

**Mt Olivet Presbyterian Church**



**Christ**

**Church is to encourage and provide Disciples of Christ  
opportunities for:**

**Worship - Bible Study - Small Group - Using Gifts - Outreach  
Fellowship**  
*(Focused time With God) (Focused time In God's Word) (Focused time Sharing/Praying) (Focused time using our Gifts) (Focused time in the World)*

**ADDRESS UPDATE:** Betty Lou Nadig-379 EMX6/MXOC, Unit 61216, APO AE 09309-1216

**OCTOBER 31, 2017 IS THE 500<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY** of the Protestant Reformation, started when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis for Reformation of the Church on the door of the Church in Wittenburg that sparked the movement in the Church based on Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Glory to God Alone. Thanks be to God!

**DON'T FORGET TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS TO "FALL BACK" BEFORE YOU GO TO BED NEXT SATURDAY!!**

**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR NEXT SCHEDULED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of election of Officers. This meeting will be a part of our Worship Service that morning. Keep our nominating committee and those being considered for election in prayer throughout the month. May the Spirit be leading and we be willing to follow.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FOR COST FOR CEMETERY PLOTS** due to the rising costs in maintenance. Effective immediately, cemetery plot for Non-members will be \$650.00. Starting January 1, cemetery plot for members will be \$300.00 (currently \$100.00). Just as a reminder, Jon Miller is now our cemetery caretaker (412) 855-4539. Because of the number of requests for plots, Jon will be setting aside Oct. 28, November 4 (21?) and December 16 for reviewing plots.

### **THE WOODWORTH FAMILY-OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY FAMILY**

SIBERIA-Our work in Tyumen continues to move in unexpected ways. Under the new rules governing Russia, creative means are being developed to help bring Reformed training to pastors and church planters throughout the region. When I talked with leaders through skype this month I asked about the obstacles they were facing. They told me simply "This is dangerous. Training pastors is dangerous. Creating a seminary is dangerous. Simply being a Christian here is dangerous."

As I mentioned briefly in a previous newsletter, I was honored to have been accepted into a PH. D. program at the London School of Theology to study Global Theological Education. In October, I journeyed "across the pond" to gather with the two other students in my program and to spend some needed time with my program supervisor.

While in the UK, I also had the opportunity to meet Chris Hall, a Board of Trustee member for one of our partner institutions in Albania called ISTL. Chris invited me to serve as an academic advisor for the Board, assisting with curriculum design, accreditation and faculty development.

Finally, having some difficulty getting a visa in time, I was still able to take advantage of a better timezone difference by connecting with our partners in Siberia over skype to encourage new students and make plans with the leadership for next Spring.

### **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES/EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS**

**WE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS SERVICE ON DECEMBER 10** with special practices scheduled for Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 3 following worship and lasting until 1-1:30. Lunch will be provided and all youth are invited to participate.

**THOSE WHO BOUGHT HOAGIES FROM THE YOUTH GROUP MAY PICK THEM UP MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 BETWEEN 6:00 AND 7:00 PM.**

**STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS ARE DUE AT THE CHURCH THIS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

**FIT AND TRIM WILL NOT MEET ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

**GRIEF GROUP WILL MEET FOR LUNCH AT TRENNEY'S GRILL ON NOV. 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 AM.**

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY! MEETS** weekly on Tuesday Nights at 7:00! This is a Christ Centered, Biblically based Recovery program to help us break free from our hurts, hang-ups and habits. The meetings consist of Worship, Large Group session focused on Principles of Recovery and Testimony, followed by Small Group sessions that focus on specific Issues.

**SESSION HAS SCHEDULED** a budget meeting for Nov. 13 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of drafting our 2018 Budget.

**THE NOVEMBER SESSION/DEACONS MEETING IS NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM.** Please have the docket, meeting minutes and monthly finance report to Cathy by 9:00 AM, Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> so that she can prepare the packets.

**THE 25<sup>TH</sup> STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES AND MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING WILL BE NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8:15 AM TO 3:00 PM AT TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY 311 ELEVENTH STREET, AMBRIDGE, PA.** The presenters will be teaching on Biblical foundations of wholesome church discipline, discipleship and accountability in small groups, corporate discipline and personal testimonies. There will be time for discussion at tables throughout the meeting. There will be a brief business meeting following the Ministry Effectiveness Training. All ruling Elders are encouraged to attend this meeting and training event. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Early registration is appreciated to give the caterers accurate numbers for dinner.

**NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS** are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 19 starting at 6:00 PM. We will be focusing on a fun activity, God's Word discussion on Dating/Marriage and Thanksgiving to God, and planning our next special activities and Winter Retreat on Jan.12-14 at Seneca Hills Retreat Center. All Youth, grades 5-12, are encouraged to come and join us!

**BOOK BAGS**-Thursdays at 6:30PM. However we will be packing them on Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> due to Veteran's Day and Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> due to Thanksgiving.

For anyone who shops on Amazon, there is a great way to support the backpack program just for doing your regular on-line shopping! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church. .5% of your total will go towards supporting the book bag program; you pay the same prices but Amazon gives back. Please make sure that you use "smile" each time you shop to help us raise funds to support the ministry!  
We are in need of vegetables, oatmeal, cereal and canned lunch items.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AND WILL NOT MEET THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING.**

**THE LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 5 AT MAGG'S AT SHADOW LAKE GOLF CLUB AT 6PM.** That night is their prime rib night priced at \$15.95. If you want one, please indicate on the sign-up sheet, or call Pat Clark at (724)378-4309. We are ordering off the menu and they have gluten-free. Reservations are due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. All ladies of the church are welcome!

**THE LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CHURCH,** pending Session approval. Again, all ladies of the church are welcome. More details to follow in the December newsletter.

**PLEASE SEND CATHY ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE DECEMBER NEWS LETTER BY 9AM, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

**IT'S BACK!! WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE IN INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP IS BACK** on November 15<sup>th</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> from 8-10 AM. We will be offering

coffee and a few breakfast items. Come out and meet your neighbors and perhaps a township official or two, over a fresh cup of java, offer suggestions to make our Township a better place to live, and connect with other residents at the Independence Township Community Center.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM AT INDEPENDENCE TWP. COMMUNITY CENTER-A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST.** Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, Juice and Milk. Adults-\$8, Kids 5 to 12-\$5, Kids 4 and under eat free. We proudly serve Brunton's milk and Seibel's eggs. There will be crafters & vendors, raffles, cookie & bake sale, Kid's craft & coloring table, SANTA CLAUS, and a story reader from BF Jones Library. Please support our Christmas Giving Project for local families in need and bring-new winter hats, gloves, mittens, etc.-for kids, babies & adults. Sponsored by and benefits Independence Twp. Community Center Committee. Thanks for your support!

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

In the military Brad Staby, Gene Roberts, Jonathan Miller, Greg Estel, Lucas Estel, Kyle Heinlein, Corvin Miller & Betty Lou Nadig; Shut-ins: Violet McElhaney.

#### CONCERNS:

Pete Barness - bone cancer  
Gretchen Morrow  
Norm Catalucci's mother and father  
Maggie Wojtarowicz  
Becky Shirkey (Jane Roberts' Daughter)-breast cancer  
Beverly Thomas-ongoing cancer treatment  
Jerry Wells (Sue Riley-Day's Brother)-Macular Degeneration  
Dr. Hope Moser (Sue Riley-Day's Niece)-breast cancer  
Heather Stein - Health Concerns  
Jimmy George (Linda's Brother-in-Law) - Health issues  
Sonny McElhaney (Linda George's Brother) - Recovery from surgery  
Ethel Sweitzer (Jeff's Mom) - Heart Surgery/Health Issues  
Pax O'Donnell (Grandson of Curtis & Tracy Newell) - cancer

#### DEACON'S 2017 TRANSPORTATION LIST

\*People to call who stated they could help provide transportation for those in need.

Melissa Law 724-378-9583	Donna McCoy 724-494-3661
Nancy Mutkus 724-378-3363	Mary Ellen Estel 724-375-7361
Ann McCoy 724-375-7351	Barb Zianni 724-947-9111 Duane Miller 724-561-3121
John Fitzgerald 724-378-3378	
Scott Taylor 724-375-8377	Martha Jean Hardenbrook 724-622-7695

MONTHLY HOME VISIT DEACON FOR NOVEMBER: Denise Herron at (724)899-2846.