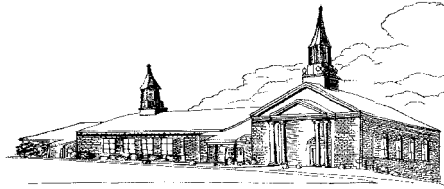


The Olivet Observer



"The little church with a big heart"

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The 111th Letter of Lee to the Olivet Church:

It seems like every year when March arrives, I feel led to write about spring. The first day of that new season will be on Sunday the 20th this year. I've read that it's scheduled to arrive at 11:33 while we are in Sunday school. After the cold of winter and being mostly indoors, it is something exciting to think about. Hasn't it been nice to notice that the days are getting a little longer? We've had more daylight lately, and on the second Sunday of this month time will spring forward. Here's a reminder to move your clocks ahead an hour the night before.

It is good to have things to look forward to, especially these days. There is so much going on in the world that is difficult to understand. Personally, turning to God's word in these uncertain times always brings me comfort, and it will for you too. For example, recently I opened an app that I often turn to and the verse for the day was Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." That passage comes after God has called and commissioned Joshua to lead the people of God forward across the Jordan. The Lord assured an uncertain people he would remain with them.

The day before the Joshua passage was displayed the verse of the day was Isaiah 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. Those are words given as part of a promise that God will have mercy on those who turn to him.

As we move into a new season, it's a great time to renew our commitment to the Lord and His word. There are so many blessings found in the Word of God both in seasons when life seems normal and when life is more challenging. It is my prayer for all of us that we will find the renewal and joy that comes from turning to our Lord and His word.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Lee" written in a cursive, flowing style.



Betty Cauley	March 4
Ronnie Via	March 4
Esther Ann Walton	March 4
Randy Leach	March 5
Kim Miller	March 6
Lilly Harris	March 8
Chris Armstrong	March 13
Jason Harris	March 16
Emmy Young	March 19
Matt Crosby	March 21
Phil Phillips	March 22
Scott McMurrain	March 22
O. L. Cook	March 24
Pat Balsley	March 24
Katie Rexrode	March 24
Wil Reid	March 25
Connie Doyle	March 26
Donald Floyd, Jr.	March 27



Carol and Neal Coiner	March 3
Nancy and Randy Leach	March 21
Barbara and Sonny Masincup	March 29

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on Tuesday, mornings in March at 11:00 a.m.



Circle 3 will meet on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 12 Noon at the church.

Circle 4 will meet on March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Circle 6 will meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with Lynn DeBord.



Women's Circles



The Session met on February 20, 2022.



On Sunday, March 6, 2022 Lee Thomas will begin a 6-week Confirmation/Communicants class for people in the 7th grade through college who may be interested in joining the church. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour. Let Lee know if you are interested.

It was decided that we will observe the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, April 17, 2022.



On Sunday, April 24, 2022 our morning worship will be an all music service.



Our Diaper Ministry is doing well.

Through your generous contributions we launched a very successful Diaper Ministry. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to *Olivet Presbyterian Church* and earmark them for the *Diaper Ministry Fund*.

Your continued support is so appreciated.

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, please contact Sherry Herr, Janna Milstead or Christel Nicklas.



SACRA

For SACRA during the month of March we will be collecting non-perishable canned goods such as canned meats, vegetables, fruits etc. Donations may be brought to the church on Sunday mornings or left at the church on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There are benches in the hall for your convenience. SACRA is most appreciative of your continued support.



Thanks to the following for giving **Children's Messages** in February:

- Julie Reid
- Alexis Reid
- Leslie Harris
- Gary Milstead

Thanks to all who are volunteering to do a children's message. You are appreciated! Don't forget there are several excellent resources available in the Sunday School office if you need any fresh ideas.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour.

A Prayer for Lent

For Ash Wednesday—and throughout the 40 days of Lent—ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: “O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit.”