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Mount of Olives Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 AM (English)

Coffee Time
in Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM

Sunday School
10:20 AM

Worship 11:30 AM (Spanish)

Iglesia Monte de los Olivos

Calendario para los Domingos

Misa 11:30 AM (Español)
Para información
Pastora Martha
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Words from Pastora Martha:

WHO TEACHES OUR CHILDREN?

" that you may so revere the Lord your God that you will keep all his statutes and commandments that I am giving you – you, your children, and your grandchildren – all your lives, to prolong your days."

Deuteronomy 6:2

In this passage above, we can say that is "the heart" of God's teachings for the people to recall the statutes. Now in the promised land, so that they be a people that know the fear of The Lord, and put in action its statutes. Therefore their days are prolonged, so that things go well with them. See the order, first God gives the laws, then God explains how to use them and them more than that God provides a promise for those who comply with them.

The biblical text is very clear that the Parents are responsible for teaching the children the fear of God, and guiding them in the doctrine of Faith in the One God and teaching them to love God with all their heart, with all their soul and with all their might.

It seems today a difficult task to teach the Faith; today, when the children spend most of the time in the schools, preschools, daycare, or with a babysitter, that does not fear God; or still worse when the internet or the playing of Playstation, Xbox and Nintendo traps their attention; not to mention the world of the television. I refer to Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon or Disney Channel, which have been left the task to educate and raise our children "because it's the only way to have quiet time".

We have to assume our responsibility as the parents; primarily, that the word of God is in our hearts, and then that we repeat it our children. We can think about the repetition like a teaching method that continues until the day that it is learned and used. This is an important way of learning, just as we learned the multiplication tables. But it also says to speak of them in the house, from the dawn and continue to the end of the day. On the road when we transport our children, always one must speak of statutes of God as the explanation and the application of the word in everyday life. Then there are the visual methods of tying it as sign, like hoods, in the posts and doors of the house.

This responsibility is yours and mine. We give the best inheritance to our children that know and love God as you and I. It is more valuable than gold to God, that they surpass us in this in the posts and doors of the house.

LET US PRAY: Father, you give us the best inheritance that our children can receive, that they know you, love you and serve you. By Jesus we ask it of you. Amen.

The Olive Branch requests

that you



check your kitchen



check your extra purses



check your garage



FOR DONATIONS TO THE OLIVE BRANCH THRIFT STORE

and then



check with your neighbors



check with your friends



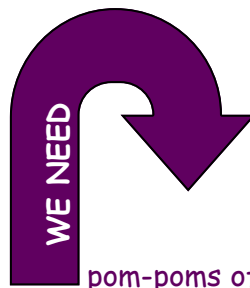
check with your work

The Olive Branch continues to be in need of household items (pots, pans, dishes, etc. always seem to sell quickly).

Donations can be brought in during open hours--

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 - 1:00 Friday - 10:00 - 1:00

Thursday - 3:00-6:00



- yarn
- ribbon
- Sharpie markers
- hole punches
- water bottle caps
- pipe cleaners or chenille stems
- glitter
- cotton balls
- magnet pieces
- small jewels
- buttons
- pom-poms of various sizes
- silk flowers

Needed for VBS!!

shake it up cafe!!

WHEN: June 13 - 17, 2011

WHERE: Shepherd of the Hills
Congregational Church

TIME: 9:00 - 11:30 A.M,

AGE: 3 years old through 6th grade
Registration closes June 5

3x5 index cards
masking tape

empty paper towel tubes

mats

green floral tape

sequins

fabric pieces

pens

stickers

scotch tape

napkins

jar tops

place

Registration forms are available in the narthex

Bring your donations to church by June 5!

Christian Education

for the summer

During the summer months Christian Ed for children will be using the Spark Family summer magazine "Splash in God's Word," as our study guide. We will be reviewing many of the stories involving *water* which was our theme this year.



The Adult Forum will feature a variety of topics which will begin on June 26 with a visit from Valley Interfaith Project. A schedule of the other topics will be forthcoming.

Sunday Mornings 10:20 am

There will be a special fellowship time on Pentecost, June 12.

See you there!

By the Grace of God and the Call of the Church

Priscilla N. Paris-Austin

has been Called and Ordained

to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

You are invited to attend the

Service of Installation at

Mount of Olives Evangelical Lutheran Church

3546 East Thomas Road

Phoenix, AZ 85018

Sunday, June 5, 2011

4:00 pm

Bishop Steve Talmage will preach.

A reception will be held in the

Fellowship Hall

immediately following the service.

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Church Council Corner May 2011



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The meeting was called to order by Drew Peterson.

In attendance: Drew Peterson, Paula Duran, Maggie Oakley, Dolly Moll, Pastora Martha, Louis Turner, Patty Miller, Pastor Priscilla.

Absent: Paul McCloskey, Kay Peters, Gary Decker, Laurie Nicholas, Donna Long.

Dolly led the Bible study with a reading from Revelations 1 and all participated in a timely discussion about "The Rapture."

In lieu of minutes, the April Council Corner was reviewed.

Executive Committee: Discussed developing a written policy about inappropriate behavior on the campus which would give clear guidelines about when police should be called. Other churches will be asked about the types of policies they have and this policy would be shared with all groups meeting on the property. The resignation of the Olive Branch manager was discussed.

Pastor's Report: Expressed her gratefulness for the Visiting Lay Minister's team and the great job they're doing. More will be trained to take communion to the homebound. She discussed the fact that more and larger requests are being made to the Good Shepherd fund. The Committee Chairperson's met as a group for the first time. The Web site may need to be moved to a new server. Pastor Priscilla will be contacting the Child-Time headquarters to discuss their plans for the end of June. The Latino ministers meeting will be held at Mount of Olives this month. Comments on the diversity training held in Carefree were positive and methods of bring what we learned to our congregation were discussed.

Latino Pastor's Report: Repeat attendance is still an issue. Pastora Martha, Pastor Priscilla and Dolly have begun printing a weekly announcement bulletin for the 11:30 service. Pastora Martha will attend part of the Synod Assembly as a guest.

Education: The team is gearing up for VBS. Our group is handling the registration. The annual pool part will be held at the Peterson home on May 29. The Children's sermon time during the summer will follow a continuous reading series involving more people from the congregation.

Church Life: The reception following the installation of Pastor Priscilla on June 5 is being planned. Invitations will be sent out via email and USPS.

Worship & Music: Pentecost will not be a bilingual service, but there will be a joint fellowship time between services. A large portion of the meeting was spent discussing the mixed reviews about the Lenten and Holy Week services. Music & Meditation Sunday will be July 10.

Endowment : A request has been made to use available monies to re-floor the Food Closet, kitchens and hallway of the West Wing. Liaisons were reminded to tell their respective committee chairs to make requests of available money.

Witness & Outreach: Discussion was held about visitors who come once

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(both-unless on pastoral calls)

and then are not seen again. The After-School of Music recital is June 4. Rita Hotchkiss as resigned as manager of the Olive Branch. Discussion was held about the best way to find a replacement. Fourth Friday Family Fun Event will be May 27.

Property: No written report. Signage has been installed about loitering.

Stewardship: No report.

Long Range Planning: Did not meet yet this month.

Congregational Life: Missional Leadership and Visiting Lay Ministers are new sub-committees. A multi-cultural pot luck is being planned. Discussion was held about who is qualified to be a member of the Missional Leadership team.

Treasurer's Report-Finance Committee: Treasurer's reports for April were reviewed. While it was noted that contributions improved in April, Mount of Olives continues to be heavily dependent upon rental from outside groups. It was also noted that a Pastor's salary is higher than a Vicar's salary and that the difference will be felt. The Committee requested that the Council review the decision to not get a Church credit card. The council requested that the Committee bring in further information and present guidelines for usage of the card.

Other Business: Request was made to pay for Pastora Martha's meals at the Synod Assembly.

Prayer concerns were shared.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dolly Moll, Council Member



Don't Forget!

BINGO! is returning on August 8!

Start saving your BINGO! prizes now!




BIRTHDAYS

- 06/05 Eunice Howard
- 06/08 Kathleen Kelly
- 06/16 Al Pfordte
- 06/18 Norm Aden
- 06/23 Sonja Segond
- 06/30 Maxine Blaine

Anniversaries

- 06/10 Al & Penny Larson
- 06/16 Michael & Patty Miller



The Fourth Friday Family Fun Event

Hey, Kids! It's a hoe-down

June 24, 5:30—8 pm

Dinner & Line-Dancing in the Fellowship Hall
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

April 2011 Financial Picture

Apr. 2011

Expenses:

Total Expenses: 15,391.11
Net Income: -3,004.08

April 2011 Income:

Contributions:	7,134.45
Use of Facilities & Other:	5,252.58
Total Income:	12,387.03

Jan - Apr
Jan - Apr
Jan -Apr

2011 Income: 67,505.71
Expenses: 60,165.00
Net Income: 7,340.71

**“This Jesus
God raised up,
and of that all
of us are
witnesses.”**
Acts 2:32, NRSV

The Witness & Outreach Committee

One of the busiest, largest and widest reaching committees at Mount of Olives is the Witness & Outreach Committee. And if we really think about it, just about every activity taking place here could come under its umbrella. Every activity - on or off the campus - which involves any member of this church is a *witness* to our neighborhood about the members of Mount of Olives. Everything we do or say is *reaches out* to those who hear or see us.

This committee oversees the Food Closet, the Olive Branch, the After-School of Music, Fourth Friday Family Fun Event, BINGO!, the web site, gifts to Sunday visitors and new member classes. Each function is discussed at every meeting, so you can imagine that each two-hour meeting is filled with many ideas. Gail Peterson is the chair of the committee which also includes Penny Larson, Pat Elliott, Lois Lewandowski, Dolly Moll, Bill Grimm, Ron Gugino, Pastor Priscilla and Rita Hotchkiss.

Each member of the committee is usually more involved in a particular area, but this spirit-filled group always offers suggestions and ideas for the other areas. When thinking about W & O, the picture of a spider web often comes to mind -- individual arms reaching out, but all connected together and supporting each other with Christ as our center. A spider web in nature appears fragile, but is really very strong. If one part breaks, the rest of the web will support it. This is also true of the many arms of this committee. Even if a sitting member is not directly involved with a particular activity, every one is ready to assist if necessary and to offer ideas, prayer and support.

This month Rita Hotchkiss announced her resignation from the Olive Branch. We are most grateful for all of the work and leadership shown by Rita since the inception of the thrift store. When Rita and her crew of volunteers began, half of the building (at that time it was the Music Building) was piled about 12 feet high with boxes and bags of donations. That group worked their way through those piles to create “The Olive Branch Thrift Store - A Ministry of Mount of Olives.” Thank you, Rita & crew!

The Food Closet can involve as many as 200 volunteers during a year and has touched the lives of 20,000 people for several years. Penny Larson oversees this outreach program and works with other food banks in the valley to keep our shelves stocked. Recently an opportunity to assist our guests in applying for Food Stamps has begun. The volunteers have lunch and devotions together each Wednesday & Thursday. And, then, there is the Meat Distribution day 2 days before Thanksgiving when the parking lot is filled with lines of people waiting for food. Dozens of extra volunteers and pastors from other area churches and groups help on that day!

The After-School of Music now has 12 students and a recital on June 4. Please try to attend and support our young musicians--some of whom have been playing for only one month!

And then there's BINGO! Around 90 people attended the last time Mount of Olives brand of BINGO! was offered. This wouldn't be possible without your donations for prizes. Everybody wins and everyone has a great time! The next BINGO! night is August 8, so keep your eyes open for BINGO! prizes.

A new outreach program is the Fourth Friday Family Fun Event which is especially geared towards families and children. The evening begins with a meal and then an activity for children. This month it's Water Fun! Come and join the fun!

Each month a different committee will be featured in The Olive Press. This month the featured committee is Witness & Outreach

June 2011 Worship Service Volunteers

DATE	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters Coordinator Helen Hart	Vivian Christiansen	Paul Rlhs	Helen Hart Russ Hart	Maggie Oakley
Ushers Coordinator Dolly Moll	Mona Pfordte Al Pfordte	Norm Aden Steve Hall	Dolly Moll Carole Baali	Olivia Miller Patty Miller
Lessons Reader Coordinator — Dolly Moll	Patty Miller	Dan Newkirk	Paul McCloskey	Ken Turner
Communion Assistants Coordinator Sheila Cathcart	Gail Peterson Sonja Segond Renée Austin	Betty Giebelhaus Jean Twist Mateo Austin	Pat Elliott Sheila Cathcart Ce-Ce Austin	Mona Pfordte Al Pfordte Mateo Austin
Counters Coordinator Trinka Jones	Wally Arlt Trinka Jones	Laurie Nicholas Trinka Jones	Wally Arlt Theresa McQuown	Trinka Jones Laurie Nicholas

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

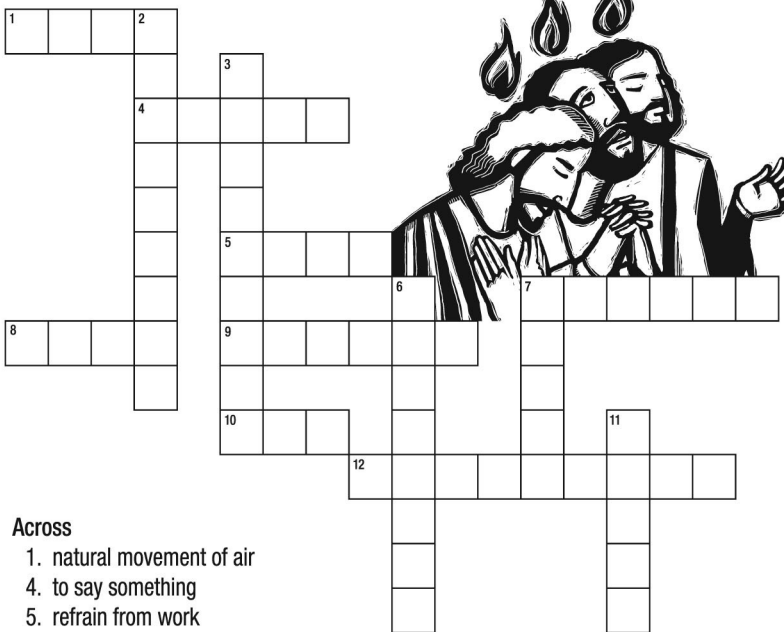
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



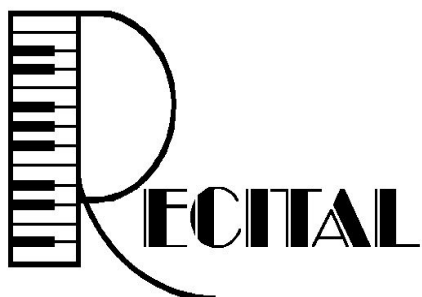
Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound



The Mount of Olives
After-School of Music
invites you to its
spring recital
June 4, 2011 -- 2:00 P.M.
in the Sanctuary
A reception will follow



I have mixed emotions when I receive

Father's Day gifts.

I'm glad my children remember me, But I'm disappointed that they actually think I dress that way."

Mike Dugan

Like Father, Like Child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves; Integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father -- her heavenly Father-- in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!!

The Power of Pentecost

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost., But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues.

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power. Worship services sometimes include hymns, prayers and Scriptures in various tongues. To simulate the original Pentecost experience, congregations may say the Lord's Prayer in several languages at once.

Remember to wear RED when you come to worship on Pentecost, June 12.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**Our mission is to connect people to Jesus Christ.
we are called to meet human needs in His name.**



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and my entire Sunday school class?"

Third Wednesday Ladies

June 15, 2011 - 1:00 P.M.

The Black Forest Mill
48th Street & Indian School Road
Jewell Rihns, Hostess

July Olive Press Deadline:

Noon June 15, 2011

Drop off any article you wish to have
in the newsletter.

Items for the bulletin need to be in the
office by noon on Wednesday.