



THE WORD FROM OLIVET JULY - AUGUST 2021



Olivet Congregational Church, UCC

2102 Main Street

Bridgeport CT 06606

Tel: (203) 333-7259

Fax: (203) 333-4961

Email: olivetconchurch@gmail.com

Website: www.olivetcc.org

Rev. Lisa M. Eleck, Pastor

Gail Donnelly, Financial Secretary

Jose Carrion, Sexton

James Cravatas, Custodian

Important Dates for your July/August Calendars:

Sunday, July 4th is Independence Day!

Sundays, July 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Worship Service @ 10am with Pastor Lisa

Sundays, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22rd, 29th

Worship Service @ 10am with Pastor Lisa

Mon. August 23th - Serving Calvary St. George



Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is upon definitely upon us. We made it through our first heat wave, though likely not our last. I hope you all have a cool place to go to on hot days, someplace where you can be refreshed. While I am talking about those days with temperatures in the 90s, I am also talking about those days when our responsibilities or the cares of the world seem to weigh heavily on our minds, heart, and bodies. While our faith calls us to care for one another, we must also care for ourselves. After all, Jesus told his friends to love their neighbors as they love *themselves*.

So I invite you, in these summer months, to find moments and places that refresh your mind and heart, body and soul. Sit under a lush tree that invites you into its shade. Visit the beach and feel the cool breeze off the water. Stop to smell a fragrant rose. Eat luscious local fruit. Watch fireflies twinkle in the night sky. Pray with creation.

To keep cool, we will worship in the church hall during July and August. Being in the church hall will enable us to share our faith during worship in different ways. We will consider how of one of my favorite prophets, Fred Rogers, used his children's television show, "*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*," to share God's message of love for others and for self. As we gather in the hall, we will also reflect on Jesus' "I Am" statements and discuss our thoughts. And there's more to come. I look forward to sharing the Good News of our faith with you this summer.

Until then, let me share this prayer by Christine Aroney-Sine from her book,

The Gift of Wonder, Creative Practices for Delighting in God

Faithful God,

*God of rhythm and balance,
Creator of all times and seasons,*

*fill us with the flow of life,
rest, work, and enjoyment.*

Caring God,

*God of fun and festivity,
Creator of all that is good and beautiful,*

*Surround us with your delight,
laughter, and play and fun.*

Generous God,

*Creator of all that is, all that was, and all that will be,
enrich us with your joy.*

*May we dance with the angels,
and shout with the children.*

*May we sing with all creation
of the wonder of God's love.*

Blessings of Summer, Pastor Lisa

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD IN PRAYER:
Our Church Family & Community including;**

Those of our church family who could not be with us this month, especially:

George Beardsley, David & Marion Bromberg, Harriet Brooks, Harrison & Marcia Dodd, Michelle Gibson,
Doris Hurd, Carmen & Marcy Porto and Hazel Wermuth.

The Churches & Groups who share our building:

First Haitian Church of God in Jesus Christ and Pastor Julius Laloï
Living the Life Christian Center led by Desirea Vereen
Family Matters Preschool Program and their Director Cynthia Cummiskey

Our Regional Minister, Rev. Mike Ciba

The Southern New England Conference, UCC and Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (CCGB)

The coaches and players who utilize our gym space.

For the people who sit on our steps and wait for the bus outside our doors.

Our extended family of churches who serve at Calvary-St. George's and all the
guests & volunteers, especially Guy Love.

Prayers for the migrants, especially children at our borders.

Prayers for family members caring for elderly parents.

For the people living in the midst of conflict across the globe.

That more people choose to get vaccinated.

That individuals and governments work for peace that is based upon justice,
righteousness, and love of neighbor.



The following prayers appeared in our June bulletins:

“Dear Lord, on this Memorial Day weekend, we thank you for the dedicated women & men who have given
their lives for our country's safety & freedom.”

“Thank you, Lord, for waking me up & sending me to church this morning.”

“Please pray for my coworker, Lindsey, who just recently lost her Father.”

“For Justin, a 32-year-old Father of 2, battling COVID in ICU.”

“Lord, help those that are sick & having it hard.”

“Dear Lord, we pray for all those who are searching for employment.”

“Bless your children with healing of mind, spirit & body. Amen!”

“Lord of All, my mind & heart are so full of your blessings I don’t know where
(or how) to start thanking you...but I do.”

“Thank you for our supply ministers, Rev. Jim & Rev. Carolyn.”

“God bless our newest neighbor, Avery June, who was born this week!”

“Dear Lord, please watch over all the graduating seniors and all who travel.”

“Lord of all, please bless all the teachers, office staffers & students as this school year ends.
Keep all safe as they vacation at home or away.”

“Please pray for New York City during this extremely difficult time...increase of homelessness and drug abuse.
God please help these individuals with what they are in need of.”

“Thank you, Lord, for all the good fathers, especially mine. Everyone should be as fortunate.”

Happy Anniversary to:

July 24th - Sharon & Carrol Spencer
July 25th - David & Marion Bromberg



Happy Birthday to members & friends celebrating July & August Birthdays!!

July 2nd - Pastor Carolyn Young
July 3rd - Isabelle Gemignani
July 6th - Edward Rodko
July 15th - Thomas Tillson, III
July 20th - Ashley Koundry
July 24th - Betty Wellington
July 27th - Mallory Kopec

August 2nd - Ryan Rodko
August 12th - Heather Vassilev
August 19th - Bruce Jersey
August 22nd - Deidra Kopec, Doris Hurd
August 26th - Sarah Rossi
August 30th - Jean Milo



YOU’VE GOT MAIL!

Dear e-Board, Pastor Lisa & Olivet Church Members,

“Your kindness made a difference...and your thoughtfulness touched my heart.”

Many, many thanks for the gift card and well wishes! I take with me, fond memories of Olivet Church! I appreciate the opportunity of working for & with you all.

With gratitude & blessings,

Kathey D.



RALLY SUNDAY

Mark your calendars now for Rally Sunday, September 12! We hope to resume our picnic this year...stay tuned for more information!



CALVARY ST. GEORGE'S COMMUNITY SUPPER

On Monday, June 28th, we prepared a meal for the Calvary St. George's community. 47 dinners were served. Many thanks to Brian Kopec for volunteering and to Charlene Tillson and Wendy Griffin for your donations.

The next time to serve @ Calvary St. George's will be on Monday, August 23rd.

WELCOME BACK FAMILY MATTERS

Cynthia Cummiskey and the Family Matters program will be returning to Olivet in September. Welcome back!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Covenant to Care's Children need your help! We will offer 10 Children from a Social Worker's Caseload with basic school supplies so they are ready to start school in the Fall. The following items are needed. Items may be brought in throughout the summer; we will assemble everything in mid-August.


BACKPACKS (10)	NOTEBOOKS (10)
PENCILS (IN PKGS.) (10)	FOLDERS (10)
PENCIL SHARPENERS (10)	PENS (IN PKGS) (10)
RULERS (10)	PENCIL CASE (10)
INDEX CARDS (10)	GLUE STICKS (7)
HIGHLIGHTERS (10)	COLORED PENCILS (10)

Items that may be purchased in addition to our list include: markers, protractors, a compass, three-ring binders, scissors, loose leaf notebook paper, staplers, calculators, hand sanitizer & a combination lock.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE & MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS SHINE UPON YOU!



JULY 2020

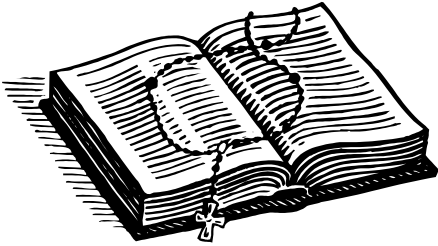
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10 am Communion Sunday 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 10 am in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom Pastor Lisa Eleck	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 10 am in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom Pastor Lisa Eleck	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 10 am in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom Pastor Lisa Eleck	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship 10 am Communion Sunday Pastor Lisa Eleck</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship 10 am</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship 10 am in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom Pastor Lisa Eleck</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship 10 am in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom Pastor Lisa Eleck</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serving Calvary-St George's</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship 10 am in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom Pastor Lisa Eleck</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

Olivet Congregational Church
2102 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606-5312

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



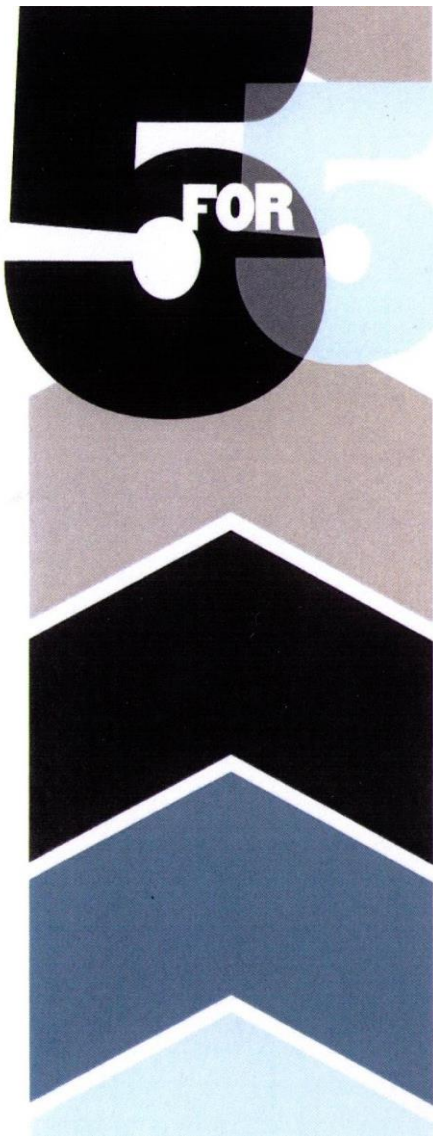
Important Summer Dates

July 4th - Independence Day

July 4th - Communion Sunday

August 1st - Communion Sunday

August 23rd - Serving Calvary St. George's



Thank You!

To the members of

Olivet Congregational Church

for being a **5 for 5** Congregation of
the United Church of Christ in 2020 .

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

Conference Minister
Rev. Darrell Goodwin
Southern New England Conference, UCC

