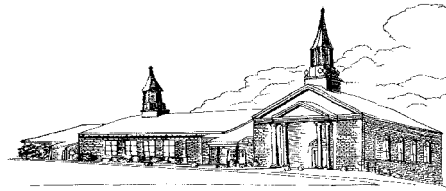


# The Olivet Observer



*"The little church with a big heart"*



**Olivet Presbyterian Church**  
**1019 Richmond Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401**  
**The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor**

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## **The 90<sup>th</sup> Letter of Lee to the Olivet Church:**

The number 12 has always had been a little intriguing to me. I certainly think there is a purpose in the earth taking 12 months to rotate fully around the sun. 12 is a number that is certainly biblically significant. For starters, Jacob had 12 sons who fathered the 12 tribes of Israel. There are 12 minor prophets in the Old Testament from Hosea to Malachi. Jesus first publicly spoke in the temple at age 12. And, of course he originally called 12 disciples. He once healed a woman who had not been well for 12 years. In Matthew's account of the feeding of five thousand with a few bread and fish, at the end of it all he says, "The disciples picked up 12 basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." In the book of Revelation the New Jerusalem is said to have 12 foundations, 12 gates, and 12 angels at the gates. The city was 12,000 cubits in length and is as wide and high as it is long. 12 times 12 is the number 144, and it is written that the walls are "144 cubits thick, by man's measurement which the angel was using." And, there are more times the number 12 is referenced in scripture.

It is also true that 12 Sundays have passed from March 15th through May 31st in 2020 when it was necessary for the Olivet family to meet online for morning worship. That will end as of June 7th. We will be coming together again in person on the first Sunday of this month for outside worship on the old softball field. This will continue to be our plan throughout the summer. We hope everyone who is able and feels safe, will join us in person. Please bring your Bible and your chairs, along with anything you think you might need to block the sun. Although we are able to come closer together, we must still respect social distancing, so please refrain from shaking hands or hugging. Also, please use the restroom before you leave home. We will only open the restrooms in the building for emergency purposes. If it should rain on a Sunday morning, we will have to ask everyone to stay home that week and we will live stream again from inside the building at 9:00. All Sunday services this summer will be held at 9:00 am, and will be casual and comfortable.

We look forward to seeing everyone in person again. We are grateful to God for bringing us through this time and leading us forward together.

Grace and Peace,



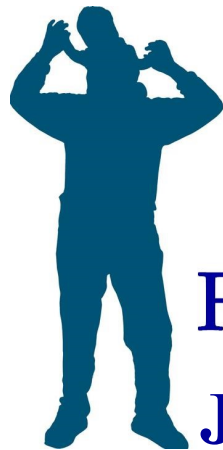
## June Birthdays

Miley Thomas	June 4
Don Reid	June 5
Caleb Campbell	June 10
Jackson Reid	June 11
Jason Stuth	June 12
Mandie Crosby	June 14
Joy Hogshead	June 17
Beth Bonner	June 19
Kala Herman	June 20
Anna Bonner	June 20
David Holsinger	June 22
Krissie Byrd	June 22
Nora Little	June 22
Jessica Little	June 23
Marsha Wakefield	June 24
Wilson Reid	June 24
Kahlan Campbell	June 28



## Happy Anniversary!

Joy and Harry Hogshead	June 2
Melody and Ray Clifton	June 2
Lynette and Mark Miller	June 2
Lynn and Butch DeBord	June 2
Jessica and Andrew Little	June 15
Mary and Gail Tacy	June 15
Laura and Jerry Argenbright	June 19
Shirlene and John Charbeneau	June 19
Julie and D. Reid	June 21
Melanie and Brian Argenbright	June 25



# Happy Father's Day June 21, 2020



No circle meetings are scheduled until further notice.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

We would like to thank those giving a Children's Message for May:

Teresa Whitesell  
Julie Reid  
Mary Jones

## SACRA

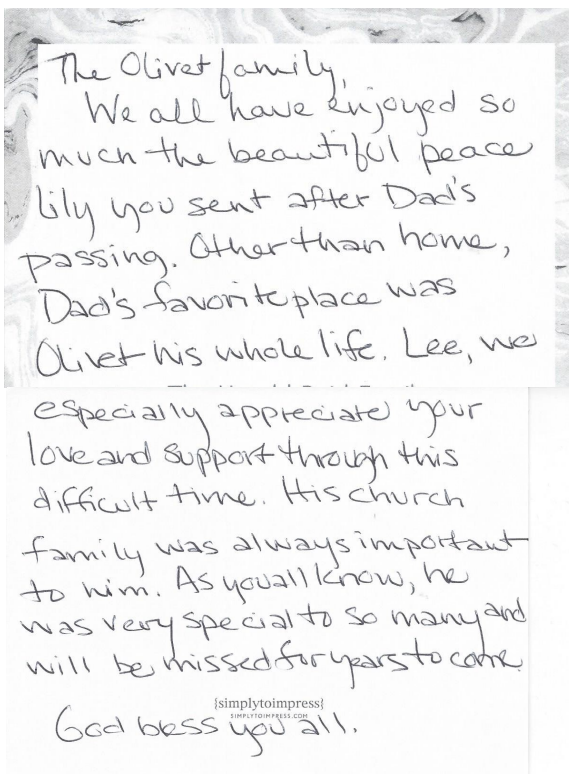
For SACRA during the month of June we will be collecting items such as mustard, mayo, ketchup, relish, pickles, aluminum foil, plastic utensils paper plates, etc. Items may be brought to the church on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. SACRA is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. so we are again making deliveries that are very much appreciated.

## News from the Session

If you are unable to attend the outside service on Sunday, you may mail your contributions to the church at 1019 Richmond Avenue, Staunton VA 24401 or drop them off at the church in a box inside the entrance at the downstairs middle door on Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Our website, [olivetpres.org](http://olivetpres.org), now has a feature to contribute online.

The Session met on June 3, 2020. It was decided to have outside church services at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If raining no services. There will be a live stream service on Facebook. All services will be at 9:00 a.m. and will begin Sunday, June 7, 2020. Elders assigned to open and close the church each month will be responsible for setting up the outdoor services. This will probably be our worship schedule through Labor Day weekend, September 6, 2020.

In July we will have communion. Families are asked to bring their own communion items that have been prepared at home.



The Olivet family,  
We all have enjoyed so much the beautiful peace lily you sent after Dad's passing. Other than home, Dad's favorite place was Olivet his whole life. Lee, we especially appreciate your love and support through this difficult time. His church family was always important to him. As you all know, he was very special to so many and will be missed for years to come.  
God bless you all.

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