# News From The MOUNT APRIL 2022

# HALLELUJAH! He is Risen!

Please join us as we celebrate our risen Savior!

RESURRECTION DAY SERVICE APRIL 17, 2022 10:45 AM HAPPENINGS

Apr. 10	MISSION MOMENT
	Camp Carmel

Apr. 13 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 6:00 PM ~ JESUS by Sight & Sound Theatres

- APR. 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM
- Apr. 17 EASTER SERVICE LIVE and ONLINE 10:45 AM
- April 24 QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

### GATHERINGS

9:30 AM	Sunday School In-person
10:45 AM	Sunday Worship
	In-person & ONLINE via Facebook
7:00 PM	Wed. Night In-person Bible Study
7:00 PM	MMYOL Wed. Night Bible Study
8:00 PM	Wed. Night ONLINE Bible Study
9:30 AM	Thurs. Morning Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM	Thurs. Evening Women's Bible Study

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

~ John 11:25-26

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### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

MONDAY - FRIDAY JUNE 20 - 24, 2022 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Wow, I can't believe another year of VBS is upon us! I am very excited for what this year's theme has to offer to kids, parents, and volunteers alike.

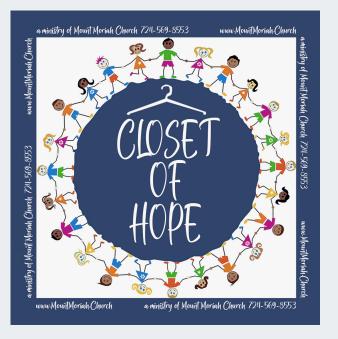
The dates for VBS 2022 will be Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th. The VBS theme will be based on Ephesians 2:10: *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* I can't wait to spread God's word!

> If you are feeling led to volunteer in any way, please contact: Erin Graham at 724-984-6425 or register online at:

#### https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=60940

I promise, there is a spot for you! Erin Graham, MMC VBS Director





#### Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. ~Psalm 127:3

Every day abused, neglected, and abandoned children are introduced to the foster system. Many of these children will enter the system with only the clothing on their backs. They are removed from their homes without their favorite toy, blanket, hoodie, or essentials. Our local Children and Youth Services (CYS) touches over 1000 children annually. In addition to the foster system, our local Women's shelter also services many children. These children are not fostered, as they arrive homeless with a single parent who is most likely experiencing domestic violence and other abuse.

We will be collaborating with our local CYS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and other resources who will identify and refer children to our ministry. The Closet of Hope will serve children ages birth to teens, offering a FREE shopping experience to provide them with a basic wardrobe and essentials and, most importantly, showing children and their families the love of Jesus. We are all missionaries for God's Kingdom!

If you feel led to connect with or have any questions about Operation Blessing Bag, Closet of Hope, or the Women's Ministry Team, please reach out to us!

> In Christ's love, Jen Diamond 724-550-6768

Donations of new or gently used clothing, shoes, toys, stuffed animals, toiletries, diapers, backpacks, and school supplies are needed. Please note, underwear must be new. Basically, we are collecting "all things infants, children, and teens"!!

If you feel led to shop or donate through Amazon, we have an official Amazon Wish List at: Amazon.com (Closet of Hope)



Our Lord is so mighty and faithful. With an answered prayer, we now have an official space for The Closet of Hope! Our new location is 219 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Many thanks to Mrs. Dubois and her sister, Stacey, as they have graciously offered us a storefront, rent free! We are beyond grateful!!

Currently our greatest needs are for shelving and clothing racks so we can get the store up and running. There will be many upcoming opportunities to volunteer and serve on this mission team: collection days, sorting donations, assisting with store organization etc. More to come...please stay tuned!



### **OPERATION BLESSING BAG**

OBB continues to provide backpacks to our local homeless community. Blessing bag items are needed and much appreciated. Please see the table located in the church foyer to drop off your donations. Suggested items to donate include: backpacks, Bibles, all toiletries, hairbrushes, socks, underwear, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bath towels, shavers, and small throw blankets.

There will be upcoming mission opportunities as we will be holding a packing event here at the church. Please stay tuned for more info.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

We now have small groups visiting the Women's shelter on Thursdays at 6:00 PM. We share scripture, hold devotionals, and spend time in prayer and fellowship while sharing the peace, love, and Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Loving others glorifies God by reflecting HIS love for us. If you would like to join this team, please reach out...we would LOVE to have you!!

> Jen Diamond 724-550-6768



### **GET TO KNOW**



### **MEET THE BROWN FAMILY**

The Brown family has been a staple at Mount Moriah Church for quite some time. Jim and Mina have been members since the 1970s. Karen and Bill Wilson, also long-time members of the church and neighbors of the Browns, invited the Brown family to first attend when they were looking for a new church home. One of the first things Jim and Mina noticed was how they were greeted at the door and warmly welcomed. "Everyone made us feel welcome, and they allowed us to serve," Mina explained. And serve, they certainly have!

Jim has served on the trustee board in the past. Mina has served on various boards here at the church and currently holds a position as a deaconess on the Diaconate Board. Mina has also been a VBS director and teacher, BYF teacher, and Sunday School teacher. She currently teaches "The Explorers Class," (a class Jim also attends) which she describes as "a wonderful, small, discussion-based group of all ages that has worked through the books of the Bible and is currently using a study by Dr. David Jeremiah."



In addition to teaching, Mina spearheads the Operation Christmas Child mission here at Mount Moriah, which has functioned as a drop-off center for over fifteen years. Our church continues to diligently pack shoe boxes, incorporating that mission into our Christian school, where students collect items for six weeks and then help pack the boxes themselves.

Mina has been involved with the Mount Moriah Christian School since its inception in the 1980s. She is currently a music and middle school history teacher. Continuing her passion for missions, both here at home and abroad, Mina has traveled to Nicaragua, Japan, Brazil, and Peru. These missionary trips have had different focuses; some involved a medical and dental mission, while others focused on teaching the English language. However, all of these trips have allowed her to share the love of Christ with people around the world.

Jim and Mina believe that Mount Moriah can give your family a solid, Bible-based foundation. Their son, Brian, is actively involved in the missions at his church in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their daughter, Michelle, still attends Mount Moriah and frequently contributes to the Operation Christmas Child mission alongside her mother. Their youngest son, Mike, along with his wife, Marcy, and their two children followed God's calling to Peru where they work at the South America Mission (SAM) Academy educating the children of other missionaries.

"We are truly a family here. We're here to worship the Lord and serve Him. We just love it!" ~ Mina

We love that the Brown family chose to be part of our family here at Mount Moriah, and like them, we hope to see continued growth and mission work in our community. With examples of service like theirs, we are headed in the right direction!





Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ~ 1 Peter 1:3

Hello My Brothers and Sisters,

I love the song "Because He Lives". It's a resurrection hymn. And we are gearing up to celebrate His resurrection in April. What I like most about this song is that it sings about a calm assurance that we as believers have even when the days are uncertain.

We have all faced those uncertain days, good and bad; the announcement of a birth or adoption, the news of a chronic or terminal illness, the celebrations of graduations and retirements, the daily struggles of making ends meet, the news of a promotion, or the threat of poverty and war. I know that doesn't cover it all. But it describes a lot of the realities for many of us here and around the world.

Jesus said in John 16:33, "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

How did He conquer the world? He conquered the world and its anxieties by dying on a cross, being buried in a grave for three days, and rising up from the dead. In so doing, he not only conquered death, but every anxiety, sin, temptation, spiritual force, racism, hatred, sickness, and fear. We are able to face all of these uncertainties because He lives.

We have many friends and family who are facing these uncertain days. Please pray for them. Let them know you are praying for them. Care for them when possible. But remind them, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives."

> He is Risen! Pastor Darrell