



UPCOMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP MEALS

There is still time to join your Mount Olivet pastors, staff, and friends at a Stewardship meal of your choice, or pick up a meal on a night that works for you. These meals are a time to pause and celebrate all the blessings God has given us, and to offer our thanks in return. Please make a reservation today! Register at mtolivet.org/events.

BRUNCH WITH US - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Your church wants to celebrate members being a part of our community of faith, volunteering their time, participating in programming, and steadfast generosity, therefore, Sunday brunch is on us! Join us after worship on Sunday, September 25 for food and fellowship. Brunch items may include: egg sandwiches and pastries from our amazing Kitchen, crepes from La Belle Crepe (Mpls) and even Nautical Bowls (West). No registration necessary. Hope to see you there!

STARGAZING AT THE RETREAT CENTER - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 OR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Join us for Stargazing this year with retired WCCO meteorologist Mike Lynch! We'll have giant telescopes to watch the great celestial show in the skies over the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. Cost is \$15 per person which includes program, snacks, and bottled water. Children 3 and under are free. Max cost per family is \$50. Register at mtolivet.org/events.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Check out our MOSOMA page to see the updated fall schedule for private lessons, some new art classes coming up, biographies from our teachers, and more! Visit mtolivet.org/mosoma for more information.

PUMPKIN PATCH - MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

The Pumpkin Patch is a fundraiser for our High School Cathedral Choir. It will be open rain or shine from Monday, October 10, through Saturday, October 30. Hours are Monday-Friday from 1pm-7pm and Saturday-Sunday from 10am-5pm, located at 50th Street & James Avenue.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AT MPLS & HOLIDAY MARKET AT WEST

Join us for the MOCW Holiday Boutique from 9am-2pm on Saturday, November 5, and MOCW Holiday Market from 9am-2pm on Saturday, November 12! We will be featuring vendors, our Bistro, and so much more at both campuses. You won't want to miss it! No registration necessary.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY BONFIRE AT THE WEST CAMPUS - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Join us for an evening around the bonfire! We'll have s'mores, games, and fellowship at the West Campus on October 2 from 6-8pm. Please RSVP online for this event - and feel free to invite your friends!

PARTY AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

For our annual Party at the Pumpkin Patch we will have our rescheduled Outdoor Summer Concert artist Louis & Dan and the Invisible Band perform. We'll also have a bounce house and some treats as you shop for a pumpkin. It will be a festive morning at the patch!

FAMILY DAY AWAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Join us for fall fun for the whole family! All ages will enjoy a change of scenery as you visit the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center for a hike around the grounds, outdoor games, crafts (materials provided), and swimming in the indoor pool! If you're up for it, your family can help ready the Retreat Center grounds for the winter season. Volunteers will help with installing deer fencing around white Cedar trees, raking leaves, wood splitting, wood chipping, and other seasonal projects. Please register at mtolivet.org for this event.

BABYGARTEN CLASS

We will play, read, and sing at this weekly, faith-based, hour-long class developed by a children's librarian and early childhood specialist. Babygarten focuses on reading, rhyming, and activities. It is more than a playgroup or story time. Babygarten provides pre-literacy skills for children in a faith-based environment. This program runs every Thursday, September 15 through Thursday, October 20, 10-11am at the Mpls Campus.

MUSIKGARTEN

Each week in Musikgarten, children birth to three years of age, along with the adults who love them, gather to create and experience the magic of music in a safe and loving community. Join us as we sing, dance, wiggle, laugh, play instruments, and experience the joy that only music can provide! Daytime and evening classes are led year-round by our licensed Musikgarten teachers.

GROWING FAMILIES

Do you want to help your kids feel more at home at church? Do you want to meet other parents experiencing the same joys and confusions as you in this wonderful (and just plain full) stage of life? Then this is the group for you! Growing Families meets once a month on Sunday after the 10am worship service. It's a chance for adults and kids to discuss the week's Bible lesson, pray together, and play together. Food is provided and childcare options are available. For more information, contact Pastor Dixon at mdixon@mtolivet.org

PARENTS SHARE

Parents Share, is a gathering of parents, who bring their current parenting issues and gather the wisdom and experience of all of the parents who attend. Marilyn Sharpe, Mount Olivet member and certified parent educator, facilitates the group. There are three 8-week sessions throughout the school year, and limited nursery is provided at no cost. Parents Share will meet at the Mpls Campus in room 199 from 9:30am to 11am this fall on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23.

VISIT [MTOLIVET.ORG/EVENTS](https://mtolivet.org/events) TO REGISTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation occurs during grades 7 & 8, and helps students learn more about the bible and faith while forming important relationships with their peers, pastors, youth staff, and mentors. Along the way, students not only learn about faith, they have an opportunity to make it their own. Confirmation includes weekly meetings, guided by pastors, youth staff, and confirmation mentors, as well as several retreat and camping experiences. Students celebrate their affirmation of baptism and are confirmed in September of their freshman year.

JHA GRADES 7 & 8

Junior High Alive (JHA) is programming where participants enjoy fun events, service opportunities, and fellowship with peers and leaders! Join us for our upcoming fall events!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Middle school-age singers build relationships with their peers and the church as they develop musical confidence through singing. Chancel Choir is an excellent service opportunity for 7th and 8th graders enrolled in confirmation. Chancel Choir, offered at both the Mpls and West Campuses, performs during worship approximately once per month, and rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, starting October through April. Register for Chancel Choir at mtolivet.org.

HI-LEAGUE

In Hi-League, we meet most Sundays throughout the school year and events are faith, worship, service, and fellowship based. No advanced registration for Hi-League events is necessary. Hi-League also offers weekly service projects that you can get involved with including Circle of Friends at the Mpls Campus and MO United at the West Campus. Visit mtolivet.org/hi-league to view the fall schedule.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

High school-aged singers from many different schools and musical backgrounds join together each week to sing and serve in Cathedral Choir. This is a musical experience that helps adolescents develop and enrich their own individual faith story. Cathedral Choir, offered at both the Mpls and West Campuses, performs during worship most Sundays, and rehearses on Wednesday evenings starting September through May. Register for Cathedral Choir at mtolivet.org.

SENIOR RETREAT AT COP

A special fall retreat up at camp for the class of 2023 from September 30-October 2! This weekend is filled with camp softball, hikes, devotions, and even a shopping trip into Grand Marais! Transportation is from the Mpls Campus.

FALL CAMP AT COP

One of the most popular camp weekends is October 20-23! There will be pumpkin carving, devotion time, and even a fall camp dance! A lottery registration will be sent out to all Hi-League students in grades 9-11 in September. Transportation is from the Mpls Campus.

HI-ER LEAGUE - AGES 18-22

Stay tuned for more about our once-a-month Hi-er League Bible Study schedule, and save the dates for our get-togethers over breaks on Wednesday night, November 23, and at the 10pm service on Christmas Eve.

ADULT MINISTRY

SENIOR CHOIR

Senior Choir is open to a wide age range of interested adults who wish to become a member of a special musical community. With a desire to share God's love through a variety of musical styles, singers are a part of an ensemble that is known for performance excellence and inspirational musical contributions to worship. Previous musical experience and a musical ear help for quick integration into the group. All music learning takes place in a fun and relaxed environment! If you are interested in learning more about the Senior Choir at either campus, please contact Beverly Claffin by email or at 612.767.2263.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES - WORD WITH YOUR PASTORS

Why do we pray? Ever wonder what prayer is exactly or what it's good for? How many different ways are there to pray? To whom should we pray and what for? What does the Bible say about prayer? How can we become more confident and practiced at prayer in our faithful lives? And again, why pray? Join some of your Mount Olivet pastors this fall in tackling, discussing, and learning about all these questions and more in a four-session series titled Pray Without Ceasing. In the meantime, we'll be praying for you! Register at mtolivet.org/education.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES - LIVING THE MESSAGE

The Living the Message Bible study will begin in October, and run monthly through May 2023. The theme for the 2022-2023 series is Built On a Rock ~ Exploring the Heart of Christianity from Genesis to Revelation and will be taught by Pastor Ruud and Pastor Lose. Come to the first Tuesday of the month evening presentations, or watch and learn on your own time via recorded videos. (Or both!) Register at mtolivet.org/education.

SERVE MINISTRY

DONATION DRIVES

In October, we will begin holding a Sunday Morning Donation Drive on the third Sunday of each month, from 8:30-11am at both campuses. These events will replace our former Greet and Give drives. As situations are constantly changing, we work closely with our community partners to collect and supply only items that are currently in high need. Please watch for monthly updates on the most-needed items, as identified by our community partners, and bring your donations to worship with you every third Sunday. There will be donation locations in the parking lots. Please contact Laurie Hancer by email if you are able to help with item collection on these days.

COMMUNITY MEALS

Mount Olivet Church is continuing to host a community meal of in-house scratch-made healthy meals, which are free of charge, and are our opportunity to support anyone who needs meals for whatever reason! Dinners are served via curbside pick-up at our Mpls Campus. Dinner service begins at 4pm.

MOUNT OLIVET HOMES' VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE!

Interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at Mount Olivet Homes? Already one of our active volunteers? All are invited to an afternoon of treats, beverages, information, prizes, and fun! Our Volunteer Open House will be on Thursday, October 13, from 1-4pm. Volunteer opportunities at Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview, and Mount Olivet Day Services are open to people ages 15 and above. Programming throughout our facilities is in full swing, and we would love to welcome you to our team. Please invite a friend, family member – anyone who is ready to make a difference in the lives of others, as well as their own! RSVP Requested to Laurie Hancer at 612.821.3232 or lhancer@mtolivethomes.org

VOLUNTEER DAY AT MOCRC

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29, from 9am-3pm, for a beautiful fall day at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center to help ready the grounds for the winter season. In addition to seasonal projects, enjoy a delicious meal from our kitchen, have a swim in the indoor pool, or explore the trails. Thanks in advance for helping us care for God's creation! To Register for Fall Volunteer Day visit mtolivetretreat.org/events.