

# Olivet Weekly

June 5, 2017



## From the Pastor's Office

### *The Right to the Tree of Life*

The Tree of Life is first mentioned in the Book of Genesis in the description of the Garden of Eden. "And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden." (Gen 2:9)

The Lord gave Adam and Eve everything. The Garden of Eden represents the state of heavenly life of the Golden Age. With the breaking of the commandment to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which stands for thinking we create our own goodness and can know of ourselves what is right and wrong, Adam and Eve lost the "right to the Tree of Life" and were expelled from Paradise.

At Olivet we are part of a spiritual community which looks to the re-establishment of a New Christian Church, a new Golden Age. These words from Revelation speak to us, all of us, who will listen to the Lord.

There is a simple formula outlined in this recitation, one which we emphasize many times and in many ways: Knowing the commandments is worthless without doing them. Truth and behaviour must go hand in hand. We are following a heavenly path just by saying we know the way, we follow the path by following the commandments in daily life.

How do we return to the Garden of Eden? Is that even possible? Well that time and the state of people is gone, but a renewed age is possible. It must take place individually first, and then in families and communities. We each are told we have a "right to the Tree of Life" and can enter through the gates into the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem.

The entrance is simple in theory, but challenging in application! It is a daily effort on all our parts. But with the Lord's help, "all things are possible".

Rejoice that we have been invited into the Garden. We are called to the Lord's Kingdom and given the opportunity to live a useful and angelic life of service to our God and our neighbour. This is the "right to the Tree of Life."

**Rev. Michael Cowley, B.Th., MAPC**

## *Recitation*

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

(Revelation 22:12-14)

## General Announcements

### *NED Show & Yo-Yo Sale*

Last Wednesday, students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 went to our neighbouring school, Kingsley, to join them in an engaging presentation of myth, magic and yo-yo tricks - all wrapped up in the NED message: *Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best*. What an amazing message for all of us! With no pressure to purchase, we remind you that NED yo-yos and accessories are available in the office until **Wednesday, June 7th!**



### *Volunteers Needed*

The Gardening Committee is looking for volunteers to refurbish (scraping and painting) the hand railings around the building before they begin their garden-planting project. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.



### *Sunday School*

This week we learned about Revelation 13 and the two beasts. We talked about the importance of having both faith and charity, and painted some wonderful pictures. Next week, we will be having our pizza and bowling party to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. Please see the details below. I hope to see everyone there!



# Sunday School Party

The children's party will take place after church on **Sunday, June 11th!**

- 10:30** - Church
- 11:00** - Craft Activity
- 12:00** - Pizza Lunch
- 12:45** - Leave for Bowlerama\*
- 1:15 to 2:15** - Bowling Party\*

\*Parents drive and supervise their children at [Bowlerama \(5429 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke\)](#).

**RSVP** to the office by **Friday, June 9th!**



## Remembering Amanda



Please join the children outside after church on **Sunday, June 11th**, for some bubble fun! We will have food for adults and children, and lots of bubbles to blow.

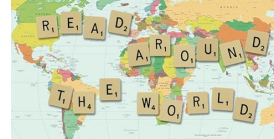
This will be in memory of a dear Olivet member, Amanda (Fisher) Fletcher, who passed away suddenly this past February at the tender age of twenty-five. She loved bubbles and being outside, so let's see how many bubbles we can send to the sky!

## Ticks & Lyme Disease Awareness

Summer holidays are drawing near and we hope you plan to spend a lot of time in the great outdoors with your little ones! It makes sense, while you are enjoying your time in the parks in and around the GTA, to be aware that ticks have been migrating north from the US, and that they potentially carry disease. It is suggested that you use a lint roller (the kind with adhesive layers) after your time outdoors to remove any ticks that might be hitching a ride. If ticks are attached to your skin and not removed within 24 hours, your doctor may prescribe an antibiotic to prevent Lyme disease. For more information, refer to the [Lyme Disease Fact Sheet](#) from Toronto Public Health or take a look at the Parent Information Board at school. For recipes on natural insect repellents, visit [Five Best Essential Oils to Help Repel Bugs](#).

## Announcements from the Librarian

Students who have completed the May reading challenge may come and tell me about the book they read and receive a prize!



## From the Classrooms

### *Tots' Time*

Have you heard the buzz? Today, we will be busy as bees singing bee songs and creating our own bee-utiful bees and hives.

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### *Playschool*

*Letter of the Week*— Bring in a picture or item that shows a *bug* or *insect* that you are curious about.

This week's activities include: above and belowground observations; and a chance to dig and discover what we can find crawling, wiggling or flying around.

Throughout this week, bring your umbrella and wear your raincoat and boots. The forecast is calling for some wet weather, but we would like to take our preschoolers outdoors during alight rain.

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### *Kindergarten*

Last week's trip to James Gardens was such a perfect way to celebrate our ABC's. Take a look at the pictures below as well as our bulletin board showing all the things in nature we saw. The goslings were the highlight of the day! We will be wrapping up our year over the next two weeks doing some fun things outside as long as the weather cooperates!

**Bible Story Time:** Finish animals in the Lord's Word; the Great Red Dragon and the Woman Clothed with the sun

**Scripture Verses:** "I am the Alpha and the Omega..." (Revelation 22:12-14)

**Letter and Puppet of the Week:** Thrilling TH/th; whistling WH/wh

**Themes:** Number books; Father's Day; and end-of-school activities

**Show and Tell:** Anything



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## *Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)*

We will be doing a short unit on First Nations this week and next. The children will be learning about some of the traditions and customs of tribes that lived in this area of Ontario. In mathematics, we begin our final unit on Mass and Capacity. We will be doing a lot of pouring and measuring! This week we will also be having our final spelling test. **Canadian Achievement Tests (CAT)** will be held this week on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning**. This is a test for grades 2 and up. Students in 1st grade will be joining Mrs. Gatti during this time. Please see the handbook for further information. As this is our last show and tell, it will be free choice.

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## *Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)*

This **Thursday, June 8th**, we will attend the **ROM** for the day. Please pack a *lunch that is easily portable*; we will be heading downtown via the TTC. Next week we will be spending our free time earned from our purple hearts by watching Oliver at Mrs. Pulpan's house. The final tally of purple hearts accumulated was **3 hours and 45 minutes** - way to go, juniors!

On **Monday, June 12th**, we will be conducting our **creek study**. Please make sure your child has *high rain boots* and *rain gear* in the event of inclement weather!

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## *Senior Room (Grade 5)*

The **Canadian Achievement Tests (CAT)** are running **every morning this week**, and while the students can't study for them, I hope that you will send them in each morning well-rested and well-fed!

Our **Country Fair** day begins this **Friday, June 9th**, in the afternoon! The kids have been

working very hard on their country notebooks, and they are starting to come together. It is my hope that on Friday each child will be able to wear some clothes that looks somewhat like the traditional clothing of their country and bring some food (to share with the other students and teachers) from their country. They will need parental assistance with these things, and I hope that you will be able to help them. The clothing doesn't have to be authentic or complicated—I would just like something to hint at the real thing. The food can be as simple as a package of cookies (or whatever) from his or her country, but if you or your child is motivated to make something more complex, that would be very exciting! If there are any neat artifacts that you have at home from their country that they could display, that would be really neat too.

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