



Olivet Church News

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Rainbow House

CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER
REGIONAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

1611 Towne Drive Columbia, MO 65202 (p) 573 474 6600

Thank you so much for your donation to Rainbow House in the amount of \$250.00 made on Wednesday, December 31, 2008. Support from the community is vital to the continuation of our programs and services. Without it, we would not be able to serve the children and families that come to us in crisis.

Recently we were called upon in two separate, but similar, situations. Once by the Highway Patrol and the second by an emergency room nurse. In each instance, there had been a car accident on Interstate 70 with parents and children involved. The couples were passing through Missouri and had no relatives in the state. The parents were hurt seriously enough that they had to be hospitalized, and there was no place for the children to go. Rainbow House was contacted, and we were glad to take care of the children until the parents were discharged. In both cases, one of our house parents went to the hospital to pick up the children and to get the parents' signatures to admit them. They talked to the parents about our program to put their mind at ease, and encouraged them to call and talk to, or check on, the children at any time. The parents were extremely grateful and amazed that such a place exists for children in these kinds of emergencies.

Thanks again for your support of Rainbow House. Please feel assured that your contribution has made a difference in the life of a child!

Sincerely,

Jan Stock
Executive Director

February 8, 2-5:00 pm., An Introductory workshop on Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism ministry

This will be held at First Christian Church, Columbia (10th and Walnut, downtown) and will draw people from Disciples congregations in the Columbia area. I hope this one afternoon marks an important beginning to ministry we simply must do together. Please let Dennis know if you want to attend this afternoon workshop to begin exploring what it means to be

Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism

Olivet Health News

I pray you are all staying warm and well. This is the kind of weather that makes me so very thankful to have a roof over my head, heat and food. The temperatures change so frequently that we must be ever mindful of protecting ourselves with layers of clothing, gloves, scarves and hats. My back seat looks like the hall closet as I need various layers throughout the day. Please also be mindful of the fact that we become very dehydrated this time of year as we do not drink enough water. Eat those soups, stews, citrus fruits and sip those herbal teas. Also don't forget to check on elderly neighbors or those that live alone.

I wanted to spend some time with you concerning plans for an Olivet Cookbook. The Olivet community did a cookbook before we moved to the new church to help raise funds for this building. That has been some time ago and well before many of you were members of the Olivet/Harg Family. So here goes.

Kaitlyn had wanted us to compile a new cookbook a year ago to benefit the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life*. Last year was pretty hectic with little interest in a Relay team. Still not sure if interest exists for Olivet to have a team this year, however I do wish to pursue collecting and compiling this cookbook. What I need from each of you is favorite recipes, stories and memories of those friends, relatives and loved ones who suffer from, recovered from or lost their fight to cancer.

Each and every one of us knows intimately cancer survivors and those who fought a valiant battle with this horrible disease. So while the wind howls outdoors, the sun sets early and night comes upon us way too fast turn off the TV and take a walk down memory lane with a cup of hot chocolate. Pull out those old favorite recipes of loved ones. Jot down your favorite memories of that meal and the loved ones you shared it with. Find the pictures of these loved ones. Make copies of all of these and send them to me by [e-mail—PASMA60@aol.com](mailto:email-PASMA60@aol.com) or stick them in my box at the church. I will take precious care of those photos and have those incorporated into the book.

Those of you whom have dieted or been exceedingly conscious of your healthy eating can also send tips and suggestions for better nutrition. We would love to have favorite stories as well as the struggles you and your loved ones may have encountered. As these provide inspiration to all. Cancer affects way too many individuals each and every year. The profits from this Recipe Book will go to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer in our lifetime.

The sooner we can get these items collected the sooner I can work on compiling this book. I'll warn you now that I will need some help and lots of suggestions to make this a book we can be proud of. Time is precious for all of us so get busy and don't delay. I'm just like most of you and place it in a pile "to do later" and then the deadline has passed. Your deadline is Valentine's Day as life goes fast forward from that time on it seems.

It is not too late to form a *Relay for Life Team for Olivet*. I have so much valuable and helpful info to be a team leader. Olivet just needs a person with an extra hour per week from now till May who can coordinate Olivet's team. Please let me know of your interest or feel free to talk with me about what needs to be done. We have had tremendous success in the past and I have no doubt we can do the same again.

May you have a Blessed 2009!

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

My new address is as follows:

2002 Hazelwood Drive

Columbia, MO 65201

From the Pastor

From First-Time Visitor to Involved Disciple in Two Easy Steps

The headline is a bald-faced lie, of course. Moving from visiting a worship service or fellowship event or youth group meeting to full and active participation in a church is never an easy, quick or straight-line process. However, we do have a new and simple two-step plan for helping that more complicated process work effectively. Olivet's Membership Committee volunteers and our Mission Family Mentors will share responsibility for welcoming newcomers to Olivet and assisting them toward full involvement and active discipleship in our church.

Membership Committee volunteers will follow up with visitors in the earliest stage of their participation in Olivet's worship, study, fellowship and service. These volunteers will follow up with visitors by emails, personal notes or phone calls. Our intent will be to help newcomers feel noticed and welcome and to offer them information they may need or request about upcoming church activities and ministries. We want to help visitors know what we're doing and how they can participate in what they have a need for. These volunteers' contacts will be in addition to the responses I make to our visitors in the early stages of their getting acquainted here.

After a newcomer has made a few visits here, we will consider him/her a prospective member and ask a Mission Family Mentor to become involved. I will assign this visitor to a Mentor and let her know the most basic information about our visitor. The Mentor will then contact the prospective member(s) and become the visitor's primary host in the continuing journey of getting acquainted with Olivet's people, program and ways of doing things. As the relationship progresses—when it's time—this visitor will become part of that Mentor's Mission Family.

Our intent is never to pursue or push people. Visitors and prospective members will receive a warm welcome and helpful information about our church, but they will set the pace and agenda for this process of getting acquainted and settling in here (or moving on, should that be their decision). At various points along the way Member-

ship Committee volunteers and Mission Family Mentors will be offering a personal welcome, invitations to the next church event, church newsletters, a newly updated Olivet Program Guide (thanks, Linda Reed Brown!), a pictorial directory and any other helps they need for full involvement in this church.

I have spoken repeatedly of this two-step process as relying upon Membership Committee volunteers and Mission Family Mentors. Of course, extending hospitality and simple kindness to our visitors and newcomers is a responsibility we all share. Please introduce yourself to people you don't know on Sunday mornings (and other times, too), help them find the nursery or Sunday School room they're looking for, offer them a cup of coffee or juice, invite them to whatever church activity is coming up later that day or next week, and make sure your response to our visitors is one reason they want to visit again.

If anything I've written here about the Membership Committee's role or the Mentors' role in this process calls out to you for your involvement, please contact Membership Chair Jo Behymer or Co-chair, Karen Hobson, or ask your own Mission Family Mentor how you can help visitors and prospective members become well-settled and fully-involved Olivet people.

Dennis



News Around the Church

January Book Notes



NEW! NEW! Olivet's BIG RED BOOK CART is now at its home base in the Sunday School wing, in the Story 'n Movie classroom at the end of the hall. The cart's top shelf holds children's Bibles, books about Bible people the classes are learning about, and videos. The middle shelf holds a sample selection of children's books on all kinds of topics. The bottom shelf will have holiday and seasonal selections. All of these items from our library can be checked out by teachers, children, or parents. Just follow the easy 1-2-3 directions in the red checkout pad tied to the cart. The **BIG RED CART** is mobile, so you might see it at other gatherings in the church, but its main purpose is convenient "right there" use with our education program. Join the **BIG READ** this year, and check out the **BIG RED CART!** Of course, there's also a whole roomful more of reading materials available in the library.

Upcoming: Watch for when you can bring your contributions to the annual used book sale to be held in February, the two Sundays just before the all-church garage sale.

Music Notes



The Children's Music time on Sunday mornings at 9:30 has drawn as many as 25 children to sing, play instruments and create lots of fun! I am so motivated by the children's energy and willingness to participate. We really have a lot of fun! The children will be singing in the 11:00 worship on Sunday, February 22. Parents, please mark the date on your calendars!

Special thanks to David Mast for installing the new projector in the music room. This device allows me to project images, music and words on the wall well above the reach of the children's hands! We still have the portable projector for use in other parts of the building but if anyone ever needs to use a projector and you want to use the music room, please just ask! You simply plug it into your lap-top and any image that appears on your screen is projected on the wall. Come check it out! Blessings, Eileen

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*



Thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy and support during the sudden loss of Bob. We greatly appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, Judy Rood and Family

Bingo Game Night

Saturday, February 7, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Come and have some family fun!

Bring a snack , Bring a friend!

Hosted by Membership

New Contact Information for

Katie (Divine) and Mike Krausneck

2850 Delk Road, Apt. #33G

Marietta, GA 30067

Katie's email:katiekrausneck@life.edu.

Mike's email:mkrausneck@life.edu.

News Around the Church

Thanks

Olivet Christian Church Staff & Members,

Thank you for letting us marry in your church. The ceremony went beautifully. Thank you for helping make that happen. *God Bless, Bethany & Patrick Mountjoy*

Dear Olivet Christian Church,

Shaw 4-H would like to thank you for the use of your multipurpose room on December 5, 2008 for our December meeting and dinner. Since the merger of the Shaw and Harg 4-H clubs, our group has grown much larger. Your multipurpose room was the perfect room for all of us. *Sincerely,*

Meredith Giglio, Shaw 4-H Secretary

Christian Education News

The High School Class will be studying how bible stories give us lessons that we can use in day to day life. Each week we will write down one or two key points from the stories studied and list what and how we incorporate those key points into our daily lives. We have started in the Old Testament with the creation story. *Bob Broz*

Attention all 6th-8th graders interested in learning more about how to become a Storyteller, please join Larry Brown on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the last Pavilion Classroom, furthest away from the parking lot.

The Harmony Sunday School Class has just started a new series of study—the Study of First and Second Samuel. The Interpreters Study Guide is being used as a study guide. The series will run for approximately 10 weeks. Per chance you do not remember that these are a collection of stories about the birth and dedication of Samuel, stories about King David, King Saul, etc. All fascinating stories about the trials and tribulations of the Israelite Nation. Lessons are taught in the framework of God's role in the world of the Israelites and what the historical stories have to offer us who live in the 21st century. *Fred Martz, Teacher*

Interfaith Creation Care Sunday

January 25 at 2:30 pm., New Horizons

United Methodist Church at

1020 S. El Chapparal Ave.

Guest speaker from Boone Electric Coop

For more information please call 443.4717.

Congratulations To

Linda Graue, who announced that her daughter Johanna, and her husband, George, are expecting their first child in July.

Skyler Young who became the legal son of Rob and Nancy Foss in an adoption proceeding January 12. Skyler will keep his last name, Young

Patrick Rutherford and Amanda Fechter who were married in St. Louis January 17 with Dennis Swearngin officiating. Patrick is Jennifer Meyer's son.

Marjorie Audsley has a new granddaughter.



The Martz Family would like to invite the congregation to a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for Fred and Donna Martz.

When: Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 2:00 pm., Fellowship Hall

There will be a special program at 3:00 pm., honoring their 50 years of marriage. (no gifts please)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 7, 5:00-8:00pm., Bingo Night

February 17, WAM meets, 7:00pm., at church

February 22, Laity Sunday

March 1, Week of Compassion Dinner

March 7, Annual Rummage Sale

March 29, Quarter Sunday

July 26-30, 2009 Vacation Bible School

October 25 from 5-7pm., Youth Fundraiser

Activities Coming Soon !

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.

If you have questions, please contact

Marilyn Bettenhausen at 442.4002 or

Julie McDade at 268.5776

Mark your Calendars!

SWEETHEART DINNER



Treat your Valentine and
Help support Olivet Youth

Saturday, February 14

5:00-6:45 p.m.

(Reservations required.) \$30 per couple

Olivet's Annual Fish Fry

Friday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

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 p.m. 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.



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).

How does a Farmer's Market tie into **Mishpat** (doing the just thing so that all have what they need), **Tzedakah** (doing the things that are right for all), and **Hesed** (doing the kind thing, even if undeserved)???

You are invited to the first part of the Olivet Church Board meeting on Monday, January 26th at 7:30 PM to find out, and to hear the results of the initial study conducted by students in Fred Martz's Sustainable Agriculture class on the feasibility of having a Farmers Market at Olivet. *Dennis Bettenhausen*

January / February Calendar

Saturday, January 24

5:30-9 p.m., LYHF Game Night

Sunday, January 25

8:30 a.m., Early Worship Service

9:30 a.m., Sunday School

11:00 a.m., Traditional Worship & Children's Worship K-3rd

2:00-4:00 p.m., Fred & Donna Martz's 50th Wedding Anniversary

2:30 p.m., Interfaith Creation Care meeting (check pg 5)

5:00-8:00 p.m., Marriage & Parenting Group free night

Monday, January 26

7:30 p.m., Board meeting—Students from Sustainable Ag class will present initial study on feasibility of Farmers Market at Olivet. Open to anyone interested.

Tuesday, January 27

5:00 p.m., Library Committee meets

6-7:00 p.m., Stay Healthy, Stay Strong

Wednesday, January 28

7:15 p.m., Adult Choir

Thursday, January 29 OCN articles due to Dee Youngman

Saturday, January 31

9 am.-3 p.m., Christian Education Workday

Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m., Early Worship Service

9:30 a.m., Sunday School

11:00 a.m., Traditional Worship & Children's Worship K-3rd

12:15 p.m., YOYO's meet

3:30 p.m., Communion Service at Lenoir

Tuesday, February 3

6:00-7:00 p.m., Stay Healthy, Stay Strong

Wednesday, February 4

7:15 p.m., Adult Choir

Thursday, February 5 OCN mailed

Friday, February 6

6-9:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall in use

Saturday February 7

5-8:00 p.m., Bingo Game night hosted by Membership Com.

Sunday, February 8


8:30 a.m., Early Worship Service

9:30 a.m., Sunday School

11:00 a.m., Traditional Worship & Children's Worship K-3rd

2-5:00 p.m., Columbia Area Pro reconciliation/Anti racism

Training at First Christian Church

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Services</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Nursery available during both services)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:30 am., Early Worship Service 9:30 am., Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Olivet Youth Groups</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-left: 10px;"> <p>LYHF, grades 9-12 CHI-RHO, grades 6-8 YOYO's, grades 2-5</p> </div> </div>	

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