

## **11-1-17 Make a note**

On the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy, is a palace. It is now the Peggy Guggenheim Museum, with art collected by the heiress. On the property is a garden, and in the garden is an olive tree that was given by Yoko Ono.

She called it the Wish Tree. Visitors to the museum are invited to write their wish on a piece of paper and attach it to the tree. They range from “peace in the Middle East” to “true love” to “a motorcycle.”

And here’s something interesting: Olive trees are mentioned thirty times in the Jewish and Christian Scriptures and seven times in the Qur’an. So I hope one of the notes on that tree wishes for greater understanding between people of different faiths.

Just a thought. I’m Sid Batts, from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org).