

Congregational Prayers

Healing and Sympathy:

~For Ione Braswell, who fell and fractured her fibula, but is now recovering at home. Ione will be 101 this month.

~Healing prayers for Gisela.

~For Sue Mink, who has terminal cancer. Sue began chemo/radiation treatments last week and is handling it well.

~For Cobi O'Brien, who has kidney cancer and will have his kidney removal surgery in two weeks.

For those battling cancer and long-term illness: Heather Weir, Karen Watkins, Elizabeth Carnahan, Keith Fairbrother, Jason Micheli, Sally, Joel, Chi Bahn, Christine, Mindy, Judy, Yarikza, Kate Heavner, Peter Joyce, Cindy, Tom Benson, Kay Lewis, Justin, Kent Sapp, Latifa Sharif, Rozanne, Dena, Mary Hays, Susan Newton, Thomas Greving.

Prayers for the World:

~For the Buddhist monks, who are concluding their peace walk this week.

~For LGBTQI activists who have lost an iconic pride flag that the National Park Service has removed from the Stonewall National Monument in New York City. The Stonewall National Monument is the nation's first dedicated to LGBTQ+ rights and history. It was designated as a national monument in 2016. The Greenwich Village monument commemorates the birthplace of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, sparked by police raids at the Stonewall Inn in June, 1969, which set off three days of protesting and rioting. The flag was apparently removed on orders of the Trump Administration.

~May God bless our youth and community through the youth play.

~For peace throughout the world, environmental justice and health for all people.

To submit a prayer concern go to our website mountolivetumc.com/prayers or use the back of the attendance card.

Announcements

Annual Youth Mission Play

Who killed Zeus? When the Greek gods go undercover in modern-day NYC, only one wise detective can stop chaos from breaking loose! Join us for the Mount Olivet and Walker Chapel Players production of Pandemonium on February 13, and 14 at 7 PM or on Sunday, February 15 at 3:30 PM. Tickets are free, but donations encouraged to support Mount Olivet youth missions. Tickets available at the link on our website.

Announcements (continued)

Pancake Supper

Join us on Tuesday, **February 17** from 5:30 pm - 7:00 PM for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving pancakes and gluten free pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and beverages. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent and it is tradition to use up rich foods before the 40 day fasting season of Lent. Please sign up at the link on our website. Contact Tina Marcus with any questions at tmarcus@mtolivet-umc.org

Ash Wednesday at Walker Chapel

We will join our friends at Walker Chapel (4102 North Glebe Road) for Ash Wednesday worship service on **February 18** at 7 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a period of reflection and repentance, where the practice of receiving ashes on the forehead symbolizes the recognition of one's mortality and sinfulness, signifying a call to turn back to God.

Lenten Study

Tell Me Something Good! Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news? Join us for this five-session Lenten study, as we delve in to the good news of the gospel through scripture, art, poetry and hymns. Thursdays, February 26 - March 26, at 7:15 on Zoom. Contact Rev. Stephanie Bekhor for more information at sbekhor@mtolivet-umc.org.

Butterfield's Brigade and Mount Olivet 1861-1862

Completed just before the Civil War, Mount Olivet's original structure was reduced to its foundations by the end of the conflict's first year. It was variously used by the United States Army as - possibly - a hospital, storehouse, picket post, and stable. In this talk, local historian, Michael Schaffner, will explore the likely uses of the building before focusing on the soldiers camped nearby from September 1861 till May 1862. Their story reveals surprising connections to some of the war's great battles, the United States Colored Troops, and the Army's early efforts at graves registration.

Please join our history team on **Sunday, February 22 at 3:00**.

Let us know you are coming.

Email montecampbell@earlthlink.net

Bethune-Cookman University Gospel Choir

Join us for an inspiring performance by the nationally renowned Bethune-Cookman University Gospel Choir on Tuesday, **March 3**, 7 PM in the Sanctuary. This powerful program weaves together songs of praise, introspection, and rejoicing that reflect the depth and joy of the gospel tradition. Come experience an evening of soaring voices, spiritual reflection, and jubilant celebration.

Find additional announcements and more on our website mountolivetumc.com or subscribe to our weekly e-news.



MOUNT
OLIVET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 15, 2026, 9:15 am

Welcome to worship at Mount Olivet! On this last Sunday of Epiphany, the liturgical season of revelation and light, we hear of Jesus' transfiguration on a mountaintop. The disciples observe his visage change; light shines from his face and radiates from his being. The divine proclamation heard at his baptism resounds once more: "This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." May we, too, listen and follow where he leads.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

De La Mare's Pavane from Lambert's Clavichord Herbert Howells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to you, O God, praying for healing.

We come to you, O God, longing for justice

Be with us, O God, as we come to you in worship.

*HYMN #188 Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of light, on this Transfiguration Sunday at the end of the Epiphany season, let us see your glorious light break through once again. As Mose's face shone with your glory on Mt. Sinai, may our faces reflect your light. God of light, visit us once again; we long to see you. Through the power of the Spirit and in the name of the One whom you sent into the world, we pray. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24: 12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.