



Neighborhood Gatherings MAY 2019

Newsletter of Mt. Olive and Relief United Methodist Churches



My sisters and brothers, I have one question for you? If you hear “Easter” what image came to you? Easter bunny? Egg creamy chocolate? A baby chick? Lilies? The original image of Easter is that the cloth wrapping Jesus’ body was lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head was rolled up.

This white garment may not give us a good feeling. The white garment reminds me of the time when my grandmother passed away, and a white burial garment covered her body. At the time I was nine years old. My grandma did a great job spoiling me the way any grandmother would. The day before she went into God’s bosom, she knew that I love a strawberry ice cream and bought it for me. When I was enjoying my ice cream, I saw that one of her eyes was almost closed. I asked her to open it but she did not feel that her eye was closed. She said to me that she wanted to go to bed early because she felt extra tired. While she was sleeping, she

went to heaven very peacefully. One thing that I clearly remember was that her body was covered with a white sheet, and my parents were weeping. For me, the white cloth became a symbol of separation between me and my loved ones.

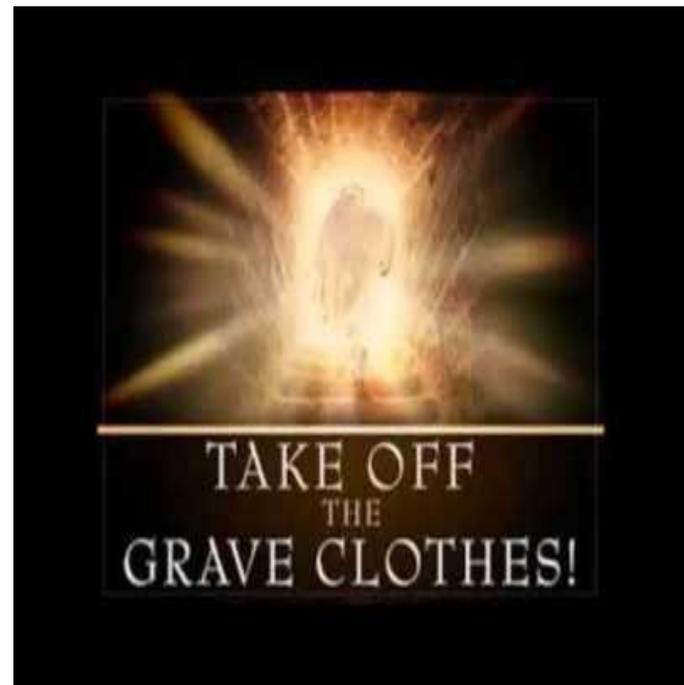
The risen Christ made this white burial cloth as a sign of conquering the power of death. The burial cloths challenge us to see if our soul and spirit is unwrapped and free just as Jesus was unwrapped and risen. Our soul and spirit may feel dead and covered by the burial garment of failure. We may feel like a loser in our lives. Even though we really want to restart our lives, we have no strength to stand up from falling because we feel like the burial garment has tied us up. Or our soul may be covered by the burial garment of our old nature or life style that harms ourselves and others because this burial garment seems so comfortable to us. Our soul and spirit may feel covered by the burial garment of grief and sorrow. We may feel so lonely and exhausted because we have lost our loved ones who supported us. Because we miss them so much, our soul and spirit are also wrapped with the garment of grief. Our soul and spirit may feel wrapped by a burial garment of joylessness because our lives

seem very repetitive just like a hamster running on a wheel. So, we may feel like our spirit is wrapped with a burial garment of joylessness.

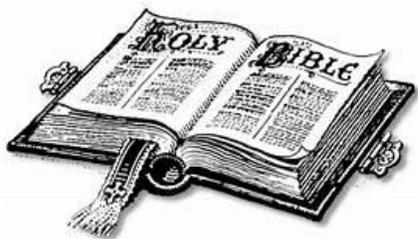
But the risen Christ tells us that the burial cloths of our failure were rolled up just as the cloth wrapped Jesus' body was laid down and the cloth covered Jesus' head was rolled up. The burial cloths of our grief were rolled up. Our burial cloths of joylessness and death were rolled up. Our burial cloths of our ego and old natures which ties us up was rolled up. When Jesus rose, we became a new creature. When Jesus rose, we rose with a new strength. We rose with a new hope and joy for heaven.

Right now, just stop what are you doing and imagine the risen Christ who revealed his risen body to a weeping Mary. Listen to the voice of the risen Christ who called Mary by her name. Just like that, our risen Christ came to our weeping and dead spirit. The risen Christ has called us by our name and reminds us of God's promise that we have pain now, but we will see Jesus again. **Yes, we are still living in a conflict between the force of death and the force of life. But it does not mean that the force of death will win over the force of life because the risen Christ already opened the door of the life.** So, our hearts will rejoice. No one will take our joy from us. We also participate in not only Jesus' suffering but also Jesus' glory. So, God's new age came to us. Our new life started in our God. This is why we can sing the praise song of Psalm 118: "I will not die, but live. I will not die, but live."

"You will not die, but live." "We will not die, but live." **We are Easter people with the risen Christ. Let's not wrap our mind, our heart, and our action up with despair, hopeless, anxiety, fear, ego-centric mind, and our old behavior that harms us. Our white burial garment already was rolled up. Our Christ was risen indeed. Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah!!!**



—Seung Hae



LECTIONARY FOR MAY

3rd Sunday of Easter May 5th

(Native American Ministries Sunday)

Acts: 9:1–16, (7–20), Psalm 30,
Revelation 5:11–14 and John 21:1–19

4th Sunday of Easter May 12th

(Mother's Day)

Acts 9:36–43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9–17
and John 10:22–30

5th Sunday of Easter May 19th

(Heritage Sunday)

Acts 11:1–18, Psalm 148, Revelation
21:1–6 and John 13:31–35

6th Sunday of Easter May 26th

(Memorial Sunday)

Acts 16:9–15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10,
22–22.5 and John 14:23–29

7th Sunday of Easter June 2nd

(Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1–11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15–23
and Luke 24:44–53

Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha said unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believeth in me shall never die. Believe thou this?
John 11:23-26

MT. OLIVE UMC NEWS

*"Where We GOT FAITH!
And so can you!"*

327 Mount Olive Road
Winchester, VA 22602

SUNDAY SERVICES AT MT. OLIVE

Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am

MAY



Debbie Beeman



Brenda Streit



WELCOME!

Mary and Girls



HOST's for MAY

Mount Olive Youth Olive Branches



	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
3/31	39	\$ 747
4/07	54	\$1,272
4/14	46	\$ 871
4/21	65	\$ 680
4/28	<u>50</u>	<u>\$ 983</u>
Avg.	50	\$ 910



It's coming! Make plans now to be there! It's a happening event you won't want to miss!

What is it, you ask? Something that hasn't happened for a very long time.

Our **150th Homecoming** will be held on Sunday September 15th beginning at 10:00 am, so mark your calendars. There will be more information to follow in a future newsletter.

—Cleo Manspile



- 5/02 Jane Ramey
- 5/04 Terri Hudson
- 5/04 Yajaira Linares
- 5/05 Jerry Stickley
- 5/06 Georgia Saville
- 5/17 Horlando Manuel Cruz
- 5/20 Nicole Davis
- 5/20 Desiree Davis
- 5/21 Cleo Manspile
- 5/24 Tina Evans
- 5/26 Patty Hoover
- 5/28 Steve Schmidt
- 5/29 John Evans
- 5/31 Travis Streit
- 6/03 Jen Morell



- 5/17 John & Mary Merriner
- 5/17 Brad & Ashton Strosnider
- 5/24 Joe & Marie Lizer
- 5/31 Karl & Paige Williams

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

**The Church is the soil and the children
are the crop . . .
Thanks for helping them grow!**

What an absolute wonderful Easter we had! It started out at Relief UMC for Good Friday service. A few of our youth (Jenna, Tessa, Zack and Ethan) and members from Relief joined in for the wonderful service prepared by Pastor Seung Hae. They did a fantastic job in reading and WOW . . . I was so impressed with their beautiful voices! We had sunrise service Sunday morning and although it was a bit cold & we had to move it indoors, it was awesome. Afterwards the congregation met at the shelter. The tables were packed for breakfast and we had such a great team working together preparing the food and serving all. We finished breakfast off with an Easter Egg hunt for the youth. They had a great time and the adults had an even better time watching them run around with their smiling faces. To follow was service at Mt. Olive UMC and it was amazing to see the church pews filled. GOD IS GOOD!

The Olive Branches met again for our monthly meeting on April 10th and discussed our upcoming month of missions. The attendance of youth and adults were few but we were able to get our things in order.

The following was discussed:

The Mother's Day Tea will be on May 1st. Tina Evans joined us and helped decide on the menu and plan the evening. We would like to thank her for all her help along with Debbie Rotz for helping in getting all the decorations, goodie boxes and paperware. Also, Donna Sheetz for jumping in and helping out with making some of the food, bringing her hot pots and tea.

Annual Youth Mulching on Wednesday, May 8th. We will meet at Mt. Olive UMC at 5:30 pm and travel to the two sites decided upon earlier in the year (Linda Ramey and Jim/Charlotte Lewis). We have a few others on the list which will be done during Disciples on Deck. Due to issues with schedules, volunteers were very few.

I am asking that ANYONE who can help, please meet us at the designated time. The more volunteers we have, the quicker it gets finished. YOUTH: Remember, these small missions help pay your way to the bigger ones! I am truly sorry but God has other plans for us at that time. If you have other plans and cannot make it, please let Brenda Newpher know so that we can plan ahead.

Youth Car Wash on Saturday, June 29th from 1:00–3:00 pm. PLEASE join us and help spread the word to everyone! As you know, ALL of our missions the youth participate in are funded by their fundraisers. These fundraisers allow for the youth to participate in all the activities at little to no cost to the parents or church. I feel that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in missions and not have to worry about money.

Disciples on Deck — We will be setting the date soon as we have to coordinate with Relief on their activities. We will be including the churches, who will be attending, take part in some of the planned activities (other than missions itself). We will be seeking volunteers to take on the "Opening" – What is Mission? Beginning at 3:00 pm. Volunteer(s) to honor us in the task of a "Hands on Activity" later in the evening from 5:45–6:45 pm. Hopefully, we will have a few more churches represented and we can work them in to helping also. Please help spread the word as it is discipleship in the making. If you have someone in mind that needs help, please contact Brenda Newpher so that we can discuss it further. Due to the missed opportunity to have some of the younger ones join on the travel part of Disciples on Deck, this year we will also be having vacation bible school lessons for them during the times the older ones are out doing missions. This is a wonderful time for missions in our own community! Any suggestions are very much welcome.

Please keep your eyes and ears open in the future for announcements on upcoming events.

We have mission dates set up for all the youth. Please see me (Little Brenda) for information.

A Special THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents and church family who volunteer and work together to help build and mold our youth! It takes a lot of hard work and dedication not only our children but to the church to make these things happen. The youth is the future of our church . . . without them there would be no future!



*Brenda Newpher
and the Olive Branches*



STAGE LEFT BAND will lead our music for the Worship Services on Sunday, May 19th, June 16th and June 30th. Please come join us!

GOD IS IN THE SMALL STUFF!

In every situation, ask yourself, "What Would Jesus Do?" Then do it.

If you're going to compare yourself to anyone, Compare yourself to Jesus. It will put your life in Perspective.

*Taken from God Is In The Small Stuff
Bruce & Stan's Guide to God*

RELIEF UMC NEWS

"In Sharing, We Know Christ."
5275 Middle Road (Rt. 628)
Six miles SW of Valley Avenue

**Sunday Services at Relief:
Sunday School, 10:00 am
Worship, 11:00 am**



	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
3/24	12	48	\$ 1,091
3/31	11	43	\$ 2,260
4/07	10	49	\$ 2,131
4/14	9	43	\$ 865
4/21	<u>6</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>\$ 2,109</u>
Avg.	12	51	\$ 1,691

Also received:

Building Fund	\$ 100
C-CAP	\$ 53
Church/Shelter Use	\$ 250
Easter Breakfast	\$ 221
Memorials	\$ 200
Potato Bake	\$ 34
UMCOR	\$ 10
Witness	\$ 520

SCRIPTURE READER



who reads aloud
...and blessed are
those who hear..."
- REV. 1:3

Elwanda Luttrell

LAYREADER S: We need Layreaders for June thru December. Please take the time to sign-up.



5/03 Kelly Boyd
 5/03 Nicholas Eaton
 5/03 Matthew Sipe
 5/09 Becky Goldsmith
 5/10 Gracie Boyd
 5/15 Trudy Fletcher
 5/15 Alexandra Snapp
 5/15 John Snapp
 5/15 Brittney Wisecarver
 5/16 Jimmy Chumley
 5/17 Scott Keeler
 5/19 Dakota Luttrell
 5/19 John Omgs
 5/19 Nat Painter
 5/19 Mildred Simpson
 5/20 Phillip Ginn
 5/21 John Hawse



5/08 Rick & Lisa Turk
 5/13 Clayton & Doris Hardy
 5/17 Victor & Heather Gomez
 5/18 Aaron & Linda Michael
 5/20 Ernie & Sheryl Campbell, II
 5/25 Sam & Debbie Fauble



MAY 2019 OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

First, let me thank all who filled Easter Baskets for C-CAP. Fifty beautiful full Easter baskets were delivered on Wednesday, April 10th. On Wednesday, April 17th, Debbie Fauble, Robin Sweet, Pastor Seung Hae, Eunice Musser and I visited with the Our Family group. The group colored and assembled Easter Baskets with goodies and colored eggs. They were also treated to Easter baked treats. They also made rabbits from plastic bags. On May 15th — they will be making Mother's Days items.

The Outreach emphasis for May is **CONFERENCE KITS**. This year the need is for hygiene/health kits, schools kits, and cleaning kits. We already have school kits assembled, so we need either hygiene/health kits or money toward cleaning buckets. We will collect money or kits on or before **June 9th**. The cost of a cleaning bucket is \$75, per bucket plus \$3 for shipping. If anyone would like to donate money toward a bucket, just give the money to Elwanda or make a check out to the church and note—cleaning bucket and she will get the supplies needed.

Items for the hygiene kits are as follows:

- 1 hand towel — no kitchen, cleaning or Microfiber towels
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb — no pocket, picks, rattails or combs without handles—must be 6 inches
- 1 toenail or fingernail clipper — no emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath soap (3 oz. or larger) — No ivory or Jergen's soap—do not remove packaging
- 1 adult toothbrush — do not remove packaging
- 10 adhesive bandages
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag.

All items must be new.

Shipping and cost of toothpaste if \$2 per kit.

The cost of each kit is approximately \$12.00

Items for kits or kits can be left in the Senior Adult Classroom at the end of the Hall. Please give the shipping and toothpaste money to Elwanda! Don't put the money in the kit.

Cans for Conference are again being collected to take to conference as well.

These will be given to the Roanoke Rescue Mission. Suggested Items are:

1 can of meat; 1 can of vegetables and/or fruit; 1 can of soup and/or stew; 1 can that have a pop-top; boxes of nonperishables such as pasta, rice, cereals, peanut butter — plastic jars only. Please put these items also in the Senior Adult Classroom. These are due on or before June 16th. Also, if you have a recyclable bag — such as the ones purchased from grocery stores, or those handed out at events, these are appreciated also.

Don't forget there is a box in the back office for used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

The box in the vestibule is for C-CAP items only.

Every first Sunday any money left on the Communion railing goes to C-CAP as well. The first quarter of 2019 amount was \$154.00.

Thanks, from the Outreach team for all your support of these community, national, and international projects.

—Elwanda Luttrell,
Outreach Chair



Scrapbooking is going strong. Come May 17th and June 14th from 6:00 to 11:00 pm and let's do it together. Dinner is served at 7:00 pm. For more information call me, 869-4005.

—Debbie Fauble



A MOTHER'S LOVE

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.

*Taken From Moments with the Book
MWTB (online)
Author not listed*

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

Memories of the Men and Women,
 who served,
 Emotional tributes so well deserved.
 Moments of solitude
 with thoughts preserved,
 Outpours of love so vividly observed.
 Revolutions of dangers
 you so bravely swerved,
 Inhibitions and fears
 suppressed and reserved.
 Always ready to protect,
 even the undeserved,
 Loyal to a fault, with energy conserved.
 Dedication and valor are the pins you wear,
 Attributes of service,
 loyalty beyond compare.
 Your selfless acts of duty,
 always remembered through prayer!

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The deadline for our June 2019 Neighborhood Gathering Newsletter is Friday, May 24th. The June Newsletter will be available Sunday, June 1st.

Please make an effort to put your church information in the newsletter. The newsletter will be on both churches Websites. **If you have any suggestions, etc., please feel free to let me know.**

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—Brenda

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For 2019, the Bible Challenge will be a blended style of reading; a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament each day. In this New Year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process. Each month's readings will also be printed in each *Advocate* issue.

—Taken from the VAUMC Website

MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 1 Numbers 9 -11; Revelation 18 Read Now
 May 2 Numbers 12 -14; Revelation 19 Read Now
 May 3 Numbers 15 -16; Revelation 20 Read Now
 May 4 Numbers 17 -19; Revelation 21 Read Now
 May 5 Numbers 20 -22; Revelation 22 Read Now
 May 6 Numbers 23 -25; Matthew 1 Read Now
 May 7 Numbers 26 -28; Matthew 2 Read Now
 May 8 Numbers 29 -31; Matthew 3 Read Now
 May 9 Numbers 32 -34; Matthew 4 Read Now
 May 10 Numbers 35 -36; Matthew 5:1 -26 Read Now
 May 11 Jonah 1 -4; Matthew 5:27 -48 Read Now
 May 12 1 Kings 1 -2; Matthew 6:1 -18 Read Now
 May 13 1 Kings 3 -5; Matthew 6:19 -34 Read Now
 May 14 1 Kings 6 -7; Matthew 7 Read Now
 May 15 1 Kings 8 -9; Matthew 8:1 -17 Read Now
 May 16 1 Kings 10 -11; Matthew 8:18 -34 Read Now
 May 17 1 Kings 12 -13; Matthew 9:1 -17 Read Now
 May 18 1 Kings 14 -15; Matthew 9:18 -38 Read Now
 May 19 1 Kings 16 -18; Matthew 10:1 -20 Read Now
 May 20 1 Kings 19 -20; Matthew 10:21 -42 Read Now
 May 21 1 Kings 21 -22; Matthew 11 Read Now
 May 22 2 Kings 1 -3; Matthew 12:1 -23 Read Now
 May 23 2 Kings 4 -6; Matthew 12:24 -50 Read Now
 May 24 2 Kings 7 -9; Matthew 13:1 -30 Read Now
 May 25 2 Kings 10 -12; Matthew 13:31 -58 Read Now
 May 26 2 Kings 13 -14; Matthew 14:1 -21 Read Now
 May 27 2 Kings 15 -16; Matthew 14:22 -36 Read Now
 May 28 2 Kings 17 -18; Matthew 15:1 -20 Read Now
 May 29 2 Kings 19 -21; Matthew 15:21 -39 Read Now
 May 30 2 Kings 22 -23; Matthew 16 Read Now
 May 31 2 Kings 24 -25; Matthew 17 Read Now

JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 1 Hosea 1 -4; Matthew 18:1 -20 Read Now
 June 2 Hosea 5 -8; Matthew 18:21 -35 Read Now
 June 3 Hosea 9 -11; Matthew 19 Read Now
 June 4 Hosea 12 -14; Matthew 20:1 -16 Read Now
 June 5 Jeremiah 1 -2; Matthew 20:17 -34 Read Now
 June 6 Jeremiah 3 -5; Matthew 21:1 -22 Read Now
 June 7 Jeremiah 6 -8; Matthew 21:23 -46 Read Now
 June 8 Jeremiah 9 -11; Matthew 22:1 -22 Read Now
 June 9 Jeremiah 12 -14; Matthew 22:23 -46 Read Now
 June 10 Jeremiah 15 -17; Matthew 23:1 -22 Read Now
 June 11 Jeremiah 18 -19; Matthew 23:23 -39 Read Now
 June 12 Jeremiah 20 -21; Matthew 24:1 -28 Read Now
 June 13 Jeremiah 22 -23; Matthew 24:29 -51 Read Now
 June 14 Jeremiah 24 -26; Matthew 25:1 -30 Read Now
 June 15 Jeremiah 27 -29; Matthew 25:31 -46 Read Now
 June 16 Jeremiah 30 -31; Matthew 26:1 -25 Read Now
 June 17 Jeremiah 32 -33; Matthew 26:26 -50 Read Now
 June 18 Jeremiah 34 -36; Matthew 26:51 -75 Read Now
 June 19 Jeremiah 37 -39; Matthew 27:1 -26 Read Now
 June 20 Jeremiah 40 -42; Matthew 27:27 -50 Read Now
 June 21 Jeremiah 43 -45; Matthew 27:51 -66 Read Now
 June 22 Jeremiah 46 -47; Matthew 28 Read Now
 June 23 Jeremiah 48 -49; Philippians 1 Read Now
 June 24 Jeremiah 50; Philippians 2 Read Now
 June 25 Jeremiah 51 -52; Philippians 3 Read Now
 June 26 Joel 1 -3; Philippians 4 Read Now
 June 27 Deuteronomy 1 -3; Acts 1 Read Now
 June 28 Deuteronomy 4 -6; Acts 2:1 -21 Read Now
 June 29 Deuteronomy 7 -9; Acts 2:22 -47 Read Now
 June 30 Deuteronomy 10 -12; Acts 3 Read Now