



The Witness

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Sunday School is in need of a lead teacher in 4th/5th grade beginning in September. Ernie Mason will continue as the associate teacher in that class. Contact Sally Bell or Laura Stanley.
- ☉ There are opportunities to provide flowers for the worship services by signing up on the Flower Calendar in the fellowship hall. They may be given in honor or in memory of someone. The regular arrangement is \$22.00.

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Summer
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning on Father's Day, June 19, we will offer one worship service at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Hats off to our Graduates!

Graduate Recognition
Sunday, June 12
11:00 a.m.

CARITAS is one of our ministry partners who helps us to help the homeless.

Homelessness isn't a lifestyle, it's an emergency.

On any given night about 1,000 people in the greater Richmond area are experiencing homelessness. And for many, CARITAS was the only place they could turn.

CARITAS is Richmond's largest emergency shelter, sheltering up to 110

people per night, and over 1,000 people annually. Over 90% of the shelter beds are made available to single women. The hard work of 15,000 volunteers and 155 host congregations creates a safe and hospitable place for our most vulnerable citizens.

Upon entering CARITAS, guests find not only the necessities for survival -- they find the tools for success. Through the growing web of CARITAS

volunteers, staff, and agency partners, guests get the help they need to get off the street, back on their feet, and on the path to self-sufficiency.

Mt Olivet will be hosting some of the families in our fellowship hall during the week of June 4—11. See Judy Sams or Lisa Smith to find out how to help out during this week of ministry.



Vacation Bible School

June 27—July 1
8:30 a.m.— Noon

Father's Day Worship at 10:15

Father's Day, June 19, will feature a Parent-Child Dedication Service for at least one family. If you would also like to participate, please notify the church office by June 10.



Relay for Life June 18

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern cancer. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since those first steps, the Relay For Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising nearly \$5 billion to fight cancer. See Laura Stanley if you would like to participate in the run/walk on June 18.

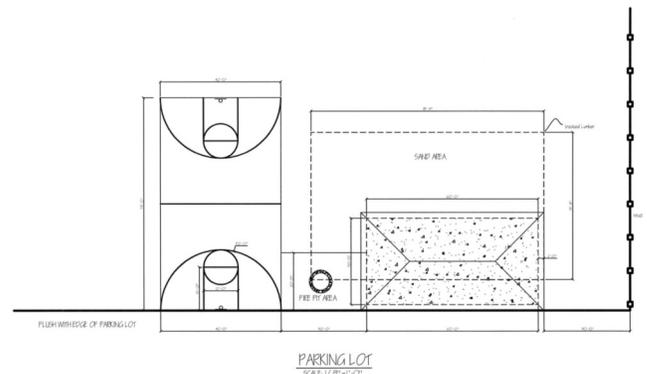


On June 18, your Mt Olivet "Relay for Life" Team will join the other teams from Western Hanover in an effort to raise funds to help

Highlights from the Quarterly Business Meeting

The church, in the May Quarterly Business Meeting, heard reports and made decisions that have an important impact on the life and work of our church. Following are some of the actions taken and information provided.

- The church will vote at the next business meeting on the Church Council recommendation to move the negotiation and oversight of the Lawn Care Contract from the Administrative Committee to the Building and Property Committee.
- The Deacons thanked Barbara Campbell for her many-year ministry of sending birthday and anniversary cards to the resident church and Sunday School members as a ministry of the deacons.
- The Deacons announced that we will not celebrate Homecoming in 2016. We will be putting our efforts on planning our church's 170th anniversary in 2017.
- A policy for distributing keys to the church building was introduced to the church. You may get a copy of that policy from the church office.
- The summer schedule for worship and Sunday School was approved. Beginning June 19, Sunday School will start at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:15. We will revert back to our normal schedule of two worship services on September 11.
- The church approved a motion presented by the Missions Development Committee altering our budgeted giving to the Dover Baptist Association. Instead of giving 4% of all undesignated offerings to the operating budget of the Dover Association, the church will give 3.5% to Dover's operating budget and the remaining 1/2 of 1% to the Dover's Leslie and Hazel Watson Association Offering which funds a multitude of mission projects.
- The church heard about plans to go to Toronto, Canada on a 2017 Mission Trip.
- The church received information from the Cemetery Committee about building a columbarium where cremains may be interred.
- The church authorized the trustees to appoint a "site committee" to begin the work of filing an updated site plan with the county.
- The church adopted the concept of the recreation area (as pictured below) to be included on a future site plan.



Prayer Concerns

Nancy Adams
John Axselle
Jessie Bayne
Don & June Beazley
Dottie Bumpass
Lois Chenault
Andrea Dill
Gwen Eck
Brandon Germon
Dawn Gibson
Margaret Gray
Gloria Hare
Johnny Jones
Tom & Brenda Morrison
Luke Morrison
Rachel Mothena
Andy Parrish

Anne Puryear
Charles Searles
Kenneth Taylor
Lewis Willis
Gayle Wingfield

Assisted Living/Convalescent/ Homebound

Dean Carter
Barbara Cosby
Peggy Gravely
Richey Jewell
Martha Loving
Evelyn Seay
Elsa Stanley
Neesie Stearns
Betty Wallace

In the Military

Michael Thurston—Navy

Sympathy is extended to Ernest Mason in the loss of his cousin, Milton Bevins.

In Appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers and kind helping hands during my recent injury and surgery. I have finally progressed to walking without crutches and am healing great. It's been a long year, but God is good and continued to provide and give me strength to push forward. Thank you again for being there for me!

God bless you all, Lori Melton



Thank You!

Bland Mission Trip: July 10-15

The Bland Ministry is a multi-faceted, non-profit Christian ministry which receives goods and financial help through the Alma Hunt Offering, churches, individuals and many organizations. For 20-plus years Mount Olivet has sent a mission team to Bland County to help with construction projects needed by the many elderly and/or handicapped people in that area. We stay at the Bland Ministry Center which is a large house with five bedrooms and four bathrooms. Three of the bedrooms have two sets of bunk beds so multiple people can share. There is also a Day Care Center on the property which doesn't operate during the summer so we can use that too by placing mattresses (which are

provided) on the floor for additional sleeping space. If you prefer, there is a small motel about 1/4 mile from the center and also some people stay at a hotel in Wytheville which is only 12 miles away. All meals are provided—Wanda Laing, Laura Stanley and Ruby Bumpass do the cooking. The Ministry Director, Dee Dee Hoosier, assigns the work projects and they vary from roofing, plumbing, painting, building handicap ramps, repairing sheet rock, putting skirting around mobile homes, etc. We will leave from church on July 10 after the 11:00 worship service and travel in a caravan to Bland County—about a 4-hour trip. Lunch will be provided before

The Nominating Committee is working to fill open committee positions for 2016-2017 and would love to speak to church members interested in serving on any committees. These terms are for three years unless otherwise stated. We do have a few two year term positions as well. Please contact Emily Sipple, Barbara Willis, Kathy Williams, Jean Thurston, Lisa McCrea, or JoAnn Hockman for information. The new slate of committees will be presented during the August quarterly business meeting with the terms beginning September 2016. We look forward to hearing from you!

we leave. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Laura Stanley as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. We will need to know how many are going so we can plan sleeping arrangements, buying food, etc. in the next few weeks.

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Looking Ahead:

...The River Service is Sunday, July 17 at the Thomasson Farm in Montpelier. Details will be provided in July's newsletter.

...The Clothesline & School Supply Give-Away is August 27. Clothing and household items may be brought to the church beginning August 1. We regret that no items can be accepted before that date due to space.

"Body & Soul"

"Body & Soul" has begun their summer schedule. Due to the many uses of the fellowship hall during the summer, it is hard to plan for regular classes. As you know the fellowship hall is indeed a multi-purpose facility.

CARITAS will be held in the fellowship hall during the week of June 4-11. The area will be used to create rooms and accommodations for our homeless guests for the week.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the church the week of June 27-July 1 so many preparations will need to be made to set up for this community event.

We will be introducing some "new" exercises in the fall. We are constantly working on formats that keep you excited about coming, as well as being beneficial to your overall well being.

We sincerely thank everyone that

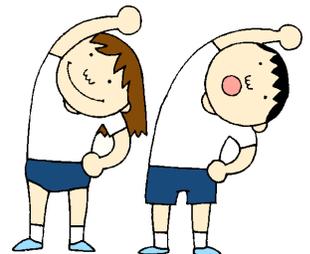
has been faithful to "Body and Soul". If you have not been for some time or have never been, perhaps it is time to consider the importance of exercise in your lifestyle. We know we feel better when we add activity to our lives. We walk away feeling better than when we arrived.

We thank Janice Igou who leads us in a short devotion before each session. The words are always encouraging, make us think, and remind us of how blessed we are. It is always good to share prayer concerns and lift one another up in prayer.

We will get back with you on the startup date in the fall. Until then stay in shape by walking, doing some squats or lunges, stretch, use your hand weights or cans and do some curls.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Lisa, Tish Ann & Carol



Movie Night

Feeling A Little Sad Because the School Year is Over?

We Can Help You With That Emotion!

Join us on Friday June



17th from 6:30 to 9:00pm for our Rising Third—Fifth Grader End of School Year Movie Night!

Dinner, Snacks and Fun Included!

Come Dressed as Your Favorite Emotion if You Would Like!

Bring a Friend!

Contact Ms. Felicia with questions.

Join the Celebration!!

The Children's Ministry Committee is very thankful to all who serve our children in a variety of ways.

Please contact Felicia Taylor or Lisa Smith if you would like to be a part of the fun and help our children grow in faith.

Mt. Olivet Children's Ministry

Children's Worship in June through August

God created our "Pets."

What can we learn about God through God's creation?

Join us this summer in Children's Worship as we learn more about the characteristics of God with the help of our pets.

We will end with a Pet Celebration!!!!



Children's Choir

Children will be singing on Sunday June 12th in the second service and then.....

Children's Choir will be on summer break along with our children and will return in Sept.



Upcoming Dates:

June 7: Children's Ministry Committee Meeting

June 12: Children Sing In Second Service

June 17: End of School Year Movie Night for Rising 3rd-5th Graders.

June 27—July 1: VBS

**Are You Ready To Get Submerged?
Vacation Bible School 2016!**



Join us Mon. June

27th thru Fri. July 1st from 8:30am to 12pm.

Registration is now open through the Church Website.

If you are interested in being part of our Dive Team to guide children, please contact Lisa Smith or Karen Morris.