

Happenings at Mount Olive!

Sunday In-Person Worship & HC @ 10 a.m.

Sermon Themes: **Sunday, September 14th – Lost**
Sunday, September 21st -- Grace

Fall Worship Schedule:

- **September 14th – Gathering Sunday – In-Person Worship & HC 10 a.m.**
- Starting September 21st – Fall Schedule begins with In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 10 a.m.

Sunday Adult Education: Our Sunday Adult Education will start meeting at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 21st, so we can accommodate more people and easily have snacks/beverages.

Gathering Sunday – Sunday, September 14th -- ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY @ 10 A.M. **NOTE:** Fall Worship Times at Mount Olive: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. will begin on Sunday, September 21st. As a reminder, our services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and found on our webpage with a Facebook link. The livestreamed recordings will also be available for your viewing 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Gathering Sunday -- September 14th:

- **One Worship Only at 10 a.m.** – All are invited to worship with us! ***We hope to worship outside on the Green Space. Bring lawn chairs!*** If the weather forecast looks iffy, we will worship in the sanctuary.
- **Join us for:** Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School guides, Blessing of the Educators, Sunday School registration, plus food, fellowship, games, and more!
- **Following worship,** stay around for a time of lunch and conversation, with food served in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be available indoors and outdoors. Fried chicken and beverages to be provided by Mount Olive; please bring a dish to pass and/or volunteer your help! **RSVP/sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.**
- **Enjoy fellowship and outdoor games** on the Green Space!
- **Bring a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker.** This is a community event for all!
- **Note that the beginning of our fall worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 21st, with services at 8 & 10 a.m.!**

Life's Seasons: Planning Life with Wisdom and Care – Sunday, September 28th, 12 noon to 2 p.m.: As we grow older, new questions and opportunities arise for us to ask about navigating life. Join us for an engaging event that explores different seasons of life with both practicality and transparency. Pastor Steve will share insights on pre-retirement and post-retirement transitions, followed by a conversation with an expert on the realities of today's housing market during challenging times. Finally, a local funeral director will be present to address any questions you may have about care and planning for the future. Come prepared to learn, reflect, and ask the questions as we embark on this journey together.

MTO Walking Group: We meet weekly **on Thursdays** at 10 a.m. for a one-hour walk. All are invited to join us every Thursday, or at your convenience. **Hope to see you!** This is a fun and inclusive group where we can vary the routes if we wish, incorporate social activities, and celebrate our milestones together. Thanks be to God!

Plastic Collection: We have an opportunity to help curb the soft plastic problem. The Trex Corporation uses soft plastic to make composite decking and outdoor furniture. As a project of the Green Space Team and with the blessing of the Church Council, we will be collecting soft plastic...1,000 pounds in one year. At the end of that year, we will receive a free park bench for our green space and prevent 1,000 pounds of plastic from going to a landfill. Please join us as we commit to this project in caring for our common home, Mother Earth. **We collected 227 lbs. of plastic. Keep it coming! Thank you!!!!**

Little Free Pantry/Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry Needs: Located in the lower level of Mount Olive, we are grateful for the Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry and their ministry to those in need in our community. Also, *Mount Olive's Little Free Pantry* is located outside the lower doors of MTO and is available 24 hours a day/7 day a week. Please note the items listed below and drop off in the basket marked **Food Pantry**, located in the Narthex. Thank you for working to fight food insecurity in our community! **** Canned food items with pull tops are especially appreciated! They could use the following items: bottles of juice, Kleenex, toilet paper, mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned meat, spaghetti, and canned soup.**

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