



THE OLIVE BRANCH

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OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

John & Jerry Henderson joined September 7, 2025
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Welcome!

“LET’S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT!”

Leo and Gertrude Stein were siblings who moved to Paris in the early 1900s, with the intent to collect works of art. They collected paintings by artists we know well today, but at the time were young, struggling artists trying to survive. They collected works by Paul Cézanne, Edgar Degas, Paul Gauguin, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Édouard Manet, and Auguste Renoir. They collected numerous paintings by two artists who would become dear friends: Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. Matisse once accompanied the brother and sister to Italy to study art. He later observed that everything they looked at would be followed by Leo asking him to give an opinion. Matisse would later remark of this trip, “I was only looking at art so as to talk about it”.

I think some feel the same way about scripture. They read the Bible with the main motivation of being able to ask questions or make statements in order to experience a “gotcha” moment. For such a person, being able to quote a scripture verse substitutes for

having a spiritual connection with the Holy. Scripture reveals the character of God, as God’s plan of salvation, God’s mighty acts, are revealed. Scripture also transforms the believer, as it forms a guide for how one should love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...and love your neighbor as yourself.

God’s word is transforming. If we read and study scriptures, not for the sake of talking about it, but letting it speak to us about the essence of God, we will be transformed. Then, something mystical takes place. We will become the only Bible some people will read, and the only Jesus some people will see. As Christians, we will become the hands and feet of Jesus, called to represent Christ to a hurting and struggling world.

Don’t look at scripture as just some book to read only to talk about it to others. Let God’s word live in you, transforming you, to be the people and the church that makes a difference to others, in our families, in our community, here halfway between Toano and Norge. People are watching! They need more than just talk! In the words of Bonnie Raitt, “Let’s give them something to talk about!”

Blessings,
~Pastor Richard



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

Girl Scouts Troop 1385 Meetings:

Alternate Wednesdays until June 3, 2026

6:30-8:00 PM; Adult Sunday School Room

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

Hall with breakfast

3rd Thursday DWM Circle of Grace: 3rd Thursdays;

11:30AM; Taylor Hall

4th Thursday Lunch Bunch: 4th Thursdays; 11 AM;

Sandy's Restaurant



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



Wedding - Sanctuary & Branch Hall reserved: October

11

Reconciliation Giving: October 5

OBCC Elders Meeting: October 27; 6PM; Taylor Hall

OBCC Board Meeting: October 28; 6PM; Adult Sunday School Room



PRAYER LIST

Church Family: Kay Ainsworth, Pat Allred, Michael Ayers, Jeanne Bell, Bob Eber, Irma Gustafson, Norm Hall, Petra Hall, Bob Herndon, Jack Heslink, Keeta Hodson, Jim & Anne Holland, Carolyn & Jim Hunt, Linda Hutton, Cheryl Johnson, Lois Marshall, Dallas & Joann Mitchell, Fred Rothermel, Cecelia Ruskey, Bob Sharp, Kaye Watson & Family, Brenda White

Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, Our Nation, Kevin Barker (Naomia & Charles Barker's son), Jane Crowder (Sharon Herndon's friend), Sean Dill (Teri Tench's grandson), Evala (Norm Hall's daughter), Cody Ferguson (Amy Ferguson's nephew), Clara Grace Goins (Patti Banks' granddaughter), Steven Laplante (Bob & Carol Sharp's son), David Leatherman (Jim & Anne Holland's grandson), John Morris (Naomia Barker's brother), Douglas Morris (Naomia Barker's brother),

Lisa Pipkin (Sheila Yeatts' sister), Mike Poland (Andy & Ann Bradshaw's son-in-law), Phil Reynolds (Larry & Louise Smith's son-in-law), Sheila Rinehart, Pam Swift (Susan Kohlman's friend), Harriet Wright (Cleve Wright's mother), Jason (Lorraine Beasley's son), Mo (friend of Cheryl & Gene Johnson)



10 Trina & Bob Eber

18 Joyce Allen & Mark Pfister



01 Sarah Whitehurst

02 Steve Perger

08 Nicholas Onesty

12 Michael Garrett

14 Norm Larkin

14 David Pitts

16 Riley Jones

19 Linda Heslink

21 Devon Watson

23 Josephine Gardner

26 Melvin Braxton

27 Daniel Abid

27 Morgan Onesty

29 Nancy Griffith



ELDERS & DEACONS & DEACONESSES

		THIS MONTH'S DEACONESS
		Kaye Watson
10/05/2025	Teri Tench Harold Barker	
	Linda Garrett Steve Garrett Patty Barker Jeremy Dill	
10/12/2025	Missy Harbour Mel Watson	
	Liz Ripley Jason Teagle TBD Joann Mitchell	
10/19/2025	Andrew Pfister Joyce Allen	
	Marney Brickhouse Chuck Walker Bob Herndon	

	Sharon Herndon	
10/26/2025	Kim Riffle Donald White	
	Danny Pitts Mike Hebbard Jody Hebbard TBD	

Allen Eberly
Nancy Cates
Phyllis Taylor
Thelma "Inez" Mihalcoe
Mac Young
Myra Kemp
Kourtney Haake
August "Gus" Pfister
Lynette Mills
Jesse Moseley



WORSHIP & WONDER SCHEDULE

	Leader:	Greeter:
10/05/2025	Trina Eber	Bob Eber
10/12/2025	Ann Bradshaw	Dennis Cotner
10/19/2025	Linda Williams	Bob Williams
10/26/2025	Danielle Kelley	Ethel King



BOARD MEETING

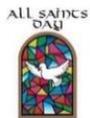
The OBCC Board will be meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 6 PM in the Adult Sunday School Room.



OBCC sends condolences to Kaye Watson and family on the passing of Kaye's father, Jesse Moseley. Jesse passed away on September 8, 2025.



OBCC sends condolences to Joann Mitchell and family on the passing of Joann's sister, Lynette Mills. Lynette passed away on September 5, 2025.



ALL SAINTS' DAY---HEADS UP!

This service will be on Sunday, November 2. On that day, we will remember our loved ones, friends, and church members who have passed away since last year's service. If you wish to have someone's name listed, please call or e-mail the church office by the end of Tuesday, October 28. Please include a full name, month of death, and relationship.

Names already on the list are:

- Mel Bryant
- Dwayne Davis
- Margaret Dieleman
- David Nunn
- Mike Smith
- Stephanie Massengale
- Mary Collamore
- Alva Clary
- Denny Dasher
- Julie Painter



SAMARITAN'S PURSE MISSION

Samaritan's Purse provides relief to those who have experienced significant losses due to natural disasters. Samaritan's Purse is in need of your help, and there are plenty of ways to help enhance and uplift their ministry. You can pray, asking the Lord to raise up an army of volunteers to serve with Samaritan's Purse. You can provide a gift for hurricane relief, enabling Samaritan's Purse to provide temporary shelter, medical care, solar lights that also recharge phones, and water filters to help survivors across the Caribbean. Samaritan's Purse works in more than 100 countries to help victims of disaster, disease, famine, poverty, and war. Your gift to "Where Most Needed" equips them with the resources—including personnel, materials, supporting services, and equipment—to fulfill their mission of relief and evangelism. I encourage you to think of how you can support this ministry and their great efforts to support God's children everywhere!

Our next effort will be the Shoebox Project. Distribution day is October 19. Due date for all boxes is November 16. Boxes will be available in the lobby & narthex with a sheet of instructions with boy/girl label.

~Sheila Yeatts, World Outreach Coordinator

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE
candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



OUR DAY OUT-2ND WEDNESDAYS

Our September ODO was a welcome to this beautiful fall season. Anita and I really enjoyed decorating with pumpkins and lovely fall arrangements and Branch Hall brought smiles to all who entered.

Sheila shared with us her wonderful trip to see the recreated Ark and the story of Noah. The pictures were amazing, and the size is out of this world!

Barb gave me a very touching, uplifting story to read entitled, "Daughter, Breathe". It was a reminder to all of us to stop and take a breath and just look around and take in all the blessings that surround us.

Chef Sheila and her helpers served us delicious vegetable soup and sandwiches and her birthday cake for dessert. Happy Birthday again!

Crafty Jane showed us how to make cleverly decorated leaves using the dot method.

We finished our day with bingo which brings smiles and laughter to all, especially Tyler.

Next month, we will be having ODO on the fourth Wednesday, October 22, and our theme is Halloween Spirits. All who come are encouraged to wear a costume or clever shirt and prizes will be given for the best!

Getting together just for fun is such a pleasure for me and I thank all who lend their talents to make the day special!

May God be with you and keep you safe always,
Marney Brickhouse, Coordinator



HOLIDAY ITEM YARD SALE SET

On November 22 from 8 AM-1 PM, holiday décor and holiday gift items along with baked goods will be on display in Branch Hall. Holiday décor & holiday gift items are being accepted beginning November 1.

Be sure to check out your unused items to donate to this important fundraising effort. Thanks!

~Sheila Yeatts



DWM CIRCLE OF GRACE

Ten ladies enjoyed a lovely and delicious lunch. I am always reminded of what good cooks we have at Olive Branch. Betty introduced us to Deborah as our lady of the Bible subject. Many of us had not heard of her and she had a lot of titles, but the one that captured our hearts was that, through her love of God, she was Mother to the Israelites. Most women of the Bible held no offices and weren't involved in politics, but Deborah was a judge and leader. Great stories and thoughts were shared by everyone, which makes the time together so special.

We prayed for the health and recovery of those around us and special prayers for the Watson family for their loss.

Please join us next month on the third Thursday at 11:30AM in Taylor Hall as we are introduced by Jane to another interesting Lady of the Bible!



DWM DINNER MEETING SEPTEMBER

Thank you for all your support for Proclaiming Grace Outreach! Our guest speaker, Melanie King, Executive Director of Proclaiming Grace Outreach, gave a presentation which was most informative of the work of this outreach program. They provide food, clothes, home and auto repairs, and more to many throughout Upper James City County, New Kent County, and West Point.

We had about 30 people in attendance, and what an outstanding evening! Melanie was taken aback by the

generous support of our church family. DWM is sending a check for \$1000 for home and auto repairs since they were low in funds.

If you have extra time to give, they are looking for volunteers in cashiers, cleaning, and other areas. Please call Proclaiming Grace to find out more. We were truly blessed by learning more about Proclaiming Grace Outreach from Melanie. Thank you to all who came!

Our next dinner meeting will be December 8 at 6PM in Branch Hall. Dinner will be provided by DWM.



BRING YOUR LEAVES

If you have bags of leaves that you are planning on taking to the dump, please bring them to OBCC! We

will use them to fill in the woods as needed to cover up what was washed away. Thank you!

~Steve White, Cemetery Chair



ST. OLAF FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

Please mark your calendar for a scheduled food drop-off event on Saturday morning, October 18th, 9:30AM-11:30AM in our church parking lot.

This Halloween, let's treat food insecurity with hope. While many prepare for the trick-or-treaters that come to our front doors for treats, this season, let's turn our attention from trick-or-treat to truth and transformation, because no one should have to choose between feeding the family and keeping the lights on.

Grateful are we to be a part of this neighborhood outreach mission to combat food insecurity. Our donations of food and/or contributions of cash or checks becomes more than a gesture; it becomes a lifeline. We give not out of excess, but out of conviction. We experience "JOY" from the Holy Spirit from sharing our blessings! Let our hands be an extension of God's grace. We weave our faith into our actions.

Contributions: checks can be made out to OBBC with Saint Olaf on the Memo line. Online giving is also an option, but please note the contribution is for the Saint Olaf Food sharing program. For cash contributions, please use an envelope, write on the envelope your name and amount for Saint Olaf. You can place your contributions in the offering plate before October 18th, or we can receive the contributions with the food donations on Dropoff day. If you are unable to bring your food donations on October 18th, you can place your donations in the box outside of Pastor Richard's Office.

We are grateful for your Kingdom-minded living! We look forward to giving you a grateful hug.

~Steve Perger, Jane & Will Hatcher,
Andrew Pfister, Joyce Allen



4TH THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

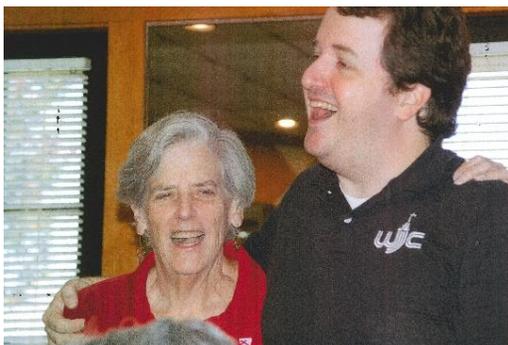
Our August gathering was enjoyed by 20 happy souls, ready to have a good time and laugh a lot. A silly poem about our school days led to questions where we learned, among other things, that graduations ranged

from 1951 (Sarah Whitehurst) -2009 (Jeremy Dill) with class sizes from 16 in New Kent (Ethel King) to 700 in California (Danny Kelley).

We celebrated by singing Happy Birthday to Joyce Allen and welcomed the baby of our Church Family (Melvin Braxton) who gladly took the pictures you see here.

Why not join us for a time to loving fellowship and unabashed fun. We are Family!

~Louise Smith



CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL MUNGELI NEWS

On behalf of the Christian Hospital Mungeli, Global Ministries and its partner, the Rambo Committee, thank you to the Disciple Women for your generous gift. Your gift supports our medical work among the rural and tribal people in one of the poorest states in all of India. Our School of nursing provides the only nursing education in the entire district and draws students of all faiths, both male and female, from multiple states. Your continued faithfulness to our mission means so much!

~Landa Simmons





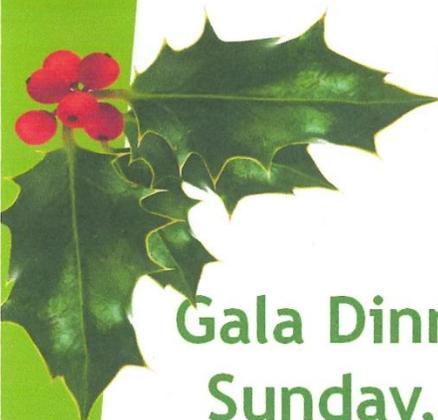
Olive Branch
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Christmas

YARD SALE

7643 RICHMOND ROAD,
WILLIAMSBURG

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8AM-1PM



SAVE THE DATE

Olive Branch
Gala Dinner Event by Candlelight
Sunday, December 14th , 2025
6 o'clock in the Evening
In Branch Hall

Menu

*Asparagus Stuffed Chicken Breast
Lemon & Herbs Infused Angel Hair Pasta
Field Green Salad with Beets, Shredded Carrots,
Candied Pecans, Red Onion & Blue Cheese Crumbles
Finished with a Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Dinner Rolls
A Medley of Fruit Pies*

Reservations Required by Monday, December 8th
Open to Church Family Members

Join us for a Festive Evening of Fellowship, Musical
Entertainment, and Complimentary Door Prizes



Please RSVP to Linda Brown:
LindaBrownintheGardens@gmail.com
Or (Land Line) 757-707-3907 (no texting)

Attire: Coat & Tie



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5

CHRISTIANS JOIN TOGETHER,
AROUND THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD,
TAKING HOLY COMMUNION,
CHRIST'S BANNER IS UNFURLED.

IT IS A SACRED TIME,
AS WE COMMUNE WITH GOD,
CONFESSING COMMITTED SINS,
WHILE ON THIS PATH WE TROD.

WE KNOW IT BREAKS HIS HEART,
WHEN WE FALL AWAY,
THAT'S WHY JESUS CAME,
TO FORGIVE US DAY BY DAY

AT THIS TABLE WE REMEMBER,
WE TAKE THE BROKEN BREAD,
REPRESENTING HIS HARSH BEATINGS,
HIS LIFE'S BLOOD THAT WAS SHED.

THE CUP IS LIFTED UP,
AS WE RECOMMIT ONCE MORE,
TO OUR RESURRECTED SAVIOR,
OUR RELATIONSHIP TO RESTORE.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD,
DENOMINATIONS OF EVERY KIND,
GATHER AROUND HIS TABLE,
REDEEMING FELLOWSHIP TO FIND.

~Louise Smith

II CORINTHIANS 5:15

**ALL THIS IS FROM GOD WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED
HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION.**

**BECAUSE OF SIN OUR WORLD WAS BROKEN,
CAUSING HURTFUL SEPARATION,
GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON,
TO ACCOMPLISH RESTORATION.**

**WHEN HE WENT TO THE CROSS,
THE DEBT FOR SIN WAS PAID,
MAKING A PATH BY WHICH,
RECONCILIATION COULD BE LAID.**

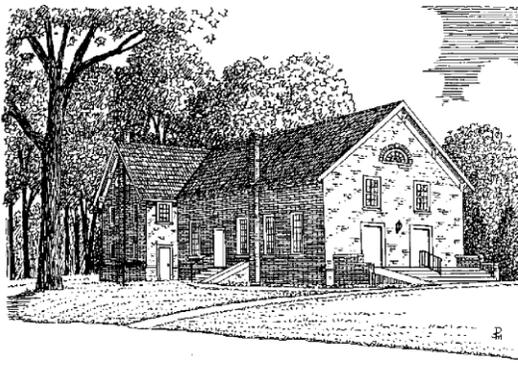
**EVEN NOW WE STRUGGLE,
TO LOVE OUR FELLOW MAN,
BUILDING WALLS OF SEPARATION,
CHRISTIANS MUST TAKE A STAND.**

**EVERY SOUL IS VALUED,
FOR GOD MADE EVERYONE,
NO RACE IS SUPERIOR,
EQUALITY HAS BEEN WON.**

**IT HAPPENED ON THE CROSS,
JESUS DIED EACH SOUL TO SAVE,
EVERYONE IS GIVEN NEW LIFE,
THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE GRAVE.**

**LET US JOIN HANDS TOGETHER,
A CIRCLE WITH NO END,
WE ARE ALL BOUND BY CHRIST,
WE STAND AS FRIEND WITH FRIEND.**

~Louise Smith



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