

THE Messenger

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Holy Week at Mount Olive

Holy Week at Mount Olive offers a rich variety of worship experiences that explore the days leading up to Christ's death and resurrection, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the empty tomb of Easter morning.

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm: Dinner Church

Maundy Thursday will be observed with a worship service and meal held in the Fellowship Hall. We start with a potluck, including Holy Communion as part of the meal, and then process into the sanctuary for the traditional stripping of the altar, a ritual that evokes the isolation Jesus experienced as his disciples abandoned him after his arrest. See more details about the potluck meal inside.

Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm: *My God, O My God

Our Good Friday passion service was created by Richard BC to follow the arc of Psalm 22 as it moves from desolation to deep trust and gratitude. Join us for a time of readings, music, and prayer.

***Saturday, April 4, 7:00 pm: Easter Vigil**

The Easter Vigil at Mount Olive is something special. Members of Mount Olive join in creating inventive ways of telling the most essential stories of our faith through music, drama, and art. We will partake of Holy Communion, using sparkling wine and apple cider. Stick around afterward for our celebratory reception for all ages.

Sunday, April 5, *8:00 and 10:30 am Easter Festival Worship

Alleluias will unfurl, bells will ring, brass will sound, and the choir will sing, as all the people shout, "Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!" Please join us for this celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

*These services will be live-streamed. Links will be available on www.molive.org.

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I Love to Tell the Story - of Council Meetings

The Mount Olive Executive Committee met on March 10th on a dark and stormy night. Not really, I just wanted to lead off with that line. Every month in The Messenger, I will provide a brief summary of our Council happenings. We start each meeting with a Devotion and prayer. This grounds us after a busy day. There are routine discussions regarding treasurer, finance, and giving figures, as well as committee reports. After that, we move into our Pastor's report and all kinds of business.

Here are highlights from March:

- We approved funding for a Feasibility/Implementation Study by Olson Advancement to evaluate our Capital Campaign strategy and planning.
- We heard more details about the Palm Sunday event on March 29th at Soldier's Field.
- The Council wishes to thank Terry Krieger for his outstanding work as Office Administrator.

Loren Else, Council Secretary

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee will be conducting interviews of pastoral candidates for the vacant pastoral position after Easter. They have received the Rostered Minister Profiles for 6 interested candidates. They were thankful for the opportunity to engage in a "practice" interview in March and have been preparing thoughtful and informative responses to common questions asked by pastoral candidates about our congregation. Please be aware that during the interview process, Call Committee members can not share names or details about pastoral candidates, to respect them and their current congregations.

Feasibility Study for a Capital Campaign

As we continue to explore possibilities for a Capital Campaign to address facility needs and enhance hospitality for all who gather in our space, church council has contracted with Steve Olson of Olson Advancement (www.olsonadvancement.com) to conduct a feasibility study. This will guide us in the best way to carry out a campaign, by listening to and receiving feedback from a cross-section of Mount Olive members.

Steve is an ELCA pastor who served congregations in Washington State and Minnesota. Since 2000, he has worked with congregations on stewardship, capital campaigns, and gift planning, and served in Development & University Relations for Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.

A key element of the study will be interviews with congregation members to receive feedback on Mount Olive and a capital campaign. The confidential interviews are 30-45 minutes in length and will take place in late April. Further information will be provided on how to sign-up if you would like to participate. The interviews will be conducted in person at Mount Olive, or by Zoom if you prefer. A summary report with recommendations will be provided and available to all.

Staff Changes

Shiloy Baldwin (pronounced shi-LOY) will be joining staff as our Office Administrator on April 1st. She has spent the majority of her career working in the non-profit sector, including 3 camps, and 2 churches. She moved to Rochester from Iowa about 5 years ago. She retired as the Business Administrator at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at the end of February. Her husband, Clark, is Pastor at Aurora Lutheran Church in rural Owatonna. They have a son and family in Wisconsin



along with 2 grandchildren (ages 10 & 6). Their daughter and her husband live and work in Rochester. She enjoys time with family, reading, camping, walking, cooking, knitting and needle felting. Shiloy looks forward to joining the staff at Mount Olive and meeting all who walk through the door. (continued on pg. 3)

Easter Offering

This year, Easter offerings will support individuals and families in our community who are experiencing housing insecurity. Donations will be shared between Family Promise Rochester and the Landing MN. When families participate in the Family Promise shelter program, their basic needs are met so they can focus on meeting their goals and saving their money. Through their Day Center and mobile outreach, The Landing MN offers social services that help build trust, give hope, and support steps toward stability for those experiencing homelessness.

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

The Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, **April 2** begins with a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Beverages, bread, and table service will be provided. If you are willing to help with setting up, serving drinks, or cleaning up afterwards, please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact Nancy Britson in the church office - nancy@molive.org.



Pray Without Ceasing

Mondays 5:30 - 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

All are welcome to "Pray Without Ceasing," our short, contemplative service of music, meditation and readings. As part of an ELCA initiative, we join with hundreds of other churches and center our hearts on the needs of our community and our neighbors. Drop in any Monday night.



Congregational Life

Security System Update

The new security system is now active. Key cards have been distributed to staff and group leaders. There is also a video doorbell for staff to open the door remotely. Follow the directions on the signs. Look for the small black screen closest to the church door. Press the blue bell icon on the screen and swipe it up to be let in.

Staff Changes (continued from pg. 2)

Terry Krieger has been on staff as Office Administrator since October of 2023. He and Carrie, who recently retired from Mayo Clinic, are in the process of selling their home in Rochester and moving to Egg Harbor, in Door County Wisconsin. Terry will work with Shiloy Baldwin to provide any training needed as she begins the Administrator position. On Sunday, **April 19**, we will have the opportunity in worship to send Terry and Carrie off with a Godspeed and to thank Terry for his work on staff. A card basket will be available.



Pastor Byron Meline's last Sunday at Mount Olive will be Sunday, **April 26**. We are very thankful for Pastor Byron helping us out during this interim time. It has been a true joy to get to know Pastor Byron and experience his compassionate presence as a preacher, worship leader, and colleague. We're also grateful for the connections he made while visiting with our homebound members. Mount Olive staff will take him out to lunch on his last day, April 30. Be sure to thank Pastor Byron for his time at Mount Olive.



Channel One Epicure Event

Date: April 25, 2026

Times: 6 to 10 pm

Where: Channel One warehouse ([131 35th St. SE, Rochester](#))

Join Channel One this year for one of Rochester's fastest growing

and most beloved events! Mark your calendar and be part of this meaningful gathering in Channel One's 55,000 square foot facility to eat, drink, socialize, and come together around something that connects us all: food. *Epicure: One Bite at a Time* supports Channel One's ability to address food insecurity in 14 counties in southeast Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Last year, Epicure raised over \$124,000 to address hunger in our region. Throughout the evening, guests will be offered a variety of epicurean bites from approximately 12 restaurants, specialty cocktails, games, and more. In addition, tours of the facility and onsite food shelf will be available with our staff and board members. This is sure to be a memorable evening you do not want to miss!

Dorothy Day House Volunteers Needed

Mount Olive Volunteers provide a meal to the guests at Dorothy Day Hospitality House on the first Friday evening of each month. Volunteers provide and share a family-style meal with the guests in the home's dining room. A sign-up sheet for 2026 is on the cabinet in the Gathering Area. Training is provided if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mark & Sarah Jerde, Mount Olive coordinators - sarahjerdepa@gmail.com.



Family Promise - Serving Families Experiencing Homelessness

Greatest Needs: Disinfecting wipes, paper towels, full size shampoo and conditioner, and hangers.

Volunteer Opportunities: Family Promise would like to provide more opportunities for weekend engagement at Promise House. If you or a group you are involved with

would be willing to come on a weekend and provide some fun activity for the guests to participate in please let them know! There is not a specific sign up for this because the date and time are flexible with what works best for YOU. Ideas include story time, music, crafts/activities, game times, cooking activities, special holiday activities, and other ideas you might come up with! The sky is the limit, so please be creative and reach out if you are interested in offering some fun on the weekends on a regular basis (monthly/bi-weekly/weekly) or as a one-time option

Family Promise would like to put a chain link fence up around the front yard of the Promise House to provide some safety for guests with little kids that might want to play and spend time outside when the weather is nice. If you know of a good company or are someone who has put up a chain link fence, please with be in touch!

They would also like to put up a Little Lending Pantry out front like they had at their old location, so they can put books, toys, food, and more in there to share with the neighborhood and community (and vice versa). They would also like to put some raised garden beds out front for volunteers and guests to utilize. They are looking for people with a green thumb who like to garden to help them plan and work with the garden. Finally, they are still looking for sponsors to help with the meals for their bi-monthly Promise Groups. This is a very tangible to give back to the guests staying with them. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up to be a Meal Sponsor.

If you are interested in helping with any of the opportunities above, please contact Bethany Moen, Operations and Community Engagement Manager, volunteer@fprochestermn.org, 507-281-3122, ext. 404.

Mount Olive Food Pantry

Due to the growing needs in our community and requests from our neighbors, we have added a selection of household and personal hygiene items to the collection. We will continue to accept shelf-stable, non-expired food items. Bring your items to the church office. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please indicate “food pantry” on your check memo or online comment. Look for the lists of most requested items on the Gathering Area cabinet.

Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will meet on **April 14** at 10:00 am. Yarn, needles, patterns, and guidance are supplied; please contact Vickie Kubly if you would like to join the group—507-282-7696. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone who is experiencing illness, loss, or a difficult time, please contact Vickie, or you may call the church office at 507-288-1580.

Mount Olive Quilters

The quilters meet each **Thursday at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to prepare and tie quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and local service organizations. Everyone is welcome to join them. They can always use more cotton fabrics for making the colorful quilt tops. Donations may be left in the Gathering Area cabinet.



The Landing MN Fundraiser

The Landing MN is having a fundraiser at Nothing Bundt Cakes from **March 30th to April 4th!**

Mention The Landing MN and they will receive 20%

of sales from the week! Please note that they are closed on Easter Sunday, so pick up would need to be Saturday, April 4, the day prior.

Litter Bit Better Celebrates 20 Years

From April 25 to May 3, Rochester will celebrate two decades of neighbors working side-by-side to keep our community clean, healthy and beautiful. Since the first clean up event, volunteers have removed more than 177 tons of litter from streets, parks and waterways across the community. What started as a small cleanup effort has grown into a powerful example of collective action and community pride.

How to Participate:

Pick a location: Choose a cleanup spot on the registration map or suggest a new location.

Pick a date: Clean up any day between April 25 and May 3.

Pick it up!: Grab your bags and get started.

Individuals, families, neighbors, classrooms and workplaces are all encouraged to participate. Registration details, maps, and volunteer tips are available at [Spring 2026 Litter Bit Better — RNeighbors](#). Registration closes on April 23.



Pastor Lisa recently led the quilters in a blessing for 27 quilts sent to LWR.



Spring Yard Clean-Up

Spring is finally here!! We'll have a Spring Clean-Up of the church grounds on Saturday, **April 25** beginning at 9:00 am. (rain date May 2) Your help is needed! Primary tasks will be raking, weeding, cleaning, and mulching the flower gardens and plantings around the building. Bring your gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, sprayers, etc. Bags and mulch will be provided. Of course anyone is welcome to work on these tasks any other days, but this will be our target day. Contact Paul Schaefer with any questions—paul1953schaefer@gmail.com or call the office [507-288-1580](tel:507-288-1580).

Sunday Forums in April

In April, our Sunday Forums, held at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, will feature guest speakers with expertise in a variety of subjects. Check out the line-up below:

April 12 - "What all is in the hymnal?" with Deacon Travis Beck.

April 19 - Dawn Jacobson, MD, is a board-certified physician and innovative leader in Integrative, Lifestyle, and Functional Medicine. She will share methods of prayer with movement and exploring spirituality.

April 26 - Madeline Froiland is the Program Director of the ELCA's Sumud: for Justice in Palestine and Israel initiative since November of 2024. She will share perspectives on her years living in Jerusalem.

The World is about to Turn: Rhythm of Constant Transformation



Guest Speakers:
Meta Herrick Carlson
Steph Smith

Women's Spring Retreat
Mount Olive Fellowship Hall
April 18, 2026, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Women's Spring Retreat

All women of Mount Olive are invited to step away for a time set apart for a true retreat, created with intention, gentleness, and space to simply *be*. On Saturday, **April 18**, 9:00 am-3:00 pm in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall, this year's retreat offers a time to pause from responsibilities, routines, and the constant pull of daily life. Here, nothing is expected of you. You are welcome to arrive exactly as you are. Our hope is to create a space, with the help of our talented presenters, Meta Herrick Carlson and Steph Smith, where rest feels possible, reflection comes naturally, and connection unfolds at its own rhythm. In this season of transformation, we'll explore how God is continually at work by turning the world, and our hearts, toward something new. We will create

room for God's presence, for one another, and for ourselves. Come, exhale, and let your rhythm be re-stored. You deserve this time! Breakfast snacks, a catered lunch and beverages throughout the day will be provided. Our catered lunch will be a taco buffet by Pinnacle. Please assist us with our planning by listing any food allergies, restrictions or preferences on your registration form, found on the table in the church entry. Registrations are due by **April 7**. Contact Paula Roberts - roberts64paula@gmail.com with questions.

Zumbro Conference Spring Women's Event

All women are invited to a Spring Event at Zumbro Lutheran Church on Saturday, **April 25**. Registration, coffee, and displays begin at 8:00 am. Beginning at 9:30 am there will be a brief business meeting, updates from Good Earth Village and Lutheran Campus Center, a program by Pastor Shelley Cunningham, and a worship service. Lunch follows at noon. To register (cost \$15), please contact the church office.

The Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa **July 16-19, 2026**. Mount Olive's Women's Ministry Team is excited to offer scholarships for three women to attend. There will be preference given to those who have never attended a Triennial gathering before. After the conference, the WMT group will ask the scholarship recipients to share their experiences via an article or a Sunday forum. For questions or to be considered, please reach out to Erin Sinnwell- erinsinnwellphotography9@gmail.com for more information. To learn more about this event, click here: <https://community.elca.org/women-of-the-elca-13th-triennial-gathering>



Other Important Dates:

April 7 - Study leaders meeting led by Donna Miller in the front conference room at 5:30 pm.

April 7 - The Women's Ministry Team meets at 6:30 pm in the front conference room.

April Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School is **9:15 - 10:15 am** on Sunday mornings, beginning with music in the sanctuary!

1st Sunday: **April 5** Easter Sunday! (Egg Hunt - Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 - Bring Your own basket)

2nd Sunday: **April 12 Large Group Sunday School**

(Kids Sing at 10:30)

April 12 is also **Service Sunday**. We will be making bird houses and feeders during Sunday School time.



3rd Sunday: **April 19** Classroom Sunday School

4th Sunday: **April 26** Classroom Sunday School &

Breakfast Club (6th-12th) at Hollandberry

Confirmation/Wednesday Nights

6th - 12th Grade youth meet regularly on Wednesday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Youth also meet on Sundays 9:15-10:15 am during Sunday School hour with "Service Sundays" on the 2nd Sunday of the month and Breakfast Club on the 4th Sunday of the month.

April Confirmation Dates

NO MEETING Wed. April 1 (Holy Week) - join us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil!

Wed. April 8 – Planning for Youth Sunday (Theme Verse, Bible Study, FAITH Activity)

Wed. April 15 – Planning for Youth Sunday

Wed. April 22 – Planning for Youth Sunday

Wed. April 29 – Planning for Youth Sunday

*Youth Sunday will be at both services on Sunday May 17.



Youth Choir singing in March

Egg Hunts!

Bring your own Easter basket and come join us in-between services for an Egg Hunt at Mount Olive on Easter Sunday, **April 5**. Kids will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am. The egg hunt will begin shortly on the front lawn.

Our friends at People of Hope have also invited us to their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, **April 4** at 10:00 am People of Hope is located at 3703 Country Club Rd. SW.



Save the Date: July 20-23 VBS Day Camp Week!

Registration is now OPEN for Mount Olive VBS Day Camp with Good Earth Village! A registration link was sent out via email and can also be found in the Gathering Area. The rate is \$95 per kid. (Financial support is available as needed) This summer, it will be **July 20-23, 2026, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm Mon-Thurs**. We will have 3 camp



counselors from Good Earth Village and Evan Fitzsimmons as our coordinator. Day Camp ages are Kindergarten - 5th Grade of the current school year!

If younger ages want to participate, we just ask a supervising parent/guardian be on site. We would love to have any 6th-12th grade helpers to help with various Day Camp tasks such as preparing snacks, helping in Bible study, crafts, games, and ultimately deepening in relationship with our youngest ones.





Spring is Springing

and that means change is evident. The earth is all about it. Crocuses can't help themselves. The birds have cleared their throats and changed their songs. As Olive Branch reminds us, we like change. We get to be part of it, whether that's the adjustment of our innermost heart, the evolution of a friendship, or working for justice and peace. May you breathe deeply in this season of change.

Off the Page

Monday, April 13, 6-7:30 pm in the Olive Pit

This round of OTP has us dig into the Road to Emmaus story from Luke 24:13-35. Drawing from the gift of the ancient Jewish tradition of *midrash*, we'll wonder together how the narrative of Christ's resurrection is speaking to us here and now. All are welcome. No experience necessary.



Artist Studio

Monday, April 20, 6-7:30 pm in the Old Library

We've got something special planned— a community project that calls for all of us together! We've never done anything quite like this before, so don't miss this celebration of art, friendship and faith. All ages welcome! No experience necessary.

Richard's Psalm Book Launch Party

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Our own Dr. Richard Bruxvoort Colligan has written his first book on the Psalms! It's called *Dangerous Songs: The Psalms and a Gloriously Disrupted Life*. Come and celebrate with a program that includes readings by Richard, music by Travis, and singing by all of us together. Copies of the book will be for sale, as well as his latest CD. Free admission. A reception will follow. (Richard's book is also available to order at this link: www.broadleafbooks.com/store/product/9798889836247/Dangerous-Songs)



Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU)

Monday, April 27, 6-7:30 pm in the Olive Pit

Discernment is the fancy church word for wondering what to do. How do you notice options and opportunities? What's your process for making choices? We'll discuss prayer, trust, the power of choice, and decision-making styles. All welcome!

April at a Glance

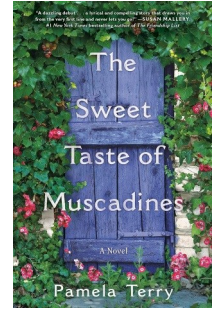
Monday 4/13 OTP
Monday 4/20 Artist Studio
Wednesday 4/22 Book Launch Party
Monday 4/27 FSU

Women's Monthly Coffee Meet Up

Mount Olive women are invited to meet at 9:00 am on Friday, **April 3** for coffee/tea at the Market Grille at Hy-Vee West Circle at 4221 West Circle Drive. Come each month for fellowship and good conversation. If you have questions, ask Cathy Hanson at 507-398-3917 or kchanson89@gmail.com.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature. They meet on the second Monday of the month, **April 13**, at 6:30 pm. This month's selection is *The Sweet Taste of Muscadines: A Novel* by Pamela Terry. A woman returns to her small southern hometown in the wake of her mother's sudden death - only to find the past upended by stunning family secret. This intimate debut novel is written with deep compassion and sharp wit. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. Contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net with questions or to get on the email list.



Brews Brothers Meets At Forager

Brews Brothers, a fellowship opportunity for Mount Olive men, continues to meet the second Thursday of each month at a local brewery. This month, on Thursday, **April 9**, 4:30 to 6:00 pm, they will be meeting at Forager Brewery at 1005 6th St. NW in Rochester. Come to chat and enjoy a good beer. All are welcome! Contact Keith Hanson at kjhanson17@gmail.com with questions.

Ripe Olives Welcomes Triple Berry Pie

Ripe Olives is Mount Olive's group for retired and semi-retired folks to gather for a meal, fellowship, learning and fun. They meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 am. On **April 10**, we'll be treated to music from Triple Berry Pie, a delightful singing trio composed of our own Karen Masbruch, Anjanette Bandel, and Ruth Casper with Susan Shepard on piano. They sing a variety of favorite songs in three part harmony.

Breakfast is provided with a free will offering. Sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP - nancy@molive.org.



Mayo Clinic Orchestra Spring Concert

Mayo Clinic Orchestra will hold their Spring concert, entitled "So Last Century" at Mount Olive on Sunday, **April 26** at 3:00 pm. Admission for this concert is free! Under the direction of John Vettel, they will perform songs from Mahler, Bernstein, Britten, Copland, and more. All are welcome!

New Member Orientation

Between services on Sunday, **April 19**, people who have expressed interest in membership at Mount Olive will have a chance to meet staff and Church Council members at a brief meeting in the library at 9:15 am. If you have been attending and aren't yet sure about membership, this meeting is also for you. You can ask questions, learn more about Mount Olive, and consider joining the congregation on New Member Sunday, May 3. Please contact Nancy Britson for more information - nancy@molive.org.

Easter Fellowship Time!

On Easter Sunday, **April 5**, we'll have a special fellowship time between services with rolls, fruit, juice, and more. More volunteers are needed to provide treats or drinks or help serving. Sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet at church or at <https://tinyurl.com/fsd3f>. Contact Renee Schaefer with questions - renee@molive.org.



Thank You Soup Supper Volunteers!

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with the Lenten soup suppers this season by either serving, cleaning up, cooking, or contributing towards the start up costs. We were able to raise a lot of funds for ELCA World Hunger due to everyone's generous giving. A total amount will be shared when it is available. Special thanks also to David Steenhoek and Renee Schaefer for their planning, cooking, and managing the kitchen!

Thank You Snow Plow Drivers!

Have we seen the end of the snow for the season? We hope so! A big thank you to the crew of Mount Olive folks who have helped with the snow removal this winter including Gene Ostrom, Paul Schaefer, Mark Schoer, and others. Your work was appreciated, especially during our recent 17" snowfall!

Prayer and Spiritual Care

Are you in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one or have other joys or sorrows to share? Mount Olive has a Prayer Chain, coordinated by Kim Ignatius. If you have a prayer request to share or if you would like to join the prayer chain as one who prays, please contact Kim at: 507-271-6087 or ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net. If you have a prayer request that you would like printed in the bulletin or have news such as hospitalization, birth of a baby, etc., or would like to request a pastoral visit, please contact one of the pastors or Nancy Britson in the church office using the contact information below. Voicemail messages are forwarded automatically to our email addresses. Thank you!

Exercise Classes at Mount Olive

FREE exercise classes for people 55+ continue to meet twice weekly at Mount Olive. The "Stay Active and Independent for Life" (SAIL) classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 - 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The classes are designed specifically for older adults and focus on strength, balance, flexibility and aerobics. All exercises and aerobics can be done sitting or standing and are very adaptive. **New Volunteers are needed to lead the classes**; training is provided. Contact the church office for more information.

Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:

"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring: All gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; All races and ethnicities; All ages and abilities; All economic statuses and education levels; All faith journeys and personal histories. We work for racial equity and commit to anti-racism as the way of right relationship with God and one another. As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."



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A Reconciling in
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