



THE OLIVE BRANCH

JUNE 2023

OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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NEW LIFE

On May 10, Ann and I greeted our newly born first grandson, Luke Thomas. I was not prepared for how emotional that moment could be. Holding Luke brought me full circle back to that moment I first held my infant daughters. It is a strange yet wonderful feeling when your children have children! I had forgotten how small infants can be! Small, yet beautifully formed with perfect little fingers and toes, I held in my arms a new life with all its possibilities.

Be we parents or grandparents, we can't help but wonder and worry about our loved ones. Rambling thoughts come to the surface, posed in questions. What challenges will they face? How will they do in school? Will they be successful in life, will they find friendships, will they fall in love, will they one day have children? Many questions, all without answers.

All we can do is to trust in God's providence, in the love of Luke's parents, and the care of all those who watch over him. So perhaps it is best just to hold Luke, and enjoy the moment, a moment that will not last forever, and sooner than we think, be gone. For children become adults, and those adults have their own children.

So, pray for the children in your lives. Pray for God to watch over them. And give thanks to God, the creator of life, the eternal one, for a love that never ends, for the lives of those you love. Thank you, God.

Blessings,
~Pastor Richard



WELCOME GRANDCHILD

We celebrate with Pastor Richard and Ann as they welcome their grandson, Luke Thomas Bloom, born Wednesday, 5/10/23 at 6AM at 8 lbs, 3oz. We praise God that all are healthy and happy.



MEETINGS & BUILDING USE

T.O.P.S.: Tuesdays; 9:30AM; Taylor Hall

Seekers Prayer Group: Tuesdays; 11:30 AM
Adult SS Room

Our Day Out: 2nd Wednesdays; 10AM-2PM;
Branch Hall

Comfort Ministry: 2nd Saturdays; 10 AM
Sandy's Restaurant

DWM Tuesday Bible Study: 3rd Tuesdays; 2 PM;
Taylor Hall

Afternoon Delight: 1st Tuesdays; 2 PM;
hosted in homes
Janet Dombrowski, Coordinator

Girl Scouts Troop 1385 Meetings:
Alternate Wednesdays; September 7-June 14, 2023
6:30-8:00 PM; Adult Sunday School Room

OBCC Men's Meeting: 2nd Thursdays; 9 AM; Branch
Hall with breakfast

Family Night:
Wednesdays, June 7 & 14; 6 PM, Branch Hall

Bring a dish to share

NOTE: Watch for another gathering opportunity in June



SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Services:

8:30 AM Branch Hall 11:00 AM Sanctuary

Sunday School:

NFH Sunday School following the 8:30 service

Andy's Sunday School at 9:30

Nursery:

Open on Sundays: 8:15AM-12:15PM

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-1:30PM



DWM Meeting: June 19; 6:00 PM;

Kay Ainsworth home; 10134 Sycamore Landing Rd

Father's Day Tools Giving: June 4 & 11

Food Donation Drop-Off: June 10; 9:30-11:30 AM

OBCC parking lot

Vacation Bible School: July 17-21; 5-8 PM

OBCC Campus



JUNE IS TOOLS GIVING MONTH

This program provides vital support to those most in need around the world. Find order forms inserted in Sunday bulletins on June 4 & 11. A donor list will be published on June 18. Thank you for your steadfast support!



DISICPLE WOMEN TO MEET

After several years of not being able to meet, DWM will again be gathering at Kay Ainsworth's house on the York River for the Annual DWM Dinner on Monday June 19th at 6:00pm. Please bring a favorite covered dish to share. There is limited parking, so there will be a group that will meet at church and leave from there.



PRAYER LIST

Church Family: Pat Allred, Michael Ayres, Haley Creech, Janet Dombrowski, Phyllis Gardner, Curt Griffin, Nancy Griffith, Jean Lawrence, Diana Love, Dallas Mitchell, Joann Mitchell, Bob and Diane Mongold, Elna & Danny Pitts, Fred Rothermel, Grayson Savage, Roy Sullivan, Dale Teagle, Barbara Thiel, Jerry Van Cleave, Sarah Waid, Tyler Watson, David Willard, Ronnie Yeatts

Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, Our Nation, Cynthia Burton St. John (Robin Moscati's friend), Jane Crowder (Sharon Herndon's friend), Denny Dasher (Dennis & Anita Dasher's son), Karen Disse (David & Carol Pitts' daughter), Anne Finelli (Val Mason's sister), Evela

Gordineer (Norm Hall's daughter), Donna Hankinson (Bell's neighbor), Louise and Buddy Holloman (Missy Harbour's friends), Renee Houchens (Connie Cason's daughter), Chris Hunt (Cindy Robertson's son-in-law), Barbara Kendrick (Cheryl Johnson's sister), Steve King (Sharon Herndon's friend), Aspen Lee (Carol and David Pitts' friend), Jane Marshall (Val Mason's sister), Melissa Norman (Anita Dasher's sister), Curt Norseman (Liz Ripley's friend), Julie Painter (Anita Dasher's aunt), Cindi Pere (Anita & Dennis Dasher's friend), Marolyn Pierce (Carolyn Hunt's sister), Crystal Radford & son TJ (Doug & Emily Dill's friends), Tricia Rainone (Anita & Dennis Dasher's daughter), Zak Reynolds (Larry & Louise Smith's grandson), Ray Riha (Watsons' friend), Logan Ripley (Liz Ripley's grandson), Arlean Rogers (Cheryl Johnson's friend), Family of Margie Schumacher (Patty Barker's sister), Lisa Schumann (Jeanne Bell's sister), William (Bill) Slauson (Maralyn Carr's brother), Linda Stallings (Bob & Sharon Herndon's friend), Harry Stewart (Bob Schmidt's friend), John & Gail Trumbower (Gene & Cheryl Johnson's daughter-in-law's parents), Chrissy Vitek (Irma Gustafson's granddaughter), Darlene West (Elizabeth Ripley's sister), Jason (Lorraine Beasley's son), Lola (Missy Harbour's friend's niece), Jimmy Barber and Donald Fleichman (Doug Dill's friends), Friend of Susan Rinehart



The OBCC Family extends condolences to Patty Barker and her family on the passing of her sister, Margie Schumacher.



09	Ralph & Tracey Hutton
09	Steve & Donna Perger
10	Janet Morris & William Morris, III
23	Jim & Paula Thacker
27	Phillip & Lisa Day



01	Missy Harbour
03	Carole Kerr
03	Angela Key
06	Mason Jensen
08	Janet Neal
09	Nadine Gardner
10	Joyce James
12	Allison Bradshaw
12	Tracie Heslink
12	William Morris, III
14	Jim Hunt

- 15 Dennis Dasher
- 16 Kathryn Howard
- 17 Jane Vaught
- 18 James Holland
- 20 Leland Williams
- 25 Gaby Wolverton
- 27 Judy Eley
- 30 Susan Kohlman



ELDERS & DEACONS & DEACONESSES

		THIS MONTH'S DEACONESS
		Linda Hutchens
06/04/2023	Mel Watson Don White	
	Kaye Watson Devon Watson Tyler Watson Liz Ripley	
06/11/2023	Roy Henk Andy Bradshaw	
	Ann Bradshaw Chuck Walker Bob Herndon Sharon Herndon	
06/18/2023	Richard Bradshaw Doug Dill	
	Judy Eley Tracy Creech Will Hatcher Lois Marshall	
06/25/2023	Marney Brickhouse Linda Williams	
	Missy Harbour Ryan Matschke David Love Janet Dombrowski	



OUR DAY OUT-2ND WEDNESDAYS

It was a beautiful day as we gathered to enjoy faith, family, fun, and food. Our theme was Derby Day and Anita, Sheila, and I dazzled everybody with our terrific hats. Because there are so many celebrations in May, I did a brief history of Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day, but Barb stole the show with her wonderful deliverance on, "What our mother's taught us". Richard enjoyed it so much that he used a few of them in his sermon on Mother's Day. Just one example: mothers teach us about time travel by saying, "If you don't stop that, I am going to knock you into next week.

We played "Bible Derby" which was challenging, and I loved the response to the question "What is your favorite verse". Richard then treated us to a showing

of the 2023 Kentucky Derby and some great footage of Secretariat who has the record for the fastest derby ever run. Chef Sheila then delighted us with a Kentucky Derby menu of fried chicken, meat, cheese, tomato, and cucumber stackers, and pimento sandwiches. Oh, and did I mention Pecan Pie? Yummmmm!

Crafty Jane encouraged all of us to write a haiku and then do a simple illustration. It was challenging for some of us, and then others like Maggie and Grayson sailed right through it. Our resident bingo caller, Tyler, was on vacation, so Barb and I tried to fill his shoes. Laughter and fun ensued.

This program is so special to me and I am very grateful to all who participate and to those who lend their talents for the enjoyment of all of us. May God be with us all and let us reach out to others with a joy in our hearts! See you next month.

May God Bless You Always,
Marney Brickhouse, Coordinator



ST. OLAF FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

Please mark your calendars for a scheduled food drop-off event on June 10th, Saturday morning 9:30-11:30 in our church parking lot.

During the school summer break, St. Olaf provides additional food support to registered families who have school age children who are living in the home. The summer program provides food for breakfast and lunch on a two-week cycle to these school age children. Your cash/checks and food donations to this summer food pantry program provides vital aid to our neighborhood children. If you are making a check contribution, please make the check to OBCC, write in the notation line on the check for ST. Olaf Food Sharing.

We are grateful for your support and exemplifying our love for Jesus by following His command, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself".

We look forward to seeing your beautiful smiling faces.
*~Steve Perger, Jane & Will Hatcher,
Andrew Pfister, Joyce Allen*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME....

Hero Hotline is coming our way on July 17-21st. We had another planning meeting in May. Thank you to those who attended. We have a good start of volunteers, but still need many more helping hands.

Stonehouse has opted out of partnering with us this year. With this being said, I know our OBCC family will be more than willing to make this year a great experience. There will be signup sheets in the Branch Hall and in the narthex.

Hope to see you there.

~Abby Matschke, Coordinator



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to my wonderful, kind, and caring Olive Branch family for coming to my surprise party, sending me beautiful cards, hugging me, and simply saying happy birthday; it made this 80th year so special. I especially enjoyed the beautiful singing by Cecelia and Rudy the morning of my birthday while I was enjoying the view from the Bellagio in Vegas. God has truly blessed me, and I am so grateful.

Sincerely,
Marney Brickhouse



SPECIAL THANKS

On May 9, the OBCC family threw me a great party. I have no words to adequately express my thanks for the cards, gifts, kind words, and funny stories that you shared. In true OBCC tradition, the food was plentiful and delicious thanks to Marney Brickhouse, Shelia Yeatts, and Anita Dasher.

I received a huge pile of gifts...plants, flowers, cards, and a gift card (handy for me as I prepare for travel). Doug Dill made a special OBCC family gift of Australian Red Mallee wood burl (a part of the tree bud tissue that has not sprouted to blooms or twigs). It is one of his unique creations that many of you have seen. Most special of all was the roasting about being a Michigander (ask Richard to say that three times fast), hugs, thanks, and kind words. The poem that Clay wrote is in this issue. I am honored to be recognized by a published poet! Thank you!!

I am privileged to have been on your journey with you. I have always been reminded of love in action as I have helped you to do your work. While we cannot change the world at large (oh to wish for a magic wand to do so!), you demonstrate the ways to change the world where you stand. To be recognized and appreciated for the role I may have played in your work is a great blessing. There is hardly any greater gift than to be loved and appreciated for being just who I am. Thank you!

I will think of you as I enjoy my plants, travel, sing in more ensembles, and get back to needlework. I am eyeing some options for learning some new things as well. Here a photo of the tree and photos of the product of Doug's vision.

With thanks and gratitude...
~Susan Fournier



Doug Dill's beautiful creation



Example of Australian Red Mallee tree that produced the burl from which the bowl was created



PAINTING THE FENCE PROJECT

Thank you to all who came out to help paint the fence! Much was accomplished while having great fellowship.



NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY

National Doughnut Day honors the Salvation Army "Lassies" of WWI. It is also used as a fundraiser for needy causes of the Salvation Army.

The original Salvation Army Doughnut was first served by Salvation Army in 1917. During WWI, Salvation Army "lassies" were sent to the front lines of Europe. These brave volunteers made home-cooked foods and provided a morale boost to the troops. Soldiers cooked doughnuts in oil inside the metal helmet of an American soldier. The American infantrymen were commonly called doughboys. Salvation Army lassies were the only women outside of military personnel allowed to visit the front lines. The Salvation Army's "first doughnut girl" was Lt. Colonel Helen Purviance.

The Chicago Salvation Army started National Doughnut Day in 1938 to raise much-needed funds during the Great Depression, and to honor the work of World War I Salvation Army volunteers who prepared doughnuts and other foods for thousands of soldiers.

National Doughnut Day always falls on the first Friday of June. This year, National Doughnut Day is June 2. The best way to celebrate National Doughnut Day is to buy and eat some delicious doughnuts!



JUNE IS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES MONTH

June is also National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month. June 6 emphasizes this by including a National Gardening Exercise Day. Everyone knows gardening is therapeutic. It's good for the mind, body, and soul. Gardening Exercise Day allows us to go out and burn off calories and have fun doing it. National Gardening Exercise Day is intended to recognize the important physical health benefits of gardening.

In reality, gardening is exercise. Experts say the various activities and tasks of gardening ultimately uses all of the major muscle groups. In addition, strenuous gardening activities such as raking, hoeing, and digging are both aerobic and muscle strengthening. National Gardening Exercise Day is a part of National Garden Week.

National Gardening Week is a wonderful, week-long event. It is both a celebration and an educational opportunity. National Gardening Week celebrates one of America's most popular hobbies. Tens of millions of Americans, young and old alike, grow a garden of some size. This week is a great opportunity to get out into your garden and tend to it, along with enjoying your garden's peacefulness and beauty. Regardless of whether your garden is big or small, show it off to family and gardening friends. National Gardening Week is celebrated during the first full week of June.

There are several days in June for celebrating your garden. Herbs and Spices Day is June 10, National Corn on the Cob Day is June 11, Red Rose Day is June 12, National Weed Your Garden Day is June 13, Fresh Veggies Day is June 16, and National Eat Your Vegetables Day is June 17.



HAPPY
Gardening



Happy Father's Day!



FOR SUSAN WITH LOVE

TIME SEEMS TO PASS SO QUICKLY
EXCEPT THE COVID YEARS
WHEN OUR FAITH WAS TRULY TESTED
SPAWNING SOME DOUBTS AND FEARS.
YOU KEPT OUR NEWSLETTERS COMING
WHILE THERE WERE EMPTY PEWS
WHEN OLIVE BRANCH WAS GRATEFUL
FOR ENCOURAGING NEWS.

THE CHURCH OFFICE CAN BE A BEEHIVE
OF ACTIVITY.
EVERYONE WANTS THINGS DONE "YESTERDAY"
WHEN YOU'RE THE QUEEN BEE!
WORKING WITH RICHARD THROUGH THE YEARS
YOUR FAITH HAS SURELY GROWN,
FOR HE'S ONE OF THE FINEST PREACHERS
THAT WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.

YOU'VE MADE MANY ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS
THAT YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU,
AND MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME
WITH MANY BLESSINGS TOO.

IT'S BEEN OUR PLEASURE HAVING KNOWN YOU
FOR THESE PAST EIGHT YEARS,
AND WE WISH YOU NOTHING BUT SMOOTH SAILING
NOW THAT YOU HAVE SHIFTED GEARS!

GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS!

Clay Harrison



~SAVE THE DATE~

2023 DWM WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

HILTON GARDEN INN; LYNCHBURG, VA

Questions? CONTACT: Marney Brickhouse

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FAITH

LOVE



HOPE

JESUS



THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE
Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry (VDWM)
2023 Fall Retreat October 6-8
Hilton Garden Inn, 4025 Wards Road, Lynchburg, VA

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline August 31, 2023

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip Code_____

Phone (Cell)_____ (Home)_____

Email_____ Home Church_____

Registration Fee: \$155.00

includes all programs, 3 Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast

Dietary restrictions_____

NOTE: Your registration fee provides a significant conference room discount.

*Please make checks payable to & mail check & registration form directly to:
Christian Church in Virginia; 1290 Enterprise Dr; Lynchburg, VA 24502-5744*

Hotel Reservations must be made on your own.
Hotel Discounted Rate Deadline: September 6, 2023

The VDWM rate: \$151/night, including all taxes.

Phone Reservations-Call: 434-239-3006 (front desk)

Use group code VDW or Virginia Disciples Woman's Retreat for discounted rate

Book Online-use the following link to get the discounted rate:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LYHLVGI&groupCode=VDW&arrivaldate=2023-10-06&departuredate=2023-10-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Please let the hotel know of any mobility challenges that may require attention.

~see next page for hotel amenities & driving directions

- Each room is equipped with a microwave, a refrigerator, Keurig® coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.
- Wireless and High Speed Internet are complimentary in every room.
- Enjoy the hotel's indoor heated pool with spa and state-of-the-art fitness center featuring Precor® fitness equipment
- 24-hour complimentary access to our business center which includes copies, faxes and the use of two PC terminals for our registered guests
- The Garden Grill and Bar® offers sumptuous dining and features upscale American cuisine. It is open daily for breakfast and dinner.
- 24-hour Pavilion Pantry® convenience mart.

Driving Directions

Driving South US-29 BUS S/Lynchburg Expressway:

- 1) Take Left Hand Exit for US-29 BUS S/Wards Road (Signs for Danville)
- 2) Stay Right at the fork, continue on Wards Road
- 3) Drive 1.3 miles and turn left at Aspen Dental
- 4) Follow service road .02 miles to HGI entrance on left

Driving North on US-29:

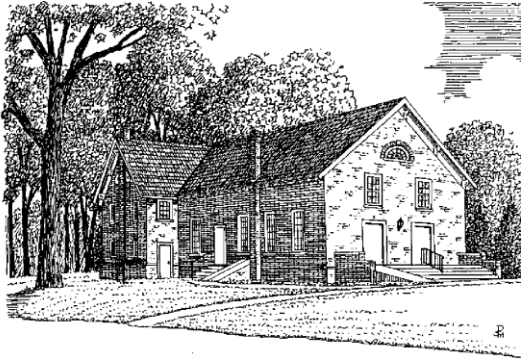
- 1) After passing the entrance of Lynchburg Regional Airport turn right after 2nd light
- 2) Travel .02 miles past Aspen Dental to HGI entrance

Driving East on RT 460:

- 1) Take Exit for US-29 BUS N ramp to Lynchburg
- 2) Travel .04 miles turn right at Aspen Dental
- 3) Follow service road .02 miles to HGI entrance on left

Driving West on RT 460:

- 1) After Passing Liberty University take exit for US-29 BUS N
- 2) Stay in right hand lane and make an immediate right at Aspen Dental
- 3) Follow service road .02 miles to HGI entrance on left



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