

# CIRCLE PROFILES

THE BOND BETWEEN WOMEN IS A CIRCLE AND WE ARE TOGETHER WITHIN IT —

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*Mount Olivet Church Women*

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## **MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH WOMEN**

MOCW is the organization that unifies all women of Mount Olivet. All Mount Olivet women are automatically members of the MOCW. Our mission is to serve our church while providing social opportunities for women in a spiritual environment.



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## **MOCW EVENTS**

MOCW events are planned by the MOCW Board. Proceeds support the ministries of Mount Olivet. All women are invited – members, visitors, family, and friends!

The MOCW events are:

*Fall Dinner, October 5, 2011*

*Holiday Bazaar & Art Fair, November 5, 2011*

*Christmas Brunch, December 17, 2011*

*Fashion Show & Luncheon, April 21, 2012*

## **2011-12 MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH WOMEN BOARD**

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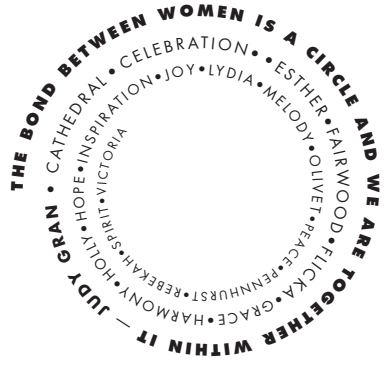
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## CIRCLES

Within the framework of the MOCW are groups called “Circles.” Each Circle has its own personality and focus, with various meeting times and locations. Most Circles meet monthly September through May.

### WHAT CIRCLES DO

- Offer women a small community within our large church.
- Share Christian fellowship and provide mutual affirmation and support for one another.
- Nurture faith and spiritual growth.
- Gain education and inspiration through programs and speakers.
- Engage in service projects for our church and community.
- Volunteer at Stewardship Dinners and MOCW events.
- Provide monetary support for our church through dues and fund-raising events.



### HOW TO JOIN A CIRCLE

All women are invited to become involved in a Circle. You may join at any time and are welcome to visit as many Circles as you wish before choosing one that best fulfills your needs and interests. This booklet includes the Circle contact name, contact information, meeting time/location, etc. to help you decide which Circle is best for you. You may learn more about a particular Circle by calling the group’s contact person. You also may call Ellen Dahlquist (Circle Membership Chair) for ideas on where to begin. Or if you prefer, gather a group of friends and start a new Circle! Your life will be enriched through participation.

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**CATHEDRAL CIRCLE** is a group of women of all ages. They participate in the Holiday Bazaar and volunteer for MOCW events. They are also involved in other projects including providing food for Mount Olivet’s Habitat for Humanity crews and support Pastor Scott’s inner-city ministry.

*Current Membership: 15*

*Meets: Bi-monthly at 6 p.m. in the Church lounge or designated location.*

*Contact: Barb Belschner, 952-943-2189, [bbelschner@comcast.net](mailto:bbelschner@comcast.net)*

**CELEBRATION CIRCLE** is full of vibrant women in their 20s, 30s and 40s. They are committed to supporting one another’s faith through fellowship and service. Their main service focus is supporting the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School program, thereby nurturing the faith of Mount Olivet children and families. Some service opportunities include: helping with Sunday School room and bulletin board decorating, craft preparation, and assisting with Pastor Scott’s Sunday School adopt-a-family Christmas project. Like other circles, they also cook and serve a stewardship dinner every fall and volunteer at all MOCW events. As part of these gatherings, they follow a scripture-based theme throughout the year, weaving together service, fellowship and fun. Please feel free to visit their facebook site found on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) under “Mt. Olivet Celebration Circle.”

*Current Membership: 52*

*Meets: 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7 pm (6:30 pm social time), various locations.*

*Contact: Stephanie Zahrböck, 952-922-8405, [sazahrbock@yahoo.com](mailto:szahrbock@yahoo.com)*

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**ESTHER CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 80 and up. They occasionally have speakers and they provide Christmas gifts for needy families through Pastor Scott.

*Current Membership: 12*

*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in the Mpls. church lounge (except January-March)*

*Contact: Helen Peterson, 612-869-3502*

**FAIRWOOD CIRCLE** is a dynamic group of women ages 60 and up. Their long Mount Olivet history began in 1942. Their core group has been together since the beginning of the circle (they all lived in Richfield's Fairwood Park neighborhood – their namesake). They serve at the Swedish Arts Institute Lunch, the Home Economists Dinner, Lutheran Social Services Lunch, the Edina Women's Club Luncheon, and at a Mount Olivet Stewardship Dinner. They usually have a speaker at each meeting or go someplace interesting.

*Current Membership: 20*

*Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in the Mpls. church lounge. Carpooling available.*

*Contact: Arminta Miller, 612-824-7715*

**FLICKA CIRCLE** means "Young Swedish Girl." We are not necessarily young but we are certainly a very vibrant, caring and active circle. This group consists of women ages 60 and beyond. We meet once a month in the church lounge on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Occasionally we have outside programs such as a tour to the Minnesota Arboretum and the Luther Seminary in St Paul. We do not meet in February. Our mission is to continue building friendships and strong relationships within our circle. Twice a year we serve the new member dinners which is our main service commitment to Mount Olivet. We serve a dinner during Fall Stewardship and participate in the MOCW fall bazaar. We established a new program recently to donate toys for children during the holidays to Lutheran Social Services. We sponsor anonymously to a family in the Mount Olivet community during the Christmas and Easter holidays. We are a support group to each other during difficult times as well as rejoice in our many blessings. Each meeting has devotions and a speaker.

*Current Membership: 36*

*Meets: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in homes in Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs. On occasion the circle meets in the church lounge.*

*Contact: Contact Joyce Muhl 952-831-3799 or Karen Johnson 952-941-4924*

**GRACE CIRCLE** is a social group of predominately working women ages 40 and up. They participate in the Holiday Bazaar and have coordinated and published the 1995 and 2010 Mt. Olivet Cookbooks. Every Christmas they sponsor a family for Pastor Scott. In the spring they decorate and serve for the Circle of Friends year-end banquet. They also participate at a Stewardship dinner and volunteer at other MOCW events where needed. Many of the meetings involve field trips and cultural events.

*Current Membership: 25*

*Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in homes or at outside events*

*Contact: Lynette Butler, 612-718-4064*

**HARMONY CIRCLE** is a group of women between the ages of 40 to late 60s. They are involved in many different service projects and they are always on the lookout for what is needed. They make baby blankets for Pastor Scott, collect school supplies for Mission Haiti Inc., and fill vases with spring flowers for Mount Olivet home. They participate in Feed My Starving Children each year. They also participate in the Holiday Bazaar as well as serving

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at various dinners at Mount Olivet, including stewardship dinners. Their favorite activity is filling tins with holiday cookies for Pastor Scott to deliver with other Christmas donations. The cookie party is also their annual Holiday Party and is held in the home of one of their members. They usually read and discuss a book as part of their program each year. They also have a guest speaker sometime during the year and have joined with other circles to share a speaker. They welcome new members.

*Current Membership: 21*

*Meets: 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm at Mpls. Campus.*

*Contact: Betty Ibis, 612-926-4075, elizabethibis@msn.com*

**HOLLY CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 60 and up. They welcome new members and visitors. They set tables for various events, and occasionally have outside speakers. They support Rolling Acres by donating money as well as scarfs, hats and mittens in November. They have a salad luncheon in June and a Christmas luncheon in December.

*Current Membership: 12*

*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month (except for January, February and March) at 1 pm for dessert and coffee in homes in the southern and southwestern suburbs.*

*Contact: Jean Windahl, 952-378-1664 or Gloria Boynton, 952-445-1230*

**HOPE CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 40 and up. They are not taking in new members at the current time. They participate in the Holiday Bazaar, Stewardship Dinners, Lutefisk Dinner and Circle of Friends.

*Current Membership: 39*

*Meets: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in homes near Edina, Bloomington and South Minneapolis.*

*Contact: Mary Sue Taylor, 952-935-5672*

**INSPIRATION CIRCLE** is a fun, social group for women ages 20 and up who worship at the West Campus or live in the Southwest area. They are involved with the new-baby ministry and help with stewardship dinners and MOCW events. This group welcomes new members.

*Current Membership: 15*

*Meets: 7 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at locations near the West Campus.*

*Contact: Gretchen Thompson, 612-390-7249, gretchenibernsdorff@hotmail.com*

**JOY CIRCLE** is a group of women between the approximate ages of 30 and up, however, we welcome women of all ages and we appreciate the versatility that this aspect brings to our group. Members have children of all ages, and childcare is available during their meetings. Service projects include volunteering throughout the year at the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, making Baby Welcome Kits for Pastor Scott and the Holiday Bazaar. They also serve and cook a stewardship dinner every fall, and volunteer at all MOCW events. The group is very social and includes some women who are at home with young children and some women who work outside the home. The group enjoys spending time together in and out of circle.

*Current Membership: 50*

*Meets: 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Mpls. church lounge. Meeting times alternate between mornings and evenings.*

*Contact: Ellen Dahlquist, 952-925-3049, ellen@aopmn.com*

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**LYDIA CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 40 and up. They support Pastor Scott's projects (birthday bags, monthly donations, and a Christmas family), serve at Stewardship dinners, participate in the Holiday Bazaar, Garage Sale and the Lutefisk Dinner. They meet at church, have outside speakers, and go on one interesting outing per year.

*Current Membership: 27*

*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Mpls. church lounge.*

*Contact: Joyce Boje, 952-934-5535*

**MELODY CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 20 and up. They are a relatively new circle, just started in 2007. They support the choirs of Mount Olivet, the Music Department and the School of Music. They work closely with Beverly Claffin, Mount Olivet Director of Music.

*Current Membership: 25+*

*Meets: 1st Sunday of each month after the 10 am service, Mpls. Campus*

*Contact: Diane Baron, 952-934-7462*

**OLIVET CIRCLE** is a group of women over the age of 50. They serve lunch and dinner for various groups. They also serve and cook a stewardship dinner every fall, and volunteer at all MOCW events including participating in the fall bazaar. They also are involved in the support of Rolling Acres, including the Caribou House in Minnetonka where they visit and provide gifts for holidays and special occasions. They have lunch and a speaker at each meeting.

*Current Membership: 25*

*Meets: 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Mpls. church lounge at noon.*

*Contact: Nancy Dahlquist, 952-938-2962*

**PEACE CIRCLE** is a group of women of all ages. They are a relatively newer circle and would love to welcome new members. One of their original projects was making welcome baskets for Pastor Scott's new families. They participate at Feed My Starving Children at least 3 times per year. Peace Circle also has adopted Sherwood House, a home for five people with mental illness, located in Edina and owned/operated by Mount Olivet Rolling Acres. The largest project they are involved with at Sherwood House is landscaping. They will also deliver birthday cakes there and fill special requests made by Sherwood House Staff. They like doing hands-on and face-to-face work. They make pre-packaged food items (cookie mix, chili, soup, lasagna, cocoa cones) as well as selling Blue Sky Guides to help raise funds at the Annual Holiday Bazaar. They meet year-round (unlike most of the other circles who adjourn in the summer months). They especially enjoy getting together during the summer months. Childcare is available during their meetings.

*Current Membership: 6*

*Meets: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Mpls. church lounge (year round).*

*Contact: Vicky Smith, 952-545-9909*

**PENNHURST CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 50 and up. They set tables for Stewardship Dinner, and for MOCW dinners. They also replace pew pencils.

*Current Membership: 10*

*Meets: 3rd Thursday of each month at noon for lunch. They meet in homes or restaurants in Minneapolis and the suburbs.*

*Contact: Ruth Jarcho, 952-828-9892*

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**REBEKAH CIRCLE** is a group of women between the ages of 40 and 60.

They participate in Stewardship Dinners and the Holiday Bazaar and enjoy fellowship within their circle. They were formerly known as the Burnsville Circle.

*Current Membership: 9*

*Meets: 3rd Wednesday at various times in the south suburbs.*

*Contact: Shirley Tupper, 952-934-1860*

**SPIRIT CIRCLE** is a group of women of all ages. They participate in Stewardship dinners, the Holiday Bazaar (where they offer Swedish meatballs, baked goods, and crafted items), and they volunteer at MOCW events. They support Pastor Scott by working with him on specific requests for things he may need. They have adopted Chanhassen Home (a part of Rolling Acres), a home for four disabled men who they provide with gifts and decorations at holidays and birthdays. They have social get-togethers in December and May. They have outside speakers when they are not busy with service projects, which this year is International Ministries at Mount Olivet.

*Current Membership: 24*

*Meets: 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Mpls. Campus.*

*Contact: Jo Ann Berkland, 612-922-5096*

**VICTORIA CIRCLE** is a group of women ages 50 and up who worship at Mount Olivet West Campus or live in the Southwest area. They volunteer at MOCW events, Stewardship dinners, the MOHA garage sale, and Lutefisk Dinner, in addition to working on various projects for the West Campus and Mount Olivet Rolling Acres. They also have helped support a variety of outreach ministries within our church and the greater community. New members welcome!

*Current Membership: 18*

*Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am, West Campus Center for Faith in Life.*

*Contact: Lynne Rendahl, 952-472-5409, [lynnrendahl@mchsi.com](mailto:lynnrendahl@mchsi.com)*

# MOUNT OLIVET CIRCLES AT-A-GLANCE • 2011-12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Cathedral	1985	2nd Wed. Every Other Month	7:00 PM	Homes	All	15	Barb Belschner	952-943-2189
Celebration	2007	3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Various	20 to 40	52	Stephanie Zahrbock	952-922-8405
Esther	1951	3rd Tuesday	1:00 PM	Homes	80 and up	12	Helen Peterson	612-869-3502
Fairwood	1942	1st Tuesday	1:00 PM	Lounge	60 and up	20	Arminta Miller	612-824-7715
Flicka	1960	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Homes	60 and up	33	Patricia Warner	952-927-6217
Grace	1993	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Homes	30 and up	17	Lynette Butler	612-718-4064
Harmony	2001	3rd Monday	7:00 PM	Ed Lounge	40-70	21	Betty Ibis	612-926-4075
Holly	1945	3rd Tuesday	1:00 PM	Homes	60 and up	14	Jean Windahl	952-378-1664
Hope	1985	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Homes	40 and up	39	Mary Sue Taylor	952-955-5672
Inspiration	2008	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	West Homes	20 and up	15	Gretchen Thompson	612-390-7249
Joy	2000	2nd Wednesday	Alternates Mornings & Evenings	Lounge	30 and up	48	Ellen Dahlquist	952-925-3049
Lydia	1974	3rd Tuesday	9:30 AM	Lounge	40 and up	27	Joyce Boje	952-934-5535
Melody	2007	1st Sunday	After 10 AM Worship*	Cook's Kitchen	20 and up	25+	Diane Baron	952-934-7462
Olivet	1940	3rd Wednesday	Noon	Lounge	50 and up	25	Nancy Dahlquist	952-938-2962
Peace	2001	3rd Wednesday	9:30 AM	Lounge	All	6	Vicky Smith	952-545-9909
Pennhurst	1949	3rd Thursday	Noon	Homes	50 and up	10	Ruth Jarcho	952-828-9892
Rebekah	1969	3rd Wednesday	7:30 PM	Homes	40-60	9	Shirley Tupper	952-934-1860
Spirit	1995	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Church	All	24	Jo Ann Berkland	612-922-5096
Victoria	2002	2nd Tuesday	10:00 AM	West Center for Faith in Life	50 and up	18	Lynne Rendahl	952-472-5409

\* Please check with the contact person to verify there is a meeting taking place