer.
- Paul & Maribeth Grimsby and family as they grieve the death of Paul's father, Rev. Dr. Hoover T. Grimsby on September 10.
- Scott & Nikki Fielder. Scott is currently hospitalized with severe pain and bruising and the doctors have been unable to diagnose what is going on. Pray that the doctors will be able to determine a cause and find effective treatment.
- The family of Colleen Rossmann, who died on September 14 after a short battle with leukemia.
- Rolf Sponheim, friend of Lori Schwartz, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemotherapy for a miracle healing. Pray also for Rolf's wife and children.
- Stephanie Madson, diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and who began chemotherapy on September 2. Pray for healing, comfort and peace for Stephanie, her husband Josh, family and friends.
- Rich Ambrookian, recovering at home. Pray for strength, comfort and continued progress.
- Ron Dickmeyer, recuperating from a bone marrow transplant. Pray for continued healing and strength.
- Craig Sunde's brother, Don. Pray that his life will be transformed through a time of awareness, learning, care and hard work.

PRAY FOR MOUNT OLIVET MEMBERS IN CARE CENTERS:

Don Elstad Janet Ontko

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

- Logan Tyler, John & Nancy Darnall's nephew, serving in Afghanistan.
- Neil G. Broman, USMC, stationed in CA.
- Jason Schmid, in Special Forces training.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 25 MILESTONE

- 8:00 a.m. MaD Fundraiser Breakfast (FH)
- 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion (WC)
- Nursery care is available for children ages birth to two years during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.**
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Explorers
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Forum (265)
- 6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)

MONDAY, September 26

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (265)

TUESDAY, September 27

- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Events Committee (Fireside)
- 6:30 p.m. 4H (CM150)
- 7:00 p.m. LWR Quilters (265)

WEDNESDAY, September 28

- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Subway (FH)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship (WC)
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir (272)
- 6:50 p.m. BE, Club 56, Confirmation
- 6:50 p.m. Taking Questions: *Why Interfaith Dialogue Matters* Debrief (265)
- 8:00 p.m. 10th Grade Confirmation (Fireside)

THURSDAY, September 29

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (WC)
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Event (WC)
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)
- 7:30 p.m. Gathering Rehearsal (WC)

FRIDAY, September 30

- 10:00 a.m. Scrapbookers (265)

SATURDAY, October 1

- 7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (283)
- 8:00 a.m. Scrapbookers (265)

SUNDAY, October 2

- 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion (WC)
- Nursery care is available for children ages birth to two years during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.**
- 9:30 a.m. Tie-dye by Door C
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Explorers
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education (265)
- 6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Pet Blessing (Outside, FH if raining)