



Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church



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A Message the Pastor

Mindless Menace of Violence

For there is another kind of violence, slower but just as deadly, destructive as the shot or the bomb in the night. This is the violence of institutions; indifference and inaction and slow decay. This is the violence that afflicts the poor, that poisons relations between men because their skin has different colors. This is a slow destruction of a child by hunger, and schools without books and homes without heat in the winter. This is the breaking of a man's spirit by denying him the chance to stand as a father and as a man among other men. And this too afflicts us all. Bobby Kennedy

Mount Olive celebrating 155 years
Homecoming 2020

Who Are the Session and What Committee Do They Chair?


Moderator: Rev. Dr. Willie J. Keaton, Jr, **Clerk:** Andrea Graham **Asst. Clerk:** Robbie Garriett **Christian Education:** Andrea Graham
Congressional Care & Community Outreach: Brenda Witherspoon & Veronica Young **Evangelism:** Greg White **Finance & Stewardship:** Renita Spears **Personnel:** Quinten Montgomery **Property:** Marlon McCullough **Worship & Music:** Ellen Young **Mission & Planning:** Wanda Belk, Jerry Grier & Robbie Garriett

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Presbytery News and Events

- Congratulations to Rev. Floretta Barbee-Watkins for new role as the Executive at the Presbytery of Detroit. She will also Defend her Dissertation on August 3. We thank Rev. Barbee-Watkins for her help on the Session!
- 147th Stated Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, August 15 at 9:30am and Mt. Olive Sessional representatives are elders Wanda Belk & Marlon McCullough.
- "SEIZE THE MOMENT" ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES FOR THIS TIME. The Presbytery's Anti-Racism Team's webpage has a list of several videos, books, bible studies, webinars and other resources on dismantling system racism for congregations and individuals. Each week, we will highlight one of the resources dealing with the current climate of our community. This week, we highlight the work of Chanequa Walker-Barnes Book: *I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation* Eerdmans, 2019. Chanequa Walker-Barnes offers a compelling argument that the Christian racial reconciliation movement is incapable of responding to modern-day racism. She demonstrates how reconciliation's roots in the evangelical, male-centered Promise Keepers' movement has resulted in a patriarchal and largely symbolic effort, focused upon improving relationships between men from various racial-ethnic groups.



Our Prayer Service is every Tuesday evening at 7pm via Zoom

Bible Study is every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm via Zoom

Mt. Olive News

- * Please view Rev. Keaton's sermons on Facebook live on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and again on YouTube and website for recordings.
- * Continuous prayers to all our church families and friends who are experiencing bereavement or illness. Please let the Session or a member of the Congregation Care and Outreach know of your need.
- * Plans underway for the election of new elders and deacons from the Nominating Committee.
- * Please remember your Ministry of Compassion donation. You may make all donations by mail or on our convenient website pay portal at <https://www.mtolivepres.com/>.
- * Sessional Retreat is tentatively scheduled for September 12 from 9am – 3pm at the Presbytery of Charlotte.
- * We are working diligently to plan for our 155th Homecoming. More information to be presented later. Please remember your Annual Homecoming donation of \$150 which goes towards the building fund.
- * Coming Soon - "Blessing Box" by The Mission and Planning committee. More information to be presented soon.
- * Our Social Media committee continues to work hard with new and innovative ways to keep us connected virtually. Please check out their work on our Facebook, YouTube and website. Kudos Team!
- * The Property committee are working hard to keep our facilities in tip top shape but more is needed. Upcoming projects include parking lot repair replacement, roof repair in the sanctuary and the FLC freezer replacement.



Jesus Is My Superhero

*Jesus is my Superhero.
He is stronger than Superman.
He is faster than the Flash.
He is smarter than Spiderman.
He is wiser than Professor X.
He is more powerful than all the baddies.
They cannot lay a finger on Him,
Jesus has defeated them all.
And He is always protecting me,
Because He loves me.
Jesus is my Superhero!*



Prayer to Hold Fast

“Precious Lord Jesus, You are our hope. Your word tells us to hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering because You are faithful. Lord, we confess that our hope is wavering, even though we try to hold fast. Please take this beautiful promise that You have given to us and write it with permanent ink on our mind and in our heart. Fill us with Your hope and help us not to waver. Amen



We, the Session and Rev. Dr. Willie J. Keaton, Jr love each of you and we pray for you always!

Know Your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash

If you leave home, know your Ws!



The NC Department of Health and Human Services is asking people to remember these three things as we stay strong and continue to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.

If you leave home, practice your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash

- Wear a cloth covering over your nose and mouth.
- Wait 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

These actions can protect our families and neighbors as the state works to ease restrictions while the virus is still circulating.



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