



The Rector's Corner

"The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul into everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving."

These Communion sentences from our Rite One Eucharist describe not only our faith in Christ, but are an example of a founding principle of our identity as Episcopalians: the Via Media, or Middle Way. We are *both* Protestant *and* Catholic. In choosing to hold onto both the best of what the Roman Catholic tradition and the new Reformed tradition offered, we chose the middle way. We chose not to fall prey to the polarization of the Body of Christ that was sweeping Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. "The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life." Reflects the Roman Catholic belief that the bread and wine are transformed into the actual body and blood of Jesus during the Eucharistic Prayer. The phrase: "Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving." Reflects the reformed position that the elements are symbolic and that receiving communion is an act of remembrance only and not a sacramental act. The 1559 Prayer Book, published under Matthew Parker during the reign of Elizabeth, includes *both* phrases.

This fundamental acceptance that there is good *and* God on both sides of the Reformation established a tradition that we still struggle with today. With Rite One and Rite 2, Episcopalians seek the via media in balancing traditional and contemporary worship.

We proudly "proclaim Christ crucified" to use the language of St. Paul, while also vowing at our baptism to "respect the dignity of every human being" regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, orientation, *or religion*. We stop short of claiming that our way is the only Way to approach God.

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Holy

Communion:

Sundays

8:00 am and
10:30 am*

&

Wednesdays

at Noon

Bible Study for
Children and
Adults

Sundays

at 9:15 am

*9:30 am

Combined
Service

When there is a
fifth

Sunday of the
month

Church Office Hours:

10:00am – 2:00
pm

Mondays,
Wednesdays and
Fridays

As in the Roman Church, we honor Saints and Martyrs of the faith; we respect them as Holy Women and Holy Men, but in the Anglican Tradition, we in no way pray to saints or expect them to lobby God on our behalf.

... Unless the “saint” is St. Michael. St. Michael is not really a saint, but he is real. St. Michael is an angel—an archangel to be exact. Michael is one of several angels named in the Bible. Michael is the angel designated by God to protect God’s people. St. Michael is the Superhero of Christianity. So on Sunday, September 27th we will blend play and work, in the spirit of via media, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Michael (or Michaelmas). Between the services we will have a “state of the parish” meeting, explain the budget and answer any questions. This is in honor of the Medieval tradition of settling accounts on Michaelmas. In the spirit of fun, it is traditional to eat blackberries on Michaelmas, so we will have blackberry desserts at coffee hour. In Roman Catholic and Anglican tradition, Michael is the patron saint of police officers, so after the 10:30 service we will also invite our Law Enforcement neighbors for coffee and desert, not only to celebrate that St. Michael is the patron saint of Police Officers, but also to offer community support in the aftermath of recent disturbing events.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (*Collect of St. Michael and All Angels*, Holy Women Holy Men. P. 613)



The Sunday School Sunday School resumes September 13!

Olivet’s Sunday School is starting back up on September 13 at 9:15 am in the large classroom on the third floor. Per Diocesan regulations, we need to have a second adult present in the classroom each Sunday. Please email Therese Chaplin at tchaplin@verizon.net to volunteer for a Sunday or two this year.

Children new to Olivet are welcome to join our Sunday School at any time during the school year. We follow a curriculum based on the lectionary readings for a Sunday. Outlines of the material can be found at: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/lessons/>, and we enhance this material with skits, games, arts and crafts plus an outreach project. Last year we raised funds for Heifer International.

This fall we will have at least 2 youth attending the Senior High Retreat at Shrinemont in November, and we hope to start a bible study with our youth in October.



SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

6 SEPTEMBER

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE JEFF UNDERWOOD
LECTOR SUSAN PRESS
USHER/GREETER ROBERT HASTINGS

1030 SERVICE

LEM/
ACOLYTE KEVIN CHAPLIN
LECTOR PAT PATTERSON
USHER/GREETER MAURICE BROWN
COFFEE PREP JANE & PAT PATTERSON
TELLERS JEFF UNDERWOOD/MAURICE BROWN

13 SEPTEMBER

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE BARBARA LEIGH
LECTOR LISA SOKOL
USHER/GREETER ROBERT HASTINGS

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ THERESE CHAPLIN
ACOLYTE
LECTOR SCOTT CAULKINS
USHER/GREETER MAURICE BROWN
COFFEE PREP BARBARA GAY
TELLERS MAURICE BROWN & JIM WALTON

20 SEPTEMBER

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE JEFF UNDERWOOD
LECTOR REBECCA HASTINGS
USHER/GREETER ROBERT HASTINGS

1030 SERVICE

LEM SCOTT CAULKINS
ACOLYTE TARA WHIPKEY
LECTOR BARBARA GAY
USHER/GREETER WHIPKEY FAMILY
COFFEE PREP ANN CAULKINS
TELLERS DIANE SPITTLE/JEFF UNDERWOOD

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

27 SEPTEMBER

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE BARBARA LEIGH
LECTOR LISA SOKOL
USHER/GREETER JEFF UNDERWOOD

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ KEVIN CHAPLIN
ACOLYTE
LECTOR JOHN SANDERSON
USHER/GREETER JOHN SANDERSON
COFFEE PREP JANE & PAT PATTERSON
TELLERS DIANE SPITTLE/JIM WALTON

ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER

Sep 6: Barbara Gay

Sep 13: Ann Caulkins

Sep 20: Valerie Carney

Sept 27: Susan Press

Oct 4: Ann Caulkins

Oct: 11: Barbara Gay

Oct 18: Susan Press

Oct 25: Valerie Carney

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation on the scheduled date, **please secure your own substitute.** This is especially important for tellers.

OLIVET NEWS!

Christian Bible Study Group for Seniors in the Springfield, VA area.

We are looking for men and women over 50 years of age with various backgrounds, who are interested in respectful, in depth discussion of Bible passages. The last meeting of the Senior Bible Study was held on March 8th, 2015 at my home and was an enjoyable and enriching discussion about the topic: "Body, Soul and Spirit." The last meeting of this group was held on Sunday, June 7th, 2015 at 1:00p.m., Larry Stark's home at 8509 Lakinhurst Lane, Springfield, Va 22152. The topic was "Communicating with God thru Jesus and building a relationship with him to achieve salvation." Participants are asked to spend several weeks in research and thought on this topic and bring their notes to the meeting. Future meetings are projected for September 6th and December 6th, all at 1:00pm. If you have any questions or would like to Join, please call 703-569-5576 or email Lgoldschmidt3dw@cox.net

Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawls

Olivet has an active group of people who will pray regularly for special intentions of the Olivet family and friends. Have a need we can pray for? Please send an email to prayers@olivetepiscopalchurch.org or call 703-969-7159 and leave a message. Also at Olivet, we have a group of crocheters and knitters who make prayer shawls to be handed out to those who are in need of comfort. If you know someone who would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Rev'd Jeanie at olivetrector@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For a Fellowship Committee to work with us on upcoming events. There are many different jobs you can assist with. We need volunteers to set-up, clean-up, decorate and coordinate. If you are interested in helping with any of the above tasks, please contact Diane Spittle at 703-360-7462 or stchrgirl@yahoo.com.

Super Hero Sunday on September 27

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27. We'll be celebrating the Feastday of St. Michael and the Archangels today (also known as Michaelmas). At the 10:30 service, the children will be enacting a 'skiturgy' about St. Michael, and everyone is invited to dress up as their favorite super hero. Following the 10:30 service there will be special treats in the Simpson Room. Normally goose is a traditional food for Michaelmas but we're going with devils food cupcakes and angel food cake with blackberries. Why blackberries? "Folklore in the British Isles suggests that Michaelmas day is the last day that blackberries can be picked. It is said that when St. Michael expelled Lucifer, the devil, from heaven, he fell from the skies and landed in a prickly blackberry bush. Satan cursed the fruit, scorched them with his fiery breath, and stamped and spat on them, so that they would be unfit for eating" (*taken from Wikipedia*).

We are also extending an invitation to our local police department to join us at coffee hour, since St. Michael is the patron saint of police officers.

Annual Blessing of the Animals

Olivet's Annual Blessing of Pets will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm on the front lawn of Olivet. Please bring your pets to come be blessed by Rev'd Jeanie and receive a pet medal and certificate of blessing. Invite all the pet owners you know to this casual and quick service (about 30 minutes). Treats for humans and pets will be served afterwards. To remember pets we have lost, ribbons will be available to hang on a memorial tree. Donations gladly accepted for Animal Allies, a local pet rescue organization (www.animalallies.com).

What's special about this year is that we are celebrating on the actual feastday (October 4) of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. If you can help out with this event, please contact Barbara Gay at bgay@leadingage.org.

Sign up to receive emails from Olivet Episcopal Church

Olivet sends out emails about once a week with news of services and events at Olivet, as well as major events in the Diocese of Virginia. If you want to stay informed, please sign up to receive this email service, known as "Constant Contact". You can go to the Olivet website at www.olivetepiscopalchurch.org and find the signup box in the middle of the page. Please contact Therese Chaplin at tchaplin@verizon.net if you have questions.



Sharing the Gift of Music

When your children were little, did you sing to them? I think most parents would say they did. Why did you sing to them? I know that when I sing to my young nephews it can calm them down, it can comfort them, it can teach them things, or it can be purely for fun. And for most people, singing to their children is purely instinctual. It's just something that parents do. I think that church music serves the same function as singing to or with our children.

Sometimes the music we sing in church is instructional. For example, the sequence hymn we sing each Sunday echoes themes from the readings we have just heard or gives us a preview of what we will hear in the gospel. These hymns provide us an alternate way of hearing or looking at the teachings of the Bible. Other hymns ask us, as Christians, to do things – to seek, to praise, to spread the Word, to go forth.

We typically sing or listen to music that is calming or contemplative during the offertory or communion. Hymns help us to set the mood for this more reflective and solemn part of the service. Hymns can also be meditative or healing. Sometimes a song can console or soothe in a way that words cannot.

And sometimes our church music is just fun. Yes, it typically conveys a message, too. But clapping hands, playing drums, and even dancing are sometimes appropriate and help us to fully worship with our voices and our bodies!

We will soon be starting rehearsals for our various music groups to prepare music for the fall and winter. I would love to know what ensembles people are interested in and what musical talents we have in our congregation. I've set up a short online survey and I would love it if you would fill it out for both adults and children interested in helping to provide music for our services. Even if you can only make a partial commitment, we would love to have your voice and your enthusiasm. The survey is at <http://tinyurl.com/OlivetMusicSurvey2015>.

Blessings!

Libby Wiebel, Interim Minister of Music

SAVE THE DATE!!!

A liturgy marking the beginning of Bishop-Michael Curry's ministry as presiding bishop and primate will be celebrated Nov. 1, All Saints Day at Washington National Cathedral.

Farewell Reverend Jennifer!

On Sunday September 20th, we will bid farewell to the Reverend Jennifer McKenzie. She has accepted a call to the position of Archdeacon in the Diocese of Liverpool, Church of England. Since January Rev. Jennifer has served as Priest Associate, assisting in worship, with the music ministry, and serving "on call" for pastoral emergencies when Rev. Jeanie has been away.

We will have an extended coffee hour so that she can have one last visit before heading across the "pond" to new adventures in ministry.

OPERATION ELEVATOR PRAYER

Most gracious God, you have blessed us with the land and buildings which we use as a parish family in worship, fellowship, study and in service to our community. Guide us, we pray, as we endeavor, through our elevator project, to make Olivet Church a safe, convenient and more accessible place for all.

Grant, we beseech thee, the spirit of wisdom, foresight and justice to the government officials who review our plans and issue permits. May the architects, engineers, builders and all who are a part of this project labor in safety and well-being. Open the eyes and hearts of our Clergy, Vestry and church family to your presence, and help us to make wise decisions and to take right actions as we seek to bring this project to a successful completion.

We pray that all we undertake will be in accordance with your will, O God, and we humbly ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Outreach & Mission Committee Upcoming Events

- **Blessings in a Backpack** will resume soon, date TBD, and Olivet will assist in packing on the every two weeks schedule that worked so well last year.

- O&M would like to hold another **Sak Saum** sale in October since their products are lovely and the proceeds benefit women who are trying to rebuild their lives after being victims of human trafficking. We need someone to facilitate this one-time event which Therese Chaplin says is simple and straight forward. Would you like to help?

= Olivet will once again donate **Thanksgiving Baskets to Koinonia** - 7 baskets this year. Details will follow in October. If you would like to help with this program, contact Barbara Gay at bgay@leadingage.org

- Olivet will again provide 50 filled **Christmas Stockings to Koinonia**. Red & Green stockings are being sewn right now by Mabel Sanderson and Diane Spittle and will be filled in Advent. Keep on the look out for red and green stockings which will be available following services where you can put your donations towards purchasing the stocking stuffer items. If you'd like to help contact Diane at stchrgirl@yahoo.com

⇒ **Koinonia's Christmas Wishes** program will be here before we know it. Therese Chaplin and the Sunday School will organize this event.

⇒ Olivet is working with area churches to host a **Koinonia Food & Funfest**, Oct. 3 from 10-4. Proceeds will benefit the many wonderful services that Koinonia provides to Olivet's neighbors. Olivet will help with the Cake Walk, Guess the Number game, moon bounce monitoring, and bake sale donations. Help is needed before the event and on that date. You don't want to miss the fun, so contact Rebecca Hastings, rrhastings123@gmail.com if you'd like to help!

Summer Food Pilot Program - 2 Franconia Elementary School families whose children participate in Blessings in a Backpack signed up and each received two bags of grocery items during the 11 weeks of summer break. The families expressed their deep appreciation to Olivet for the food and one family even baked banana bread for the volunteers distributing the food! O&M plans to expand the program in 2016. Please let us know if you'd like to help.

O&M would like your feedback regarding the proposed list of 2nd Sunday Outreach recipients listed below for the 2016-2017 cycle. The organizations listed were chosen from a survey you completed in 2014. If you have a suggestion for a different group you would like to see benefit from Olivet's generosity, please contact Ann Caulkins - acaulkins75@gmail.com or 571-278-8925.

PROPOSED
Second Sunday Outreach Beneficiaries

2016-2017

2016

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| January | Blessings in a Backpack |
| February | New Hope Housing |
| March | Rector's Choice |
| April | Episcopal Relief & Development |
| May | Summer Food Program |
| June | Rector's Choice |
| July | Carpenter's Shelter |
| August | UCM |
| September | Rector's Choice |
| October | Food for Others |
| November | Koinonia |
| December | Rector's Choice |

2017

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| January | Boys' Home, Covington, VA |
| February | Jackson Feild Homes for Girls |
| March | Rector's Choice |
| April | Summer Food Program |
| May | Koinonia |
| June | Rector's Choice |
| July | Episcopal Relief & Development |
| August | Doorways for Women & Families (Domestic Violence |
| Shelter) | |
| September | Rector's Choice |
| October | SOME (So Others Might Eat) |
| November | Blessings in a Backpack |
| December | Rector's Choice |

Save the Date! Get Involved!

Food & Fun Fest for Koinonia

A Day to Serve Event

Saturday, Oct. 3rd from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

On the grounds of Franconia United Methodist

Olivet is joining other Franconia churches to hold a Food and Fun Fest which will benefit Koinonia as part of this year's Day to Serve campaign. The event is in keeping with a recent proclamation by Governor McAuliffe and the Virginia legislature honoring September 11th as a "National Day to Serve". That proclamation calls on faith communities to seek opportunities, during the 30-day period beginning September 11th, to help those in need.

The Food & Fun Fest will be held at Franconia United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 3 from 11 am to 4 pm. Parking will be at the Korean Church next door. There will be hamburgers/veggie burgers and hotdogs, popcorn and a bake sale. Also live music, face painting, a selfie booth and lots of games and inflatables for kids. Please plan to come out and support Koinonia.

Olivet will be making the following contributions to the event:

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- * Monitoring one of the inflatable activities
- * Donating baked goods for the bake sale
- * Monitoring the bake sale table

Please keep an eye out for a volunteer signup sheet which will be mailed in the near future -- thank you!

What is Day to Serve? According to www.daytoserve.org, Day to Serve is a unique annual initiative that transcends politics and religious differences. It unites people of all faiths, races, cultures, and backgrounds with the shared goal of helping those in need and improving the communities where we live. It is a movement started in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and D.C. to motivate people to get involved in service events each year.

Get in touch with us...

Our Interim Rector:

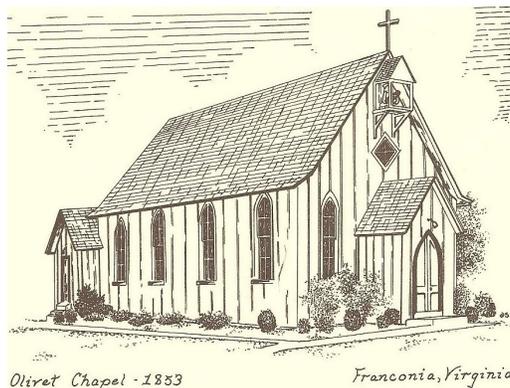
Rev. Jeanie 703-971-4733 (parish office);
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Prayer Chain Requests should be placed with Therese Chaplin at 703-969-7159
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