



Olivet Church News

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"Making the Grace of God Real for People"

OCC Garage Sale March 7, 2009

We Need:

Racks to hang clothes, stick on price labels, extra hangers, sacks/bags, pre-priced items to sell and **YOU**. Please bring sale items to church **NO Earlier** than Wednesday, **March 4**.

Bring your treasures to sell, help price and organize any of these days after 10:00 am.

Wednesday, 3/4 Thursday, 3/5 Friday, 3/6

If you have a red OCC t-shirt, please wear it as it helps our visitors know who our members are for assistance.

Saturday, 3/7 DOORS OPEN 7:00 AM. Saturday, 3/7 After 3:00 pm., CLEAN UP! HELP!!!



2009 Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Feb. 25	Ash Wednesday	First Christian (DOC), 101 N. 10th St.
March 4		Calvary Episcopal, 123 S. 9th St.
March 11		Sacred Heart Catholic, 1115 Locust St.
March 18		Missouri United Methodist, 209 S. 9th St.
March 25		Community United Methodist, 3301 W. Broadway
April 1		Second Baptist, 407 E. Broadway
April 8	Holy Week	First Presbyterian, 16 Hitt St.
April 10	Good Friday - Noon	Rock Bridge Christian Church (DOC), 301 W. Green Meadows Rd.

Breakfast begins at 7:00 am and ends at 8:00 am. A \$1 donation is expected to offset cost of breakfast. Any surplus will be given to Central MO Food Pantry. Each person is encouraged to bring non-perishable food for the Central MO Food Pantry.

Columbia

Interfaith Council

A forum that provides a network of communication among faith groups and human service agencies

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday is February 25th, and we will mark the beginning of Lent with a simple meal and service around the tables in Fellowship Hall. Beginning at 5:30, we will share a meal of simple foods - beans, lentils, bread, vegetables, fruit. Everyone is invited, and everyone is requested to bring a dish or two to share. In keeping with the theme of simplicity and focusing on the basics, please minimize the use of meats, and let's skip desserts for this particular meal together. For those who cannot or choose not to gather for the meal, worship will begin at 6:30 at the meal tables, and there will be a seat for you if you arrive then.

Ash 
Wednesday

Olivet Health News

Last issue we discussed several ways to help reduce our health care costs in a time when our economic future is so uncertain. We discussed ways to keep our selves healthy through a healthy diet, exercise, and preventative health maintenance. I would like to spend a little time on ways to help reduce the health care costs we all experience.

Bargain shop for the best health care plan. Picking the plan with the lowest monthly cost, or one you have used in the past may not be the best option. Benefits are known to change drastically from year to year. Do the math: how many visits does your family use in a typical year; what are your routine prescription medications; how much are dental cleanings and preventative care; what other services do you use. Compare these expenses with the cost of your health care plan and what you are expected to pay out of pocket. Don't forget all those deductibles that catch all of us by surprise.

Give careful consideration to a high-deductible health plan. When considering a high-deductible (HD) health plan it may seem to be a bit of a shock especially when you are used to paying \$20 co-pays. Some HD plans can save you hundreds per month with lower premiums. These plans can run with \$1000 deductible for an individual and \$2000+ for families and can be cost efficient if you have a family that rarely sees the doctor. Also, most HD plans qualify you to open a health savings plan similar to ASI, where you can put money away on a pre-tax basis to pay your premiums and out-of-pocket health expenses. Examine these policies carefully before making any drastic decisions on a HD plans.

Always have a safety net. If you or your spouse is switching jobs and have to wait for the new health insurance plan to kick in, ask whether you can extend your policy from your old employer. (COBRA law requires some, but not all, companies to let you do so). Unfortunately with the new economic crisis these issue swill become more prevalent with lay offs and businesses closing. If it is not possible to keep your old insurance check into short-term family insurance for the interim so that you will continue with coverage.

Take advantage of the extra services offered by your health care plans. Read that boring health insurance manual and see what additional services are offered. Most of you enjoy playing on the internet so go online and explore other resources available through these companies. Most have 24/7 nurse call services so together you can evaluate whether or not you need to make that trip to the doctor or treat at home. Others offer discounts to gyms, exercise programs, weight-loss, smoking cessation classes. Some even offer discounts for massages. And take it from me most of these gyms will not inform you of said discounts unless you persist. Kaitlyn and I paid 9 months for an exercise program we should have received a significant discount to. I won't mention any names.

Don't skimp on well-child checkups and vaccines. These exams are typically inexpensive or are fully covered by insurance. Keeping our child's vaccines up to date are essential to keeping them and our society healthy. If the vaccines are not covered by your insurance and the cost is prohibitive please check out the health department which can give vaccines for a nominal donation to their fund.

Look for special services and programs with your health care plan. Many health care plans offer special services for chronic conditions like allergies, asthma, and bronchitis. Some offer discounted preventative care treatment, newsletters and even offer reduced equipment needed for such conditions. Feel free again to check out their web site and speak one on one to their representatives for additional information.

The next article will address health care bills and what to look for. Please remember that February in **Heart Healthy Month**, do something healthy for your heart. Take the stairs, go for a walk, and eat grilled fresh fish for your next meal.

Still waiting on those recipes and loved ones memories.

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5.

Serving you in Christ, Karen D Bradley, RNC-Olivet Parish Nurse

From the Pastor

Simple Reverence

Lent is almost upon us (it begins with Ash Wednesday, February 25th.) Lent brings a more sober and reflective mood to our worship. Perhaps now is a good time now to think about reverence in our corporate worship. I've noticed lately on Sunday mornings, particularly in 11 o'clock worship, that things are frequently chaotic. Little distractions don't matter, but a door shut loudly or people re-entering the sanctuary in the middle of a prayer or during the Words of Institution or the prayers at the table draws eyes, ears and hearts away from worship.

Reverence is what the Bible means when it uses that old phrase "the fear of the Lord." That need not mean stark terror or groveling in unworthiness and fear of punishment. What we most need it to mean is that we hold God in high esteem and we honor God with our attention, our offerings, our prayers, our faithful behaviors. Sometimes we need to be still before God, fully present and available to God—focused, centered, waiting. Since our Sunday morning worship is a group exercise, each of us has responsibility for the atmosphere in which all of us can be present to and waiting upon the holy.

Greeting friends, making small talk, inquiring about our neighbor's relatives are all good and loving behaviors. But after the Prelude begins, those wonderful neighborly ways become distractions from our priority of entering reverence for worship. The Prelude allows us to begin consciously settling into God's presence, as true worship requires. Even after the Prelude we make program announcements as a necessary part of our church's life, but announcement time can take on the feel of a town hall meeting. Town hall meetings are fine, but they are not the same thing as worship—worship requires being present to God, and being besieged with announcements from all around the sanctuary is bound to take us somewhere that isn't worship. Can't we plan ahead for what really needs to be

verbally announced and get that to Janis for the bulletin or to be duplicated and placed in mailboxes, or can't we get our announcements to the worship leader in writing before the service? With a little planning we can have our necessary announcements made concisely and in an orderly fashion.

For the sake of a reverent and worshipful atmosphere, I would love to see the moving around in the sanctuary reduced to what is truly necessary. When it is necessary to leave and then re-enter the sanctuary, please make sure that we're not in the middle of a prayer. Later in the service, if it's necessary to leave or re-enter, please do so during the hymn before communion, or wait until the sharing of communion is completed. At several points in the worship service we transition from one phase to the next, and there is movement of a person or two, or maybe a few. Those moments are good moments for entering or leaving the sanctuary when it's truly necessary. Moments when everyone is quiet and focused are less good for moving around, and moments of prayer are least good.

I know from past experience that those with hips, knees, backs and bladders that make it impossible for them to stay seated in the sanctuary for the full service will take this to heart and worry about it. I will say clearly that we want you in worship with us, so please take care of your needs as nature requires and be with us. I also know that some parents of young children are already hypersensitive about any noise or distractions their children create. I will say to you that children are always welcome in the sanctuary and that training them to worship is a long term project, so please don't give up and don't let any embarrassment you may have experienced keep you or your children away.

Worship is a spiritual discipline, and as such it requires attention and effort. May we all do our best to contribute to a reverent atmosphere in which to worship God.

Dennis

News Around the Church

Book Notes



Remember the **Annual Used Book Sale** sponsored by Olivet Library Committee. Donations of used books for children and adults—fiction and nonfiction-- are being accepted now. Marked boxes are in the front hallway and at the library. We are getting a nice variety. Children's books are always welcomed. Prices at the sale will be: \$1 hardbacks; 50 cents for paperbacks, CDs or DVDs, 25 cents for tapes and magazines. Proceeds go to the purchase of new books for the library. Please come to browse and buy:

+ Sunday Feb. 22 and + Sunday March 1, 9:30- 11 am in Fellowship Room

Music Notes

The Adult Choir welcomes Lisa Britt and David Williams to our group. David has been singing with us for the last few weeks and Lisa has been able to join us since **babysitting has become available on Wednesday nights during rehearsal time.** The choir has started working on music for lent and Easter. New singers are welcome at anytime. If you are interested in joining us, just come on Wednesday nights to rehearsals and give choir a try!



Blessings, Eileen

Dear Members of the Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for remembering me with the beautiful shawl. My dad enjoyed the shawl you made for him when he was at Lenoir. It gave him comfort to know so many people cared for him and were praying for him. The shawl serves as a visible reminder of God's presence with us even in the midst of difficulty. And like Dad, I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers it represents. Thanks to all of you for using your gifts to make this important ministry possible.

Karen Broz



Welcome New Member

Wayne Calvin came forward in Early Worship February 15 to place his church membership in Olivet. Wayne comes to us by statement and reaffirmation of faith.

Congratulations to Robin Shaon and Bob Moore who became engaged on Valentine's Day. No date has been set for their marriage at this time.

Olivet Business Cards Available

The Membership Committee has purchased Olivet Christian Church business cards to give to potential guests for worship services or special events at Olivet. The cards include a picture of the church, address, and contact information. The back of the card is blank and could be used to write the date and time of a special event or your phone number or e-mail address so that you could be contacted to answer questions.

If you would like a few cards to carry, contact the church office or Jo Behymer. A few cards also are available inside the pew attendance registers for your convenience. Sunday School teachers, youth sponsors, committee chairs, Board members, Membership Committee members, and staff especially are encouraged to give people a business card and invite them to Olivet.



News Around the Church



Where is your treasure ?

We don't have to have a map or dig holes to find our personal treasure!

Being God's children means that we are in position to be **treasure tenders** through the love and care shown each other and our sisters and brothers around the world.

Hurricanes, tornadoes and tsunamis smash communities to bits. War shatters lives and forces people to become desperate refugees. Hunger, ill health, and lack of education erode people's ability to care for themselves.

The Week of Compassion special offering will be received on February 22 and March 1. **Please be prepared to share some of your earthly treasure!** Your treasure helps rebuild lives!

THE TREASURE IS IN THE SOUP !

The Outreach Committee will sponsor the annual soup and chili lunch immediately following 11:00 worship on March 1. The proceeds from the lunch will support the Week of Compassion offering that supplies funds for disaster and crisis situations around the world. Our treasure will help rebuild villages following floods, tornadoes, tsunami and hurricanes. It helps provide shelter in winter, water and food in droughts, and funds to rebuild homes.

You will contribute to the "**Olivet Treasure Hunt**" by enjoying creamy Potato Soup, hearty Vegetable Beef Soup, or delightful Chili and provide a free-will offering for a delicious, quick lunch before heading for home. Couldn't be an easier way to show you care, than eat some good soup!

The Caregiving Years - Six Stages to a Meaningful Journey

This is a class that explores and identifies the six stages of caregiving.

Key task, purpose and action plan for each stage.

Common pitfalls in the caregiving journey & ways to avoid or recover from pitfalls.

Offered through: The Columbia Area Career Center, Professional and Community Education, 4203 S. Providence Rd., Phone 214.3803

When: Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 6:00 - 8:30 pm., Rock Bridge HS Room 214/215

Cost: \$39.00, Class #09WG410.

Facilitated by: Theresa Lackey, Certified Coach, Potential Discoveries LLC — Life Coaching and Group Facilitation.

Our Olivet Family has been so responsive to our needs over the past years, months and days. We needed you and you were there. Our sister knew the prayers that were said and the heartfelt outpouring from our church and also her church family and friends and appreciated it so very much. She had miracles that happened along her journey and we all felt it was because of prayer from so many. Thank you. Her journey is now over and we look back at all the good times we had with her and laugh and love her even more.

Thank you for the cards, calls and concern you had and have for us. We thank God each day for our loving Olivet family.

Vonda Edwards and Family

March 12 thru 15 - Directory Pictures

(Pictures for the new pictorial directory will be taken Thursday & Friday, March 12 & 13 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. & Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15 from 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Sign up on Sunday mornings.)

Remember . . .

Babysitting is now available on Wednesday nights during choir rehearsal time at 7:15 pm.

Women's Fellowship Craft Day

Saturday, February 28th,

10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Fellowship Hall



Come join Olivet women to make craft items for the Craft Table at church. Patterns and supplies provided for craft projects, or bring your own ideas and materials. Please bring a salad or dessert; soup and drinks provided. Baby sitting provided. Let us know if you are bringing your children, please. Remember, all proceeds from the Craft Table go to the building fund! Bring a friend.

Interested? Talk to Edie or Amy for details. Questions? Contact the organizers - Amy Cook (email: amycookcrafts@yahoo.com) or Edie Pigg (email: piggea@missouri.edu)

Central Missouri Food Bank

Dear Friends, I don't know how to thank you for your wonderful generosity. Your recent gift of \$1,554.98 is a tremendous reminder of God's love working through people like you!

Perhaps this story will convey the true impact of your partnership. A woman walked into the food bank in December with her two children, a 5 year old and a baby. She needed food. The Pantry was closed. Realizing the lady would have to wait until Saturday because she worked, a staff member retrieved two large boxes of food from the warehouse and carried it out to her car. The little girl asked her mother if they would have food to eat that night. The mother wept with tears of gratitude.

Because of **you** we can help this family struggling through a difficult economy. Because of **you** a child will have something to eat and a mother will have hope for a better day.

We deeply appreciate your tremendous support. God bless you!

Petty Kirkpatrick, Executive Director

Christian Ed Design Team

Catch up on what the Christian Ed Design Team has been up to on March 1st. We will have posters up and people available to explain our process, and our hopes and goals for Olivet's future. We will be available that Sunday morning during the Fellowship time - 10:30-11:00AM - and after the 11 O'clock service during the fellowship meal for Week of Compassion. Feel free to ask us questions and learn our goals for Olivet's future!

Committee: Kim Amiot, Angela Pigg, Lori Valleroy, Uless Reeder, Larry Brown, Barbara Moore, Dennis Swearngin & Kim Ryan

Youth Council Meeting

Kim Ryan would like to meet with the Youth Council and Youth Leaders on March 3 at 6:30pm. At church. Kim is figuring out who's who and what's what and how the groups are currently planning and doing program related to the Design Team and the programs it imagines. If you have additional agenda items, please advise by March 1. *Edie Pigg*

SPRING ROADSHOWS ARE ROLLING OUT!

As part of the NE Area's continuing commitment to effectively reach and serve her congregations so they can effectively reach and serve her communities, the second round of Road Shows is about to hit the road! It's six hours packed with worship, workshops, lunch, and sharing designed specifically for folks-in-the-pews.

Workshops: Missionaries & Mission Opportunities, Developing Your Spiritual Life & Evangelism 101

Cost to Attend: \$5 per person plus a love-offering to cover each congregation's lunch expenses.

When: 10:00am - 2:00pm on Saturdays from February 28 - May 9

Mark the following days and times on your calendar:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cluster</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Register By</u>
February 28	2	Booneville FCC	February 18
March 21	3 & 4	Mexico FCC	March 4
March 28	1	California FCC	March 11
May 9	5	Bell FCC	April 22

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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 March 5. Please have your news information to Dee Youngman at deeandlukeyoungman@yahoo.com (as an attachment, if possible)) no later than Feb. 26 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

Office: 573.442.0336 Fax 573.817.5716

Olivet Youth Groups



LYHF, grades 9-12

CHI-RHO, grades 6-8

YOYO's, grades 2-5

Upcoming Events & Activities

February 20

*Fish Fry—6:00 p.m.

February 25

*Ash Wednesday Meal & Service

March 1

*Check out what the Christian Education Design Team is up to

*Week of Compassion Lunch

March 7

Garage Sale

March 12 - 15

Directory Pictures

Please sign up for pictures in the Fellowship Hall

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