News From MOUNT The MOUNT NOVEMBER 2023



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I hope everyone is excited about Operation Christmas Child and that you have been packing your shoeboxes! Just a reminder that our goal this year is 650 shoeboxes –a.k.a. Gospel Opportunities to reach children with the message of Jesus Christ.

Friday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m

We will meet in the New Life Classroom to prep items for the shoeboxes: wrapping soap, opening packages, putting together shoeboxes, etc.

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 AM - Noon Pack & Pray Party

We will finish packing up the items that have been donated by our church family, the Christian School, and others within the community. We will also pray that the hearts of the children who receive these shoeboxes will be open to receiving Christ as their Savior.

ALL SHOEBOXES MUST BE IN BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Please start bringing in your shoeboxes now and place them in the baptistry. If you have any questions please call me.

> Mina Brown, Project Leader (724)880-3280

GATHERINGS

Sunday School In-person
Sunday Worship
In-person & ONLINE via Facebook
Wed. Night MMYOL Bible Study
Wed. Night In-person Bible Study
Wed. Night ONLINE Bible Study
Thurs. Morning Women's Bible Study
Thurs. Evening Women's Bible Study

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP!!



Bring your favorite soup or dish to share!

November 5 At Mount Moriah Church Immediately Following the Worship Service

> We will provide: Sandwiches and Drinks (plates, cups, flatware, and napkins)



SERMONS, TEACHINGS, MUSIC, & MORE check out: "CHURCH ANYTIME" @MountMoriah.Church



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MMYOL Mount Moriah Youth of Light

MMYOL **MOUNT MORIAH YOUTH OF LIGHT MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- 11/01 🛛 ---- Pizza 🌹 Pumpkins 🎃 & Posters 🤭 🖋
- 11/15 ---- Fast Food Feast 🕮🎱 🌰
- 11/22 ---- MMC Thanksgiving Eve Service (no meeting)
- 11/29 ---- November & December Birthday Celebration 👙
- 12/13 ---- Christmas Caroling with the MMC Family 🧐 🗍
- 12/20 ---- Christmas Break (no meetings through 12/27) 🌲
- 01/03 ---- MMYOL 2024 New Year's Celebration 🎉

COME AND SEE!

There is a lot to be excited about on Wednesday nights at Mount Moriah, and we have a place for you!! Everyone gathers for food and fun and then breaks into smaller groups. Our classes are currently broken into 3 age groups: K – 2nd grade, 3rd – 5th grade, and YOUTH (6th grade and up). We will adjust as we grow or our needs change. Join us Wednesdays at 6:40!! Don't forget to bring a friend or two so they can "COME and SEE at 6:40," too. 😊

For you were once darkness, but now you

JESUS LOVES ME ON MY BEST

AND WORST DAYS

Walk as children (YOUTH) of Light.

are Light in the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8

Mount Moriah Youth Of Ligh



MMYOL kicked off the 2023 -2024 school year on Wednesday, September 6th with the 2nd Annual MMYOL and MMC Family Fall Kickoff Hayride, Cookout & We had over 40 in Bonfire. attendance and two FULL hay wagons!! Everyone had a blast!!

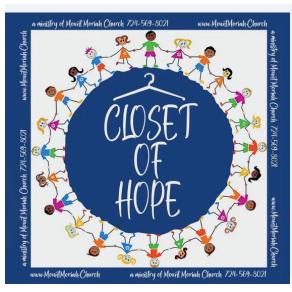
NEW TIME

We also started off this year with a new look and a new time! MMYOL now begins at 6:40PM. Why 6:40 you ask? Great question! Jesus said, "Those who SEE the Son and believe in Him have eternal life." -John 6:40a (NCV). We want to invite everyone to "COME and SEE @ 6:40" so they have the opportunity to SEE (meet) Jesus, believe in Him, and have eternal life. Of course, meeting a little earlier also gives us more time to gather for fun with friends before the food-but that's just a bonus! 😋

#RealMe

Our lessons this year have been centered around Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago," and Galatians 2:20, "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in the earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." We use these verses to emphasize our worth in Christ. We have moved into a study called #RealMe through which we will discuss the undeniable influence of Social Media in our lives and communities. We will talk about how this incredibly powerful tool can be used for good or for bad and explore what it looks like to follow Jesus both online and offline.





All praise to God for a successful BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT!

The Closet of Hope was able to help over one hundred children and their families as they headed back to school this fall! Thank you for all your donations, support, and prayers.

Jen Diamond, COH Coordinator

TREE OF HOPE

For our next event, we are gearing up for our annual Christmas Drive. Please keep an eye out for the Angel Tree that will be placed in the church foyer. We will be sharing the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by giving much needed items to our local foster children and homeless shelters.

If you feel led to serve on this team in any way, please reach out to Jen Diamond. We will need help with shopping, gift wrapping, store organization, deliveries and much more!









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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

Pastor's Pen



November 2023

I love it when I come across scriptures that I feel mention me specifically. John 20:29 is one of those verses. Jesus has just shown Thomas, His physically resurrected self. And then Jesus says something remarkable, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." There I am, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

I have never physically encountered the resurrected Jesus like the disciples and more than five hundred others between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus did. Jesus has revealed himself to me by His Spirit and by His Word, and there is enough evidence for me to believe, but I have never "seen" Him. Jesus in this passage mentions me and many others who will believe in Him based solely on hearing the good news and the evidence of its validity, and He declares a special blessing to me and all of those who believe like me.

I pray that you see yourself in the Scriptures. Dig deep and pay close attention. God's Word sometimes speaks to us specifically and directly. It can provide for you peace, comfort, wisdom, strength, and sometimes a special blessing. May it help you to love God more and love others better.