

MT. OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE SESSION

JANUARY 2020

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT

A Need for Spiritual Discernment

God wants us to live in the knowledge of His word for our lives. He does not want us to live by feelings nor by sight but through his gift of discernment. To have the gift of discernment is "the capacity to judge situations and determine what His best is for us" and Rev. Dr. Willie Keaton, Jr.

and the Session encourage you to live in God's will with this gift of discernment.

We can easily become distracted or fearful of the situations around us every day. However, during these times of uncertainty, it is unhealthy and unwise to rely on what you see and hear. According to Philippians 1:9-11 it says, "9 And

this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God." The Session

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continues to pray for each of you and your families and ask that you seek God's

blessings through joy and peace.

We love you, Mt. Olive and Happy New Year!

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

MT. OLIVE NEWS

Join us each Sunday for breakfast at 9am and Sunday school at 9:30am and Wednesday night bible study at 6:30pm.

Did you know we have a Prayer line? Please mark your calendars and join us for this brief call on Tuesdays at 7pm. Dial 704-586-9720 then enter code 63275994#.

Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19 and all active members are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Observance is Monday, January 20. The church office will be closed.

Presbyterian ladies are encouraged to participate in any of the PW bible study circles. Please contact Moderator, Sandra Grier or Co-Moderator, Ann Coleman for circle leaders.

It is not too late to pay your Per Capita assessment of \$35 for 2019. Please mark your envelope accordingly.

Mt. Olive News



Children/Youth had a very successful and fun lock-in on December 19th. Twelve youth were in attendance. We welcomed youth from First United and The Mount of Charlotte. Youth enjoyed games, pizza, chips, and drink. To hype them up even more, there was a hot chocolate bar with peppermint and cinnamon sticks. Hot chocolate would not be complete without marshmallows. Each child in attendance was able to go home with a gift card and a bag. Looking forward to another event.



PRESBYTERY NEWS AND EVENTS

PRESBYTERY READING GROUP

Presbytery Resource Center at Union Presbyterian Seminary at 5141 Sharon Road, Charlotte

The Presbytery Reading Group will meet on Thursday, January 23rd at 10:30 am at the Resource Center. Join us for what should be a lively discussion! *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks.

From Amazon review: ...this book is meant to help us all lead more meaningful lives. But it's also a provocative social commentary. We live in a society, Brooks argues, that celebrates freedom, that tells us to be true to ourselves, at the expense of surrendering to a cause, rooting ourselves in a neighborhood, binding ourselves to others by social solidarity and love. We have taken individualism to the extreme-and in the process we have torn the social fabric in a thousand different ways. The path to repair is through making deeper commitments. In *The Second Mountain*, Brooks shows what can happen when we put commitment-making at the center of our lives.

NEXT CHURCH ELDER SYMPOSIUM: CHARLOTTE

Covenant Presbyterian Church January 25, 2020

Habakkuk 2:2 tells us: "Write the vision, make it plain." God is our vision as the church, leading us forward in challenging and sometimes turbulent circumstances. But how do we discern God's vision for us, and how do we interpret challenges to that vision as opportunities for growth and transformation? Join us as we delve into these questions together! A morning of equipping and connecting elders for a vibrant leadership. Come alone, come with a fellow elder, or come with your entire session!

Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Willie Keaton, Jr. Clerk: Quinten Montgomery, Jerry Grier, Ricky Morrison,
Brenda Witherspoon, Donna Hudson, Ellen Young, Draford Potts, Jr., Leonard J. Mauney, Ronald Straite,
Wanda Belk and Renita Spears

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John Lathan, Marlon McCullough, Myocia Montgomery, Veronica Young, Patricia Mauney and
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" Operating In The Neutral Zone "

In football we define the "Neutral Zone " as the length of the football, which divides the two opposing teams from one another.

In politics, there are many different parties that divide people into a particular category, where you either sway Right or Left.

In today's society we're often faced with many decisions. We're given a choice to do whatever it is we want to do. It's either "This Way or That Way ".

"Right or Left "

" Hot or Cold "

"Right or Wrong "

"Red or Blue "

"Black or White "

At some point we must put our Biases, Differences, and Pride aside and meet in the middle where Christ stands. This is also the choice that Christ offers us.

Fellowship is when we all come together and worship our God. Which is the moment where we become one as a whole.

*** Think About It ***

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