



Olivet Church News

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"Making the Grace of God Real for People"

Finance Committee Report 2009 Stewardship Campaign Update

As of 01-26-09, the 2009 Stewardship Campaign results are as follows:

	#	Commitments	Goal	%	Avg. Commitment
Ministry Fund (Program & Operating fund)	93	\$ 212,814.00	\$ 263,423.00	81	\$ 2,288.32
Building Fund		\$ 35,236.00			
Total Commitments		\$ 248,050.00			

Yes, at this point, we would like to have more money committed to the 2009 Ministry Budget. However, taking into the consideration the economic situation in all arenas, we can celebrate that OCC is comprised of people who are embracing its ministry, and are increasingly realizing the importance of disciplined stewardship in supporting its mission and our individual spiritual development.

As the Treasurer's report has reported throughout the year of 2008, revenue has outpaced expenses considerably. Again, we give praise to our contributors for their generosity, the committee chairs, as well as all staff members in expending our funds carefully and prudently.

So if our 2009 offerings exceed our 2009 budgeted expenses by \$50,000, we will be OK, or like 2008, our offerings are more than the amount pledged, in combination with our expenses being less than forecasted, we will still be OK. For now, as we engage in the first quarter of this year, we will do so cautiously and frugally, closely monitoring revenue compared to Ministry Budget commitments and expenses.

Again, we thank you for your past and continued support for Olivet's Ministry and whatever occurs and we make happen in the next 11 months, may there be no doubt in what we discern as important and to whom we belong.

Ken Bartley, Finance Chair



Olivet Health News

After a weather friendly week I am anxious for a sunny, mild weekend. I'm getting cabin fever and feel the need to break loose. I may have to get out and start some yard work. Pray you are staying well and not suffering too badly with the inclement weather. Just glad we don't live south of here with all the ice and power outages.

Wanted to spend a little time discussing some ways we can save our money with health care. With the economy making all of us examine our expenses- health care costs climb to the top of necessities right along side of housing, heat, water, food and transportation. For some of us that hits top priority because without our health the rest takes way 2nd place. Many of us face job cuts; benefit changes and increased stress to make it all work out. This in turn can cause an increase in health care issues. I'd like to explore some ways to help save money for health care expenses.

1st and foremost do all you can to prevent health care concerns. If you are like me and carry a little extra around your waist, hips or all over find ways to get in shape. That does not mean you have to join a gym or hire a trainer. GET MOVING! It is never too late to join us on Tuesday night for the Stay Healthy Stay Strong Class at 6 p.m. Walk during lunch instead of hanging out in the break room with vending machines. Push away from the table and learn to say NO to seconds or large servings. Many Americans are prediabetic and don't even know it. Loosing weight will also help to drop B/P and get your heart back into shape.

2nd continue taking your meds. Failure to take your meds for high B/P, cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease only increases your risk of complications from these disease processes. By skipping dose in order to make your meds last longer just decreases their effectiveness.

3rd go generic if at all possible. Every day we see companies offering medications at reduced rates so if you should lose your insurance coverage speak with the pharmacist to see if there is a generic brand that is cheaper or a rebate program offered by the drug company. Pharmacists are your friend and will go out of their way to help you afford the medications needed to keep you healthy.

4th find sources of good medication cheap. Call around and find out which pharmacy offers the cheapest medications. If you take vitamins, low dose aspirin, etc. buy in bulk and share with friends and/or family members. Please be extra cautious before ordering medications from Canada, Mexico or overseas. Many of these medications do not meet standards for efficacy and/or safety.

5th eat better and save more. We can honestly eat better and save more if we do our shopping carefully. Check the weekly ads. Quit buying the highly processed, heat & serve food items. Buy a larger cut of meat cheaper than the already prepared pot roast and have a healthier pot roast and an additional pot of vegetable soup for far less money. Those left-over vegetables or pieces of meat freeze well in a plastic container in the freezer and make a wonderful pot of 'surprise soup'. Add some dried beans, whole grain rice and a bag of frozen vegetables for a heart warming/healthy meal. We all need to reduce our portion sizes and can do this by having a family member dish up our plate. The trick is to not go back for seconds. Slice an apple or peel an orange for dessert and relax around the table sharing the highlights of our day.

Next issue: How to negotiate with our health care providers for service.

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this is all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7.

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

From the Pastor

When I Grow Up

Sometimes I learn about someone who makes me aspire to grow wiser and better than I am.

You may remember that last July a worship service of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, was interrupted by violence as a man with a shotgun opened fire on a bunch of people he considered "liberal." To him liberal meant evil, unpatriotic, godless and soft on terrorism. That's what he had been told. In his hate, he killed two worshipers and wounded six others. And, of course, the congregation and the entire community was devastated.

Now, six months later, Chris Buice, the minister of this church, has written an essay entitled "Everyone Welcome'—Even Now," and this essay was published in *Newsweek* (My Turn column, January 19, 2009, p. 14). In his essay, Buice says that his church's use of the word "liberal" is meant to describe a generosity of spirit that includes rather than excludes. "Ours is the church of the loving heart, open mind and helping hands" is the affirmation the children of Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church are taught to make.

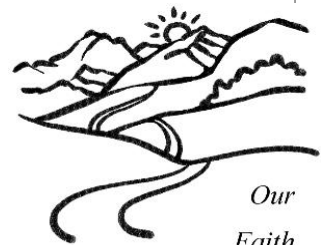
In his column Buice does not minimize the challenge to himself and his congregation in maintaining that open stance in light of the wounds that were inflicted and the pain and trauma that remains. He describes as miraculous how "the young and the old, the wounded and the whole" still walk into their sanctuary without bitterness or resentment. Part of the reason for that has been, perhaps, the support—cards, letters, banners, artwork from across the country and around the world—that has come to this church since the tragedy and how the members of this church have been and are held in loving arms and compassionate prayers by people of all denominational and faith traditions in the time after the tragedy.

Maybe that liberal support also helps to explain what is for me the most miraculous thing of all. Buice says that for many years a sign at the entrance to the church building has said "EVERYONE WELCOME," and, he says, they really have meant everyone. And now? The sign is still there. If that's what it means to be liberal, please count me in.

The last sentence of the essay is the Rev. Buice's faith statement: "Love is more powerful than hate," and in reading his essay it seems that his faith has been strengthened and affirmed in living through the terror and it's aftermath. I read his essay a few days ago, and at the end I had the feeling that this is how it should be and must become with people of faith—people living in the world, grounded in a deep and substantial trust in the living God even when the worst happens, as it too often does. As I finished reading Buice's essay, I felt a conviction welling up within me: that's who I want to be when I grow up—a person of faith like that.

And so may we all become.

Dennis



*Our
Faith
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All About Olivet Christian Church

Newly edited "All About Olivet Christian Church" program guides are available now. Please see Janis McCray, Dennis Swearngin or your Mission Family Mentor if there's someone you know who could use a copy.

News Around the Church

Book Notes

Maybe the title of this new book is timely as we yearn to get away from winter's cold, even if it's about another kind of weather problem affecting our lives: ***The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming*** is at the library's featured new book display. It's neat to read and look at, with lots of interesting facts and solutions in a lively presentation. This is a Scholastic book for kids and youth---but all ages will learn a lot. In fact, if you want a good basic grounding in a subject, reading a children's or youth book is a good way to start!



We also have a great solution to your need to clear the clutter in your home: begin gathering up books that you have finished and are ready to share with other readers. Yes, Olivet Library's annual **USED BOOK SALE** is just around the corner. You have all month to remember to bring those books to the church. The sale will be held on two Sundays, February 22 and March 1, after each church service. Specially-marked boxes will be located at the library and in the front hallway for your castaways. Children's and adult fiction and non-fiction gratefully accepted.

Music Notes



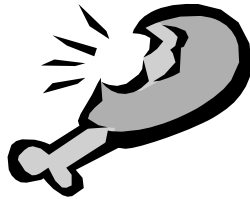
It's hard to believe, but Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 25th. The Adult Choir will soon begin working on music for the season of Lent including special music for Holy Week and Easter. If you've thought about singing in the choir and would like to try it for a short period of time, please consider joining us for the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Reminder for Children's Music Parents: The children will be singing during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, February 22nd. Currently, we are enjoying learning songs and even a "rap" about Jeremiah. All children in pre-k-5th grade are welcome at 9:30 each Sunday morning in the music room. Blessings, Eileen

Loaves and Fishes

Nearly 70 people were treated to a fried chicken dinner with all of the trimmings

(including peach and apple cobbler) by an Olivet family on February 2. What a yummy meal!! Thank you so much.



OCC Garage Sale March 7, 2009

Provide:

Racks to hang clothes, stick on price labels, extra hangers that you no longer want, sacks/bags

Items to Sell: Please pre-price if possible, bring to church **NO EARLIER** than Wednesday, **MARCH 4** please

Yourself: Able bodies will be needed Tuesday evening, March 3 to store OCC items and set up tables

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 to know who our members are for assistance.

Saturday, 3/7 Doors open to public 7:00am.

- **\$1/bag 1-2 pm.**
- **FREE to anyone 2-3 pm.**

Saturday, 3/7 CLEAN UP The more help, the faster this will get done.

This is our 2nd biggest fund raiser, only the BBQ is more rewarding and the Garage Sale is gaining ground. Larkellen Krehbiel is our organizer again this year and Mission Families 2 & 3 will be the 'skeleton crew' for these days but they alone cannot make this happen. **WE NEED YOU, TOO** ~ You never know what treasures you might find!

News Around the Church

Thanks

From Our Angel Tree Families

- Thanks for all of your help and may God bless you.
- Thank you so much for sponsoring our family and may God bless you.
- Thank you for giving our family the best Christmas ever! You really made a difference.
- May this note express in some small way how much your kindness is truly appreciated.
- Thank you for all you did for us at Christmas.
- Thanks for giving us a Merry Christmas.

From Boone County Foster Parent Support Group

Dear Friends, thank you for your support of the Foster Care Giving Tree which was located in the Columbia Mall. Because of your generous gifts, and that of others in the community, kids who were away from home this holiday season were able to enjoy a wonderful Christmas with special presents under the tree.

There is a great need for additional foster parents in Boone County. If you or a friend might be interested in receiving more information about fostering, please contact the Children's Division at 882.9180.



Sincerely, Karen Anderson,
Boone County Foster Parents
Every Child Deserves A Good Home

In Appreciation of Shawl Ministry

Dear Members of the Shawl Ministry, What a serendipitous surprise to receive one of your special shawls. Do you ever get to see the looks of pleasure on the face of people who get your gift of heart and hands? I am smiling. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. My brother would have liked it that you remembered me. Gratefully yours, *Barbara Wolf*

Dear Members of Olivet Shawl Ministry, Thank you! What a lovely surprise when I received your gift on my first day of chemo. I am now preparing for the second treatment and I have packed my shawl. Thank you for doing this wonderful work for God. Your sister in Christ, *Carrie Cooper, Monroe City, MO*

From Voluntary Action Center

The 2008 Christmas season again found VAC humbled and awed by the incredibly compassionate and giving people of Boone County. This was another big year with 1,231 families (4,255 people) receiving holiday support from our community. We salute each one of you, from preschoolers to seniors, for making this possible.

We appreciate those of you who joined this effort for the first time, as well as those who are long-time sponsors - even since this program began 25 year ago.

Cindy Mustard, Executive Director

Julia Treece, Christmas Coordinator

OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Adult Day Connection (formerly Eldercare) is celebrating 20 years of exceptional adult day services. Please join us Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 3 - 5 pm. At MU Adult Day Connection at Clark Hall on MU campus. Clark Hall is on Providence Rd. at Rollins Rd.

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.



Food for the Pantry

Olivet families shared 259 pounds of food with the Central Missouri Food Pantry in October, November, and December, 2008, bringing the total for 2008 to 1,092 pounds. (That's 1/2 a ton!)

Thanks to Carla and Steve Lind for delivering all foods collected.

LYF Meeting Announcement

Nancy Foss and Kim Amiot will lead the next LYF meeting on Feb. 8 at Olivet Church from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Tentative Agenda:

Mission Trip locations—Nancy Foss

Valentine Dinner—Kim Amiot

Flower Bulb sales—Nancy Foss

Mark your Calendars!



SWEETHEART DINNER

Treat your Valentine and Help support Olivet Youth

Saturday, February 14

5:00-6:45 p.m.

Your choice of two delicious entrees:

Lasagna with bread, salad & dessert or

Teriyaki Chicken with rice, salad, bread & dessert

Tips are welcome

All money raised goes toward Youth Mission Trips.

Reservations are required.

Sign up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare is provided —Please bring them a sack dinner.

Card tables are needed.

Attention: If anyone has coupons from the Columbia Market Place magazine, Chi Rho could use the coupons for the Ice Arena in Jeff City as we're planning on going skating soon. Please put coupons in Nancy Foss's mailbox.

Thanks



Olivet's Annual Fish Fry

Friday, February 20th at 6:00 pm. Curtis Wood, Chair

The Olivet Annual Fish Fry will soon be here! It is scheduled for Friday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m. Male volunteers are welcomed and needed for cooking, serving and clean up. Preparation will begin at 3 pm. This event has been hosted by the men of Olivet for many years.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish or two to share. If you don't like fried fish, a non fried dish will also be available along with a variety of other dishes to choose from (salads, desserts, etc.) So don't miss out on the good fellowship and good food! Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Mission Family #1

Please mark your calendars for Sunday,

February 22 for a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon following 11:00am. Worship.

Soup and mini Sandwiches will be provided.

Please bring finger foods to share.

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).

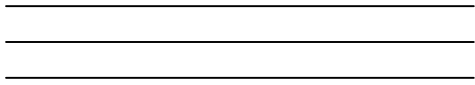
Welcome, New Members

Kevin and Jennifer Tidball and daughter, Lila, came forward in morning worship to place their membership at Olivet. Kevin comes to us by transfer from Bethany Baptist Church and Jennifer comes to us by transfer from First Baptist Church in Centralia, MO.



Upcoming Events & Activities

- March 1** - Week of Compassion Lunch
- March 7** - Garage Sale
- March 12 thru 15** – Directory Pictures will be taken
- April 19** – Outreach Potato Bar Lunch
- April 10** – Good Friday
- April 11** – Easter Egg Hunt
- April 12** – Easter Services & Easter Breakfast
- May 3** – Arts Sunday
- June 20** - Annual BBQ
- July 10 - 12** Annual River Retreat



New Pictorial Directory

Pictures for the new pictorial directory will be taken Thursday & Friday, March 12 & 13 from 5:30 –8:00 p.m. & Saturday & Sunday from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Sign up sheets will be posted soon.

December 2008 Financial Report

Revenue/Other Support.....\$ 25,519.09
Year-to-Date Total.....\$ 262,598.28


Expenditures:

Salaries/Benefits\$ 10,036.32
 Payroll Taxes\$ 598.68
 General/Admin\$ 52,945.27
 Supplies \$ 45.00
 Outreach/Com. Service\$ 3,780.98
Total Expenses \$ 67,406.25
Year-To-Date\$ 217,009.08

Building Fund Report

Building Fund Income\$ 6,703.50
Year-to-Date Total\$ 71,095.04

Thanks for your support!

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