



# Olivet Church News

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*"Making the Grace of God Real for People"*

**Vacation Bible School, "Livin' On the Edge"** was an absolute blast! Each night we gathered in the sanctuary and sang songs, played instruments and moved to the music. There were many new faces among the forty plus kids and I hope many of them come back to visit. I am so lucky to be able to work with the children for VBS! Thank you Amy for accompanying us volunteers for being patient and thank you Angela Pigg for coordinating!

Summer special music continues through August until Adult Choir resumes in September. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 26 at 7:15. Please contact me if you have any questions about Adult Choir.  
Eileen

## Congratulations

Carson & Ruby Teel are the Great Grandparents of Carter Kenneth Jones born July 26 in Kansas City. His parents are Clayton & Beck Jones. Kenneth Jones and Bill & Debbie Moore are the Grandparents.



## Ice Cream Social, Swimming, and Fishing

Olivet's annual ice cream social for is scheduled for **August 16, 6-8 p.m.** Thanks to the generosity of Phil and Connie Divine, the Membership Committee has planned a special evening to include ice cream, toppings, and cookies or cake or pie as well as the opportunity to swim and fish in Divine's lake. They want some catfish harvested out of the lake, and it will be fun to help them do it. Phil plans to set up a filet table and will filet the fish, bag them, and keep them on ice until guests are ready to go home.

**Sign-up sheets** to make homemade ice cream or cookies/cake/pie to complement the ice cream are posted at the church. Please sign up ASAP so that plans can be completed. We have again invited the Sugar Grove congregation to be our guests for this social, and we need to have plenty of ice cream for everyone.

A certified life guard and a couple of members with life guard experience will be present to supervise the swimming. This lake has no shallow water so anyone who is not a good swimmer needs to wear a **life jacket** or something to keep them safe. **Also bring: lawn chairs, fishing poles and bait/tackle, beach towels.**

The Divines live north of town. If you would like to carpool or caravan, please meet at Olivet at 5:30 p.m.

**Directions from Columbia:** North on 63. North (right) on Route B. West (left) on 124. North (right) on U. (Route U will fork to the right after one mile.) Take U approx 3 additional miles. Black top will turn to gravel. After approx. 1/2 mile of gravel, road will turn 90 degrees to the left and go down a big hill. At the bottom of the hill, driveway is on left. Turn left at the fish mailbox.

**Directions from Harrisburg:** South on 63 to 124 East. North (left) on U then follow directions above.





## Save the Date...

### Columbia Community CROP HUNGER WALK

**CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**

**Sunday, October 4, 2009**

**Registration at 1:30 pm**

**Walk begins at 2:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church – 16 Hitt Street – Downtown Columbia**

**Watch for details in the next issue of the OCN**

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PAINT!**

### Facelift for Fellowship Hall

On Friday, August 14, and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the entryway, fellowship hall and hallway leading to the Sunday school rooms will undergo a “facelift”.

Some of the enhancements that will occur are as follows: walls painted a new color; rearrangement of furnishings, paintings, plaques, and bulletin boards; fresh coat of paint for the mailboxes and relocated to a new location; and installing communication boards to be used by the standing committees.

We are in need of volunteers to help with this effort. Friday evening, 7 pm, will be the prep work for Saturday – removing pictures, plaques, bulletin boards, etc from the walls; patching the walls; taping the walls for painting. Saturday, 8 am, the real work begins – painting, moving the mailboxes, installing the communication boards, then rearranging and replacing the furnishings, pictures and plaques once the paint is dry. If you can help, even for a little bit, either sign up at church this coming Sunday or contact Renee Richmond, by phone or e-mail, to volunteer. If you have any questions, contact Renee. Renee can be reached by phone at 814-1777 or by email at [WRICHMOND@MCHSI.COM](mailto:WRICHMOND@MCHSI.COM). The more people working the faster this will be accomplished. Thank you for your help!!!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since the mailboxes will be painted and relocated, please make sure you have all your mail removed from your mailbox by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Nametags will be taken out and then replaced after the boxes are put back up so you need not do anything with those. Please do not add anything into the mailboxes after August 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation!!!

### Upcoming Events & Meetings:

**Sunday, August 16– Ice Cream Social at Divine’s house from 6-8:00 p.m. See directions on pg. 1. Sign up sheet to provide ice cream or other treats on bulletin board outside of office.**

**Monday, August 17—Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 23—Newcomers Coffee/Rolls from 9:30– 10:30 a.m.**

**CHI-RHO & LYHF Youth Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 25—Membership River Retreat follow-up meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 26—First choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 27—MF Conveners & Vice Conveners meet at 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, August 28—Mature Living Festival—Celebrating life after 55! See page 4**

**Sunday, August 30—Program Committee Fair & Quarter Sunday for Heifer Project**

**Monday, August 31—Adult Education Advisory Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.**

## **From the Pastor**

### **Living at Camp E.D.G.E.**

It was a pleasure to participate in last week's excellent Vacation Bible School at Olivet. The curriculum our Christian Education Committee chose was Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere.) The theme and the decorations (camping gear for a grand exploration of new territory) made VBS seem like an adventure.

Living in faith is meant to be something of an adventure because, as the Bible teaches in nearly every story it tells, God is not content with the status quo nor much interested in preserving it. The God of the Bible is always on the move toward what must come into being if the people are to be blessed with peace, justice, wholeness and abundant life. To live our lives with such a God means to be always on the edge of something new and challenging.

On each evening of Camp E.D.G.E Bible School I was privileged to work with 8-10 adults in a study-discussion group. We followed the same curriculum the children used, read the same Bible stories and considered the same growing edges of the life of faith. It seems to me that these stories and ideas might be useful to many adults in your own growth in faith and discipleship, so I offer the following outline to you for a study of your own.

#### The Edge of the Promised Land

Scriptures: Numbers 13-14, Joshua 1:1-11; 3:4-9; 4:15-18

What did God call Joshua to do? What did it take for him to respond?

What did he discover about God and himself in the process?

#### The Edge of Salvation

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

What made the wise men follow that star?

What were they looking for? What did they find?

#### The Edge of Society

Scripture: Luke 14:7-14

What do these teachings tell us about how Jesus judged human worth and status?

What do they tell us about ourselves? about others?

#### The Edge of Life

Scriptures: John 13:3-20; 13:33-14:30, 16:12-18:1

Why did Jesus spend the last night of his life with his disciples on these things?

What role do these teachings and values play in our lives of faith and service?

#### The Edge of Glory

Scripture: Matthew 1-10, 16-20

What difference did resurrection make for the first disciples?

How does Jesus' resurrection shape us for Christian mission?

Where and to whom are we sent with good news?

One evening I watched Eileen Sharp teaching a particularly active song to Bible School children. The song is about living on the edge, and the accompanying motion she taught them was like standing on the edge of a pool of cool, refreshing water, leaning forward, hands over their heads, ready to dive in. Sometimes that is how we live in faith, but sometimes we lean back, away from the edge, away from God's leading. Then it's useful to remember the last line of that song: "Living on the edge, it's what we do."

May that be true of us as we experience and discover God everywhere. *Dennis*

## News Around the Church

### Booknotes

#### Train of Thoughts



Remember when....July's heat was a good excuse for a slower pace, and August meant 31 more days until summer vacation ended with Labor Day weekend?

Well, we're not in that wonderland anymore. School--and Olivet's fall schedule--begins very soon! And Olivet's library is ready to assist individuals and groups in getting off to a great start with fun, resources, and new ideas. Come get on board!

Look for new book displays in the main library and at the Big Red Cart in the Sunday School hall, in youth rooms, and the nursery. Everyone is sure to discover something interesting.

If there is a specific item you need, let us know. We are responsive and want to provide it for you. To help us accomplish this, you may soon be offered a brief Church Library Use Survey. Books will always be the heart of our library, but we can assist you with learning to use new kinds of resources, such as audio books and popular Bible websites. Try this one: <http://netministries.org/bbasics/bbwords> to quickly hear correct pronunciation of Bible names. Just bookmark it for easy access when you need it.

Disciples World, the magazine, is available in the library. We'll keep you informed on fall chants, both print and online. They also sponsor a new online community for Disciples and other people of faith to gather and share blogs, music, and discussion. It's called The Intersection, and it's free..

Olivet's library is a convenient place to ask questions about books and topics--and find answers. We also share information such as Book Award Lists and literary links from Columbia Public Library and other community sources. Olivet Program Committees, the library can inspire your ministries with ideas from other churches that might work for you here.

Let's all become enthusiastic (filled with God) for a fantastic fall of growing, learning, and living!

### Boone County Council on Aging - Mature Living Festival

Friday, August 28, 2009 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select EXPO Center 2200 I-70 Drive SW

Free Admission

More than 50 exhibitors including:

- \* Free glaucoma screening \* Health information \* Red Cross blood drive
- \* Senior fraud protection \* Estate/financial planning \* Coin/currency appraisals
- \* Medicare information \* Quilting demos \* GAMES \* & much more

(Entertainment All Day Featuring the St. Louis Strutters)

Chance to win Four MU Homecoming Game Tickets!!

***A GREAT PLACE TO GET RESOURCES FOR AGING PARENTS!***

For more information, please call Boone County Council on Aging at (573) 443-1111

## Our Volunteers Make The Difference!

Meals on Wheels has been in Columbia, Missouri for over 37 years. We are a United Way agency and receive funds from the City of Columbia. With only 1¼ staff members, we rely on volunteers every day. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday at noontime. Between the 11 a.m. and Noon the meals are ready for pickup and delivery usually takes less than an hour.



Volunteers deliver an average of seven hot meals. Between 120 and 150 meals are delivered each day. A written instruction sheet is provided each day with directions to each home. A cooler is also provided as well as close parking at the Veterans Hospital where Meals are prepared. Training is conducted the first day as well as a ride along with an experienced volunteer. Substitute volunteers are called 2-3 times a month and regular drivers are scheduled once a week. Volunteers enjoy flexibility and regular volunteers do not have to find their own substitutes. An optional gathering time before delivery includes snacks and conversation with other volunteers.

The satisfaction of helping others in a face to face situation is the reason most volunteer. All ages are welcome. We have preschoolers coming with their mothers and one volunteer are over the age of 95. Students, working professionals and retirees as well as stay at home moms all volunteer weekly. You can deliver alone or with a friend, relative or spouse. A vehicle, insurance and valid driver's license are required. It takes over 100 volunteers each week and we currently have an additional 70 trained as substitutes. If interested, send [e-mail](mailto:mowheels@gmail.com) to [mowheels@gmail.com](mailto:mowheels@gmail.com). Director Marcia Walker trains and works with volunteers. She will be in contact with you.

### Volunteer Opportunity

#### **Volunteer Columbia**

**Special Olympics** is seeking volunteers to help with their volleyball and bowling programs. Bowling begins August 29 and volleyball begins September 3. **If you can help, contact Jody at 874.7312 or [jfcrane@GoColumbiaMO.com](mailto:jfcrane@GoColumbiaMO.com)**

Volunteer at

#### **THE WARDROBE**

(5th Wednesday of month)

Sept. 30 and Dec. 30

Hours are 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

Or 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

**Contact Ruby Teel for more information**

**573.449.2214**

### Volunteer with the Alzheimer's Assoc.

Volunteers help us accomplish and further our mission by helping to expand programs and services to make a difference for people affected by Alzheimer's disease. Whether you have a lot of time or just a little, we can use you. Volunteers come from all walks of life - men, women, young and old, professionals, homemakers with children and retirees - anyone who has a genuine interest in helping.

**If you are interested in volunteering for the Alzheimer's Association, please contact our office at 573.443.8665 or [midmoinfo@alz.org](mailto:midmoinfo@alz.org)**

### Remember

Food is continually being collected for the

Central Missouri Food Bank

Please place on shelf in Fellowship Hall and someone will transport it to the Food Bank. Thanks for your help!

## **WARM UP COLUMBIA**

*New, warm blankets*

*Will be distributed*

*By*

*Voluntary action Center In October*

**DONATION BOXES WILL BE IN**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL UNTIL**

**THE END OF AUGUST**

*We hope to have at least 25 warm blankets donated*

*Thanks for your continued support of Outreach ministries*



### **Summer Sales Hit for MU Student Group**

On Thursday evenings, members of Olivet can be found filling bags with freshly-picked produce. Many thanks go out to the church on behalf of MU student group Tigers for Community Agriculture. Their first summer of sales has proven successful, and there is much more produce on the way.

Every Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m., the student group will continue to sell produce in the Olivet parking lot. Items that have been available include green beans, cabbage, zucchini, egg plant and tomatoes.

The members of Tigers for Community Agriculture have been working hard to grow quality produce over the past several months.

"It's been a big learning experience for us," said Whitney Middleton, MU senior. "But it is definitely turning out a success."

By supporting Tigers for Community Agriculture, you are supporting the community as a whole. The group seeks to promote, and produce, locally grown food options for residents. Each student puts in long hours at Bradford Farm, where all produce is grown, to ensure success for the group and a quality product for the consumer. So, come on out and enjoy the taste of locally-grown produce that benefits you—and your community.

#### **Also, available are the following items:**

Daniel's Veggies (grown by Daniel Martz)—Sweet corn, Blackberries, Yellow squash, & Cucumbers

Martz Farm—Free range eggs, Pastured Beef & Grass fed lamb

**\*\*side note\*\*** we just replenished and the freezer is full. For those of you who have been looking forward to a juicy steak, stop by and see us.



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**Olivet Church News Basic Information**

The Olivet Church News (OCN) is a publication of the Olivet Christian Church, a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our newsletter is published twice monthly on Thursdays. Our next OCN will be mailed August 20. Please have your news information to Dee Youngman at deeandlukeyoungman@yahoo.com (as an attachment, if possible) no later than August 13. Thanks.

**Sunday Services**

(Nursery available during both services)

8:30 am., Early Worship Service

9:30 am., Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am., Morning Worship/Children's Service K-3

Olivet is located 4 miles east of Hwy 63 S on WW

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**Olivet Youth Groups**



LYHF, grades 9-12

CHI-RHO, grades 6-8

YOYO's, grades 2-5

**June 2009 Financial Report**

Revenue/Other Support...\$1 9,243.11

Year-To-Date Total..... \$135,915.80

**Expenditures:**

Salaries/Benefits..... \$ 11,103.33

Payroll Taxes.....\$ 630.85

General/ Administration...\$ 4,555.66

Supplies .....\$ 467.53

Community Services..... \$ 39.99

Total Expenditures..... \$ 16,797.36

Year-To-Date..... \$109,219.77

**Building Fund Report**

Building Fund Income.....\$ 3,019.50

Year-To-Date..... \$ 19,028.05

Thank you for your support!

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