

Olivet Weekly

September 25, 2017



OLIVET SCHOOL

From the Pastor's Office

Wanting to Help

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)

On the outside, the Golden Rule just reminds us not to do negative things to others, because we don't want negative things done to us. It's 'all about me' in that sense. And that's where we need to start our spiritual journey, simply not doing bad things.

Further on in our spiritual walk, we seek to do good things to others which we want done to ourselves. And a step beyond that, we want to do good things for others no matter what is going on with us.

This Thursday, we will get together in the afternoon to run/walk/stroll to raise awareness and money for cancer research. When Terry Fox came up with his idea to do his Marathon of Hope, he was motivated by the thought that the "pain must stop." He had seen so many people suffering with their cancer treatment and so much pain was involved for them and their families as they faced the illness. He was especially moved when he saw young children undergoing treatment. He wanted to do something, anything which would help alleviate the agony. He knew what it was like, and he didn't want it for others.

This is the spirit of the Golden Rule, which is our recitation this week. Terry of course wasn't raising funds for himself. He wasn't applying the Golden Rule to his own concerns, but for the concerns of others. His Marathon of Hope was to ask the country to apply the Golden Rule to those who could not apply it to themselves. The very ill cannot do to others as they would have others do to them.

We who are able can help those who are less able. This is internal of the Golden Rule. To find it within ourselves to help when there is "nothing in it for me."

Please join us this Thursday to walk or run some Golden steps.

Rev. Michael Cowley, B.Th., MAPC

Recitation

I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

(John 10:7-9)

Principal's Message

You will be shocked!!

Tonight is the *Classroom Tour Evening* from **6:30 to 8:00 pm!** We certainly hope you can pop by with your child/children and let them tour you around. This is an excellent way to connect with the teachers and ask questions. At 7:00 pm, we will have two (not one!) speakers from LIFT Physiotherapy. The topic is physical activity and *they have promised to have some shocking statistics for us!*

On another topic; we want to hear your thoughts about Olivet School! We would be delighted if you could take 5-minutes of your day to review Olivet School on Facebook or Yelp. Visit our Olivet School [Facebook page](#) to leave your review. On the left-hand side, click on "reviews" to view past reviews and leave your star-rating of our school. Feel free to also leave a comment! If you prefer to review us on Yelp, locate [our page](#) and click on "write a review" on the top right-hand side.

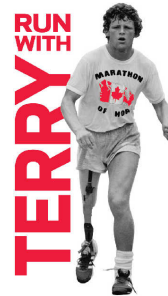
As always, please come to speak with me if you have thoughts, concerns or suggestions!

General Announcements

Terry Fox School Run

Our **Terry Fox School Run** is this *Thursday, September 28th*. Let's show our school spirit by going the extra mile for Terry Fox!

Online donating is simple and you will receive a tax receipt immediately. Simply click the link below to make your donation and your funds will be automatically added to our school's fundraising total.
<http://www.terryfox.ca/OlivetSchool>



Nitwits

A head-check clinic for students and staff will take place at school on the morning of *Thursday, September 28th*. Olivet believes that proactive screening and education is the best defense against lice outbreaks. We will hold two more clinics in late January and March.

There are a few stainless steel "Nit Free Terminator Combs" available for sale in the office. They are \$25 each (tax included).

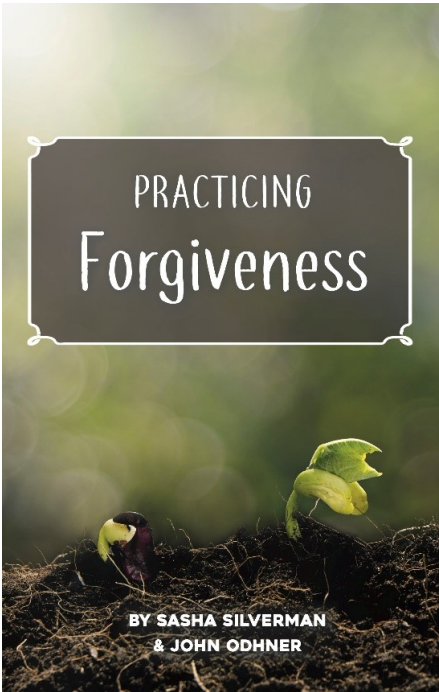
Sunday School

This Sunday, we finished our 3-week unit on Elijah and we are looking

forward to starting our 5-week "Spiritual Journey" program next Sunday. This year we will be focusing on New Testament stories that talk about forgiveness.



Journey Program



Newest Journey Program!

We are excited to announce our newest Journey Program, *Practicing Forgiveness* by Sasha Silverman and John Odhner. The worldwide launch kicks off on October 1, 2017.

Authentic forgiveness stems from a deep faith that we are enough, that love is abundant, and that even though we have been wronged, we don't have to spend our emotional energy trying to get that "debt" paid back to us. This kind of trust doesn't come easily! It takes practice to train our minds to learn to let go of what's not important, so we can make room for things that really matter. That's what "Practicing Forgiveness" is here to offer – a place for people to come together and focus on ways to learn to accept, forgive and love each other.

Releasing our resentments toward others requires attention, prayer and often community support – three essential components of a small group program. Our goal

with this year's Journey Program involves bringing communities together around the common desire to learn to love and forgive one another. In order to do this, we have based this year's program on various stories Jesus tells about forgiveness, pairing each Bible story with one from the Forgiveness Project (a UK-based organization collecting and sharing powerful stories of forgiveness). In the daily readings that follow each small group session, participants are encouraged to practice some element of forgiveness, and see its application to their lives. We have included various meditations, activities and sermons in the appendix.

We feel excited to know that around the world, New Church members and friends will focus together on this important topic. There is a limited number of books available for **\$15**.

Please contact Michael or the office for more details or to host or sign up for a group.

Library Teacher's Announcement

Reading Challenge: September

The month of September is drawing to a close! Students who have read a book on the theme of school (or has been read to if in JK-1) and are able to successfully tell me about what they read, will receive a prize. Books must be read by the end of this month, and they must tell me about the book by the end of next week. If students participate every month of the school year, they can receive a gift certificate to Scholastic Books!



From the Classrooms

Tots' Time

This Week: Concepts of in/out and over/under. Tots hear and move their bodies through an adventurous bear-hunt walk, nursery rhymes and crafts that support our theme.

Preview of Next Week: Tots are thankful to the Lord for family, friends and the food that we eat. We hear a story about being thankful and make our "Grace Plate" full of pictures of good foods, including the text of our Grace that we say at snack.

Playschool

Word Wednesday: Bring in a **picture or an item** that shows the letter "Tt". Also, please speak with your child about *what you/they are thankful for and why*. If your child can articulate something that they are thankful for, please *write it down to share with the class* on Wednesday.

Our Bodies: Our bodies need energy. We look at how we keep our bodies healthy by good nutrition.

Classroom Tour Evening: Come and visit the Playschool classroom on **Monday, September 25th**, between **6:30 to 8:00 pm**, to see our work to date or just to have a chat over a coffee and snack!

Nitwits: Head-check clinic will be on *Thursday, September 28th*.

Field Trip: Sherway Farmers' Market on *Friday, September 29th*. Please return permission forms by *Wednesday, September 27th*.

Please speak to Judy if you have a wagon to lend us for the Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade.

Kindergarten

While we tickled our toes in the hose, conquered crocodiles down at the creek, and danced a goodbye dance for summer, the children welcomed a new friend, Melissa, to JK. Every student was kind and helpful as Melissa found her way around the classroom and our daily routine. All the children said their first scripture verse and received their first star!!! The "shape sacks" were all wonderful - thank you for helping your child collect shapes around your house. They were so excited to show their shapes with the class. The *Terry Fox Run* (or walk) is this *Thursday, September 28th*, so please send your child with shorts and their Olivet t-shirt which they will change into before lunch.

Bible Story Time - Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

Scripture Verse - "O Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for his mercy is forever. Amen" (Psalm 107:1)

Letter of the Week - Beautiful "Bb" (we're going to the beach!)

Nursery Rhyme or Fairy Tale - "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"

Themes - Fall; general hygiene; apples

Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)

This week, the Grade Ones will begin their spelling program! On Mondays, the children will come home with a list of words to practice as part of their daily homework. Please help them in any way you can. They will also be doing a number of spelling activities during the week. They will have their *spelling test* on *Friday mornings*. Grade 2 will begin spelling lesson 3. We continue our social studies unit by shifting our focus from our families to our communities. We will be doing a paper-maché project for art. If you have any old newspapers, we would love to have them! For *show and tell*, please bring a *toy you like playing with at home*.

I am looking forward to our *Terry Fox Run* this *Thursday afternoon (September 28th)*. Feel free to donate using the pledge forms which were sent home, or alternatively you can donate online. All are welcome to join us for the run/walk!

Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)

A big thank you to Ms. Scerbo for coming in on Monday and spending the day with the kidlets! I so look forward to seeing you all Monday night for our classroom tour and presentation by LIFT Physiotherapy. This week we will wrap up a few things; our mapping skills unit, following directions unit, and 5 W's units will all finish this week.

On *Thursday*, we will be participating in the *Terry Fox Run*; please ensure your child's pledge form is returned to school by *Thursday*.

Senior Room (Grade 5 & 6)

This week we will begin our new novel study unit: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. We will also continue our whole numbers unit for math; map skills for geography; Most Ancient Age for history; animal kingdom for biodiversity; and 3 ways of journaling for narrative writing.

The *Terry Fox Run* is this *Thursday, September 28th*. Please remind your kids to bring their gym uniform, running shoes and a small water bottle. You are welcome to join us!

Grades 3-6 Library Trip

Our students visited Elmbrook Library last week. There they learned how a 3-D printer works and witnessed a demonstration as it made a cute bunny figurine. As the printer was running, the children were given electronic kits, and working with a partner, they followed instructions to create intricate circuits to power alarms, bells, music and lights! Ms. Kim was so impressed that she bought a kit for her classroom to use during their unit on electricity!



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