

# CARING NEWSLETTER



For family, friends, and supporters of Mount Olivet Home,  
Mount Olivet Careview Home, and Mount Olivet Day Services



*We are so lucky to have had Tim's leadership over the past 40 years and wish him the best in the next chapter of his life!*

Thank you Tim for

# 40

YEARS  
of excellence!

After 40 years of dedicated leadership as Executive Director of Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, and Mount Olivet Day Services, Tim Hokanson will retire on June 1. During his tenure, Tim guided the organization through numerous renovations and improvements, always with one goal in mind: better serving residents. ***“Everything we did was to better serve our residents, and that has always been our first priority,”*** he reflected.

Grounded in its church founded mission, Mount Olivet Home, Careview, and Day Services have become providers of choice for older adults. Residents, families, and employees remain at the heart of every decision. Tim expressed gratitude for the foundation that shaped his career: ***“I will always be grateful to Pastor Paul Youngdahl, who in 1986 offered this job to a young 30 year old and was a tremendous mentor. I am thankful to Mount Olivet Church for the community and support that have made the Homes such an amazing place.”***

Tim credits Mount Olivet’s success to its employees, describing himself as the conductor and the staff as the gifted ensemble whose talents meet the needs of residents and families each day. ***“This is a wonderful community, and I will miss it dearly,”*** he said. ***“But I look forward to retirement, the next chapter, and more time with my wife, family, and especially our two new granddaughters.”***



Roger White shared a moment that perfectly captures Tim’s character and leadership: ***“I recall when Tim took an employee to the grocery store and filled a cart with groceries after learning of some significant struggles. That was the moment when I knew what a great leader and special person he was.”***

The board has appointed Roger White as the next Executive Director. A 15-year member of the organization, Roger brings deep knowledge of the community and a commitment to continuing building on the strong foundation Tim has built. Roger’s leadership promises a smooth and steady transition.





## Healing Through Stories and Song

At Mount Olivet Home, creativity often appears in unexpected ways – few stories shine as brightly as the musical partnership between Careview resident, Dan, and music therapists Rachel and Sarah. Together, they’ve created a unique blend of poetry, music, and friendship that has become a cherished part of community life.

Dan, who moved to Careview in April 2025, began writing lyrics years ago during a hospital stay. His verses reflect a lifetime of memories, humor, and reflection.

**“God led me to Mount Olivet Careview and the music therapy team here has been my lifeline. I am so grateful...for how they’ve helped me heal.”**

Each Thursday at 10am, Dan meets with Rachel or Sarah to shape his words into songs, typically composing two to three pieces a month. Rachel, who is legally blind, navigates the halls with her guide dog, Christopher Robbin – who often naps through the sessions. Dan laughs, “He’s our unofficial percussion section.”

For Rachel, the collaboration is deeply meaningful. “Composing music with Dan has been a highlight of my career and helped me grow as a clinician. It is an honor and a privilege to create something beautiful together,” she says.

Their process is simple but powerful: Dan shares his latest lyrics and together they create a melody which brings his story to life. The result is more than music – it’s connection with purpose. Last fall, Dan, Rachel, and Sarah performed several of their pieces at a concert for all residents.

Mount Olivet Home’s music therapy program continues to grow, offering one-on-one sessions, music bingo, and even features a resident band. Dan encourages everyone to start the day with a tune: “It really sets the tone for your mood for the day.”



## Make a Difference with Your IRA!

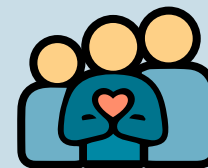
Are you 70½ or older? Here’s your chance to make a meaningful impact while reducing your tax burden! Consider a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, or Mount Olivet Day Services. By doing so, you can:

- **REDUCE YOUR TAXES:**  
Enjoy the benefits of tax-free IRA distributions.
- **SATISFY YOUR RMD:**  
Your QCD will fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), ensuring your generosity supports our vital ministries.

Your contribution can transform lives and strengthen our community. It’s a true win-win!

### READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Simply ask your IRA administrator for guidance on initiating your QCD to Mount Olivet. For more details, reach out to Tyler Hauser in the Development Office at [thauser@mtolivet.org](mailto:thauser@mtolivet.org) or call 612.767.2214.



### Have you included Mount Olivet Lutheran Church or one of its affiliated organizations in your estate plan?

Please let us know! Or are you wondering about how you might go about blessing the ministry of Mount Olivet to the glory of God even beyond your lifetime, by including it in your will or trust or other possibility? Let us help you in your consideration or planning!

Please contact: **Peter Youngdahl**

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# New! Mount Olivet Day Services Nurture Nook

Mount Olivet Day Services (MODS) provides vital daily care and respite for adults and families in our community. They offer on site therapy, personal care assistance, and meaningful activities that enrich mind, body, and spirit.

This year, MODS is taking an exciting step forward by transforming one of its spaces into the new **Nurture Nook** – a serene, welcoming room created especially for adults living with dementia or memory challenges. It is designed to provide peace, comfort, and a restful break from the busier parts of the day program. The Nurture Nook will feature soft lighting, soothing music, aromatherapy, animated therapy animals and dolls, sensory and fidget tools, and thoughtfully curated memory care activities.

As MODS continues to lead with innovation and compassion in serving aging adults with dementia and memory care needs, we invite you to join us in bringing the Nurture Nook to life. If you would like to support this meaningful project through a physical contribution or a financial gift, please reach out to Stephanie Matthews at MODS at [smatthews@mtolivetdayservices.org](mailto:smatthews@mtolivetdayservices.org) or 612.861.3305.



*Before*



*The Future Nurture Nook*

## Celebrating the Olympic Games at Careview

In honor of the 2026 Winter Olympics, the Therapeutic Recreation department held a special celebration on Wednesday, February 18 to bring the excitement and spirit of the Games to our community. This kickoff was designed not only to echo the traditions of the Olympics but also to foster a sense of unity, friendly competition, and shared enthusiasm among everyone involved.

Throughout the day, residents took part in a variety of themed activities that promoted physical engagement, social interaction, and fun. These events were intentionally chosen to support skills such as hand-eye coordination, focus, and teamwork. Activities included a snowball toss led by Tim Hokanson, a ceremonial “pass the torch” relay, tissue box hockey, a slippery slope challenge, and an Olympic ring beanbag toss. Each event provided residents with an accessible and enjoyable way to participate in the Olympic spirit while staying active and connected with others.



*“Head Referee” Tim Hokanson leading snowball toss*



*Lighting the torch to start the games*



# MOUNT OLIVET GALA

## Invest in Hope

**Thursday, May 7 at Oak Ridge Country Club**  
**Open House 5-9pm, Program at 7pm**

The Mount Olivet 2026 gala is a festive evening that supports Mount Olivet Affiliate Ministries including Mount Olivet Home, Careview, and Mount Olivet Day Services.

### **Interested in attending?**

Tickets are on sale now through Monday, April 20. To purchase a ticket, visit [mtolivet.org/event/gala](https://mtolivet.org/event/gala) or contact Laurie Hancer at 612.767.2267.



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### **Interested in supporting?**

There are lots of ways to support the Gala:

- Become a sponsor. Sponsorship levels available from \$1,000-\$20,000
- Donate an item or experience for the silent auction.
- Make a donation.

Contact: Tyler Hauser, Coordinator of Development at [thauser@mtolivet.org](mailto:thauser@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2214

## Mount Olivet Home Renovation Project

Exciting updates are coming to Mount Olivet Home!

Starting March 9, we will begin a four-month renovation project to refresh and modernize our community spaces. Work will start on the 4th floor and progress through the building.

### **What to Expect**

Renovations will focus on corridors, lounges, nurse stations, and gathering spaces. During active corridor construction (approximately 3-4 weeks per floor), residents on that floor will need to be out of their rooms Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm.

Residents on MOH 2 and MOH 4 will have options:

- Stay in your room during construction (with some noise and interruptions), or
- Enjoy alternate common spaces or activity areas during those hours.

We'll work closely with each resident to ensure comfort, safety, and daily routines remain our top priority.

### **What's Changing?**

Resident rooms will not be affected.

Updates include:

- New ceiling tiles, corridor carpet, handrails, signage, wallcoverings
- Countertops and nursing station millwork
- Lounge area renovations
- Careview 2: new flooring from East to West
- Kitchenette upgrades on Careview 2E, 3E, and 4E (cabinets, backsplash, sinks, touchless faucets, countertops)



*The lounges will be updated to be more inviting and cozy*



*Nursing stations will be getting a much needed refresh*

### **Our Commitment**

We're partnering with Kraus Anderson Construction to minimize disruption. The result will be a refreshing, modern environment for all residents.