# Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter from the Session

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## A Message from the Session

Seeking His Divine Protection

In the book of Psalm 91 it is a message from God telling us that whoever runs to Him and seeks His divine protection will be saved from ALL calamity and destruction. We encourage you, Mt. Olive church family to read this book from the Bible.

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- <sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,
- <sup>10</sup> no harm will overtake you,

no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways; <sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands.

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the cobra:

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

14 "Because hell loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him:

I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him.

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### **Presbytery News and Events**

#### 155th STATED MEETING

### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3115 Providence Road, Charlotte

Saturday, August 20th at 9:30 am

YOUTH IN THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD' SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) calendar lifts up a special Sunday that celebrates the gifts of young Presbyterians by having them lead what is always a creative, interactive, and engaging service? Our "Youth in the Church and the World" emphasis is traditionally the second or third Sunday of August—a time of transition for most teens and their families. Summer mission trips have happened. Camp has come and gone. Youth conferences have been attended but continue their impact. Back to school and new school adventures await. Youth in the Church and the World Sunday is a wonderful day to hear the voices of the young people in your church, to be challenged by their leadership, and to be encouraged as they share their faith. This resource compilation is being shared with you so that your church—if you are looking for inspiration—will have a place to start your planning! Both in English and Spanish.

# OVERVIEW OF 2022 PW BIBLE STUDY

#### Davidson College Presbyterian Church 100 North Main Street, Davidson

Davidson College Presbyterian Church is hosting an overview of the 2022-2023 Women's study "Celebrating Presbyterian Sabbath." Led by Rev. Dr. John Ryan, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, this study overview will be held at DCPC on Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 to 10:30 am. The class will also be available via 700m. more information, please contact John Ryan at jryan@dcpc.org.

#### Mt. Olive News

- \* If you missed any of Rev. Van Pelt's sermons or want to hear that song one more time then you can follow us on Facebook and YouTube for recordings. A big shout out to Dominque Young and Marlon McCullough for keeping us online!
- \* Sunday School is each Sunday at 9:30am 10:30am. The new 2022-2023 "Precepts for Living"
  books will be arriving by the end of the month. Only
  35 regular and large print books have been ordered
  so please let us know if you wish to receive a book.
- \* In October of 2020, the Presbytery assigned to Mt. Olive an Administrative Commission to help with some challenges the church was experiencing. Since then, the former pastor accepted another call, the church bylaws were modified, a new Session elected, and Rev. Darrell VanPelt accepted the temporary pastor role. We want to share that during this upcoming Presbytery meeting to be held on August 20th, it will be announced the dissolution of the AC. Mt. Olive, you should, through the grace of God be proud of the work that you and the leadership has put in to get to this point. We will continue to move the church forward and if you have any questions, please see Rev. VanPelt or the clerk after church. Peace and blessings to you all.
- \* "Ministering through the Generations" Psalm 78:4 Our 157 Homecoming celebration is on Sunday, August 28 at 10:30am. We will have a repas afterwards. You are invited to join us for two nights of revival under the tent on Thursday, August 25 and Friday, August 26 at 6:30pm. Guest minister, Rev. Maurice Miller will preach our Camp Fire on Thursday night. Minister of Music, Rev. Aaron Orr, will preach to the Millennials/Gen X on Friday night. Saturday, August 27 is a Family Fun festival starting at 11am 2pm with food, face painting, and just some good ole' family fun time.

# Noah's Ark Word Search





#### COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHTS



**Christian Ed:** Preparing for communicants' classes soon for new membership; started a "Back to School" drive starting 8/7 -8/21; need two Children and Youth Advisors and the new 2022-2023 "*Precepts for Living*" Sunday School books are on the way.

**Congregational Care & Outreach:** Continues to send special cards to members and preparing to inventory and stock paper goods (such as paper plates, cups, napkins, etc) for the kitchens for future usages.

Finance & Stewardship: Working with Property Committee for funds needed for various repairs around our campus and anticipating donations from Homecoming to be used for bigger projects such as removal of mold, fixing the hole in the ceiling in the kitchen in the fellowship hall and repaving of the parking lot. Pine needles to be placed around campus this month. The Afterschool program is now closed, and remaining funds left in the account has been moved to the Children and Youth account.

**Property:** \$10k approved to be taken from the building fund for some repairs.

**Evangelism and Worship & Music:** Preparing for 2 nights of revival under the tent, setting up a Family Day and Homecoming program.

#### Who Are the Session and What Committee Do They Chair?

Moderator: Rev. Darrell VanPelt, Clerk: Andrea Graham Asst. Clerk: Robbie Garriett Christian Education: James Anderson Congressional Care & Community Outreach: Ann Coleman & Erin Jamison Evangelism: Andrea Graham Finance & Stewardship: Amanda Wallace Personnel: Lenell Grier Property: Sandra Grier & Shun Young Worship & Music: Jirah Montgomery Mission & Planning: The Session

#### Deacons

Chair: John Lathan, Vice Chair: Ursula Barnett, Secretary: Myocia Montgomery, Kenney Jackson and Ricky Morrison