THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS ARE GOING TO BE OUR GUESTS HEAR THEIR STORY AND SEE THEIR BEAUTIFUL OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS

On September 7, 2025, during all services, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land. In the assembly room, we will have on display hand made olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem. There will be an opportunity to purchase these items while you are at church on Sunday. These carvings include olive wood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts. The carvings are made by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on the income from sales for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted. Other sources of income have been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem, and COVID-19 pandemic. The ongoing war - twenty two months to date - has deterred tourism in the Holy Land. This has made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in a few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ. This lack of Christian presence could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites. Please consider supporting our Christian brothers and sisters currently living in Bethlehem, where Christ was born, by making a purchase.

A Christian family from Bethlehem will be telling us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and they will be presenting these carvings on Sunday, September 7th. It is never too late to help. All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem.

Let us carefully tend to our roots, Christian children of God in the Holy Land.

And let us pray together for peace in the land where our Savior once walked to tell the world the good news of salvation.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. George Ghanem

Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative

https://hlcsc.org/collections/all

Forms of payment taken: cash, check, and credit/debit cards



E-mail your request to mttaborbadge@gmail.com Items to include in your e-mail:

Name as you want it to appear Picture if you are inclined.

Date you became a member if you would like to include it.

If you have questions, please reach out to our office staff.



September 4th

Lunch 11:30 - 1:30 PM Dinner 4:30 - 6:30 PM

\$15.00 per plate



1/2 BBQ Chicken Beans Corn

Pineview Ruritan Club

2906 Pella Avenue, West Columbia (off of Methodist Park Road)

Advance tickets may be purchased through:

Pineview Ruritan Club Cornerstone Mt. Hebron

If you would like to place a phone order contact either:

Gary Taylor 8033310044 or Derek Cothran 8036228012

Is there a need that you have heard about?

Is there a community project near and dear to your heart?

Can it use some funding?

Mt. Tabor Endowment Fund

Mt. Tabor's Endowment Fund would like to HELP you, HELP someone!

Applications are available in the church office.

Fill out an application today ~ fill a community need TOMORROW!