



Olivet Church News

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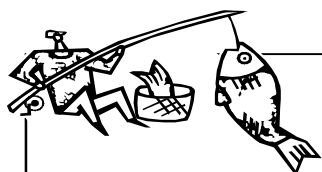
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"Making the Grace of God Real for People"

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER & PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11th, there will be an all church carry-in Fellowship Supper. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or two to share. Mission Family #4 will help set-up and serve the meal. Following the meal, the Program Committees will meet. If you are not currently on a committee and would like to be, this is an excellent opportunity join in. The program committee chairs would love to explain what they do and how you could help. **Everyone is invited and encouraged to** share the gifts and passions you have been blessed with. These committees help the church operate smoothly. Your help is always needed and appreciated. These committees consist of: **Christian Education:** Angela Pigg, Chair, **Finance:** Ken Bartley, Chair, **Membership:** Jo Behymer, Chair, **Outreach:** Linda Reed Brown, Kim Amiot, Dorothy Grant & Dee Youngman, Co-chairs, **Property:** Luke Youngman, Chair, **(WAM) Worship Arts Ministry:** Jan Dean, Chair

Coming Soon !



Olivet's Annual Fish Fry

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

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 meat 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!



Mark your Calendars!

SWEETHEART DINNER

Treat your Valentine

and

Help support Olivet Youth

Saturday, February 14

5:00-7:00 p.m.

(Reservations required.)

More details in next OCN.

Olivet Health News

Happy New Year and welcome 2009! My prayer for each of you is that you will find a balance in your life of spirituality, health, peace and harmony with family & friends. Many of us spend this time of year attempting to catch a breath after the whirlwind and busyness of the holiday season. I encourage you to set goals for the new year as opposed to resolutions- we tend to break those by this time of January.

It's not too late to join our **Stay Healthy Stay Strong** class. We begin the 6th of January and will run through the end of March at Spring break time. Join us in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays 6 to 7 p.m. We work on strength training with free weights which help us to strengthen our muscles and ligaments while giving our joints a gentle workout. All ages and sexes are invited to attend. We laugh, fellowship and get to know each other better without the need for a meal. There is not a person in our community who is unable to participate.

It's that time of year to begin making plans for **Relay for Life**. If there is someone in the community who feels the desire to lead a group for Olivet please let me know. This is an activity that is very well organized with numerous resources available for a team leader. Cancer has touched the majority of members of the Olivet/Harg community through friends, relatives and acquaintances. **Relay for Life** is the major fundraiser for the American Cancer society in order to further research in finding a cure for this deadly disease. We will participate again this year with **Daffodil Sunday** which occurs in March. I will keep you posted.

There has been interest in the recent past for the compiling of an Olivet Cookbook. I would love to help organize one in honor of those who have survived their battle with cancer as well as those who lost their fight. I will order a kit to begin and welcome any suggestions, recipes, photos and time to make this a reality.

There is an increase at this time of year for GI viruses and bugs. It has hit our household and many others we have contact with. It's important this time of year to remember to use excellent hand washing practices with antibacterial soaps. I'm all for recycling but encourage the use of throwaway paper towels instead of cloth drying towels unless these are fresh each day and washed in hot water. Don't be afraid of the use of alcohol based cleansers and placing these throughout the house where soap and water is in another room. Get plenty of rest and take a nap if time allows during the day. I am a firm believer that businesses should schedule a siesta in the middle of the day but the US has not caught on to that concept.

Last article I shared with you suggestions for healthy eating this time of year. Please feel free to pull out that article if you have forgotten. Citrus is plentiful and *oh so good* this time of year. A peeled orange or grapefruit make an excellent bedtime snack. Herbal teas can help soothe a sore throat, congestion, comfort the aches from the flu and help relax after a busy day. Please don't forget good old water. They call me the Water Nazi Nurse at my clinic so I may as well continue that calling with my friends at Olivet. Caffeine depletes our bodies of necessary nutrients and fluids so please limit your intake. This could be an excellent goal to work on for 2009. Drink more water!

My goal for 2009 is to watch less TV, read more and spend more time in God's word. The more I read and study the more I realize I know so little. I invite you to join me as we each strive to make 2009 a better year with new possibilities and hope for all. Blessings to each of you! *John 1: 14 "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

Serving you in Christ,

Karen D Bradley, RNC-Olivet Parish Nurse

From the Pastor

In the Name of God Let's Be Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism

Earlier today I was talking with a woman with two daughters about a recent trip to Kansas City and what they did there. Next time, I said, be sure to visit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in mid-town. But, I said, you'll have to be prepared to explain why there had to be Negro Leagues and why most people thought great African-American ballplayers couldn't play in the Major Leagues. Oh, my friend said, my older daughter has already learned about segregation and the civil rights movement in school, and we've talked about it at home.

I am glad that our children are now learning that part of our history—from slavery and Jim Crow, to Rosa Parks, Dr. King and the civil rights movement, to Barak Obama's election as our President. The bad as well as the good, the despicable as well as the noble—they're all part of our American story, and our kids need to learn that story well (as do we who are by no stretch of the imagination still kids). To understand where we've been helps inform and shape where we go next.

However, learning our history is just the beginning. Learning to see the current and powerful forms of racism in our society and to recognize them for the injustices and the sins they are is our present business. Racism, profiling and targeting, unequal access to goods and services as basic as shelter, food, and quality education continue throughout the United States, even here, in our town and in our neighborhoods.

You will remember that Phil Smith was with us in worship this past September to speak about the commitment of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to face, recognize and dismantle racism in our life together in Christ. Phil spoke to us as a church leader and a brother in Christ, and he spoke as a member of the Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism Teams of the Mid-America Region and the Northeast Area Christian Church. He called us to help our church face critical issues of unity, justice and peace.

Now I ask you to reserve Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2-5:00 p.m. for 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 me know if you want to attend this afternoon workshop to begin exploring what it means to be Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism.

Meanwhile, I invite you to join the Northeast Area Pro-reconciliation/Anti-racism team in praying for reconciliation and peace each day at noon. The team encourages us to pray as we are led, but if you prefer, please feel free to use the following prayer written by our PR/AR Team co-Chair Joe Miller:

O God of grace and mercy,

Give us a clean heart so the world will see you through us as we write and reach out to each other as disciples of Christ.

Lead us by your spirit and direct us by your word as we prayerfully dismantle racism throughout your churches in the Northeast Area.

Thank you for reconciliation and the peace you give. Amen.

Someone said we dare not pray for anything we're not willing to work to help make happen. Lord, hear our prayers, and receive our efforts to dismantle racism in your name in these days. Amen.

Dennis



News Around the Church

January 2009 Booknotes

Resolved: to be a better person this year. If you say 'Amen' to that statement, then read on for a few suggestions written by wiser persons than I (but I discovered them on a printed page; beware the power of words!)



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Joseph Addison

"Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life." Mortimer J. Adler

"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them." Ray Bradbury

"The best of a book is not the thought which it contains but the thought which it suggests, just as the charm of music dwells not in the tones but in the echoes of our hearts." Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"Be as careful of the books you read, as the company you keep, for your habits and character will be as much influenced by the former as the latter." Paxton Hood

"Whatever is true; whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Paul writing to the Philippians, in the New Testament.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." the Psalmist in the Old Testament

May you seek God's wisdom and strength in all the words you read during 2009, and may He bless each reader richly. Olivet's Library Committee

Music Notes

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday break. My family and I enjoyed a great week in San Antonio over Christmas and were happy to cheer on the Tigers as they won the Alamo Bowl game on the 29th. We ate lots of Mexican food and the Alamo bowl hospitality was wonderful! A large group of us including the five Sharp's and the Alden's, floated down the San Antonio River Walk in a tour boat on Christmas night. The holiday lights were amazing and the fellowship with all on the boat was quite fun. Personally, the highlights of the trip were an opportunity to go on a hayride and horseback riding on a working ranch outside San Antonio. We even saw a live armadillo!

My heartfelt thanks go to the Adult Choir for their beautiful presentation of the cantata at both services on December 21. Later that day, we gathered at the Amiot's home for a wonderful celebration of friendship, the warmth that sharing music brings to all of us and the joyous Christmas season. Many thanks to the Amiot's for opening their home for our party.

Blessings and Happy New Year to all of you! Eileen

Thank You

We just wanted to thank the Choir for such beautiful music during their Christmas Cantata. (We're sure Jean loved it too.) Dad made a point of telling any and all Mothersingers and other friends of Jean he has seen over the past 2 weeks all about the performance, and how great it was. He never compliments anything—but he's raved about this cantata! Sincere thanks to the Choir, especially Eileen, Amy, Jackie & Betty, for selecting such a wonderful way to use some of the Jean Jacobs Memorial Fund! Ginger wanted to let her old church family know she would have been there—but she had to step in and play Mary in their church's Christmas Play at the last minute! Thanks again,

The Bandy Jacobs Family

News Around the Church

To Olivet Church News

We wish to sincerely thank Olivet Church for the beautiful poinsettia sent to us and also for the shawl that brings both beauty and warmth from the shawl ministry. *God Bless, Jim and Ella Mae Meyers*



**Shawl
Ministry**

From Nathaniel and Rebecca

We send along our warmest holiday greetings to everyone at Olivet. We have been in Portland for just over one year now and are really enjoying our new hometown and all of the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes it has to offer. What we enjoy most of all is the variety of outdoor activities the region has to offer. We have explored many trails, rivers, and beaches, as well as some interesting restaurants in and around town. Nathaniel suggested starting a blog to let folks know what we're up to and so far we have done a pretty good job of keeping it up to date. If you're interested in seeing what we've been doing, visit: albersinoregon.blogspot.com.

I continue to enjoy my job with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's residential Heating Oil Tank Program and Nathaniel is enjoy his position at an energy efficiency company called Research Into Action. We both are blessed with wonderful supervisors, co-workers and a flexible work environment.

In May of this year we purchased a home in the Northeast Portland neighborhood of Roseway. The neighborhood is wonderful and we are happy to have many amenities within walking distance. We have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors and are feeling very comfortable in our new home.

We pray for a happy and healthy new year for you all!

Nathaniel Albers and Rebecca Wells-Albers

Appreciation for Olivet Shawl Ministry

To Friends of the Olivet Shawl Ministry, thank you with all of my heart for the beautiful shawl you made for me. I can't tell you how much it means to me! I feel so much love and comfort when I'm wearing it. My last chemo treatment is this week and my shawl will go with me! You have given me peace and comfort for many years to come. Many thanks and much love, *Cherri Westbrook* (breast cancer survivor)

I want to thank the Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl. The ladies all admire it. It assures me that I have lots of loving people wrapped around my shoulders. Thanks you again for all your support. *Carolyn Smith*

Here I was trying to help with the Shawl Ministry and I end up receiving one from the group. I am so flattered that you sent me one—and such a pretty one at that. I thank you all so very much. Thanks again for thinking so much of me. *Sincerely, Dorothy Lawman.*

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl. It is beautiful and Cloris loves it and remembered who brought it to her and the significance of it. *Thank you for remembering her. Charlie and Ginger Gibson (on behalf of Cloris Tyler.)*

I can't tell you how much I appreciate the prayer shawl that was knitted for me. It brought tears to know that someone is thinking about me and praying for me. I will wrap myself in the love your hands prepared and know I am thought about. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. *With love to ALL of you, Nancy Bennett*

Jerry and I want to express our sincere "thank you" for our lovely gifts. The Shawls are so warm and soft...they will be a comfort in our cold Indiana winter. God bless each of you and keep you safe and healthy. *Merry Christmas, Jerry and Frances Sharp* (Rex Sharp's parents)

The Top 5 Ways to Relax

Family Caregiver Class Series

Date: January 12, 2009

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Location: 1701 E. Broadway

Broadway Medical Plaza 3

3rd Floor (Large Conference Room)

Cost: Free

Learning to take time for yourself and to relax can be one of the caregiver's greatest challenges. This workshop will present five creative ways to relax while staying present for the one you love. Presenter: Ellie Saitta, ACSW, LCSW, CEAP

A question & answer session will follow each class. Registration is not required. For more information call 573-815-3646 or 573-815-3665.

To My Olivet Family

Thank you for thinking of me at Christmas with the nice gift. I will use it wisely. I am so blessed to be part of this wonderful congregation. Thank you for allowing me to be in ministry with you. I am truly blessed. *Sally Robinson*

Dear Olivet Friends

Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy and support during my mother's illness and following her death. It make us feel very loved and comforted.

Sincerely, *Pat and Barbara Fitzgerald and the Family of Jane Fitzgerald.*

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.

With a special program at 3:00 pm., honoring their 50 years of marriage.

Where: Olivet's Fellowship Hall (no gifts please)

Thanks

Mary and I wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the congratulations and cards we received in recognition of our 59th wedding anniversary on December 31st. Yes, it appears we shall be attempting to make it sixty years as Mary has agreed to try to "put up" with me for another year.

Fred and Mary Cervinka

Dear Olivet Community,

I want to express my sincere thank you for the candy and the beautiful poinsettia. I feel there are so many folks who share their time, energy, gifts and talents with this church community that I am not as deserving of this special recognition. We are blessed at this church to have a dedicated team of volunteers and paid staff who work together to help build God's Kingdom in this community and beyond. We all share in the work of this church with love and grace. I am only a small part of these dedicated lay people of Olivet and staff who give so much of themselves. Again, I appreciate your kindness and tokens of love. *Peace, Love, Prayers,*

Jackie Glenn

Dear Olivet Family

Ron and I want to say a huge thank you for the Christmas gifts that we received. We are very blessed to be a part of such a warm, caring and generous place. We would also like to say thank you to all those that volunteer. You are the ones that make this church what it is; not just a church, but a church family. *Family is not only those to which you were born, but those that touch your heart as you go through life. You have touched ours.*

May God bless each one of you. With love and thanks. *Ron and Janis McCray*

January Calendar

Saturday, January 10

1:30—4:00 pm., Fellowship Hall in use

Sunday, January 11—Mission Family Sunday

8:30 am., Early Worship Service

9:30 am., Sunday School

10:30 am., Celebration of New Mission Families

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

12:00 noon MF# 2 Organizational meeting with soup & sandwiches

6:00 pm. Fellowship Supper followed by Program Com. meetings

6:30—8:00 pm., LYHF meets

Monday, January 12

7:00 pm., Fellowship Hall in use

Tuesday, January 13

6:00—7:00 pm., Stay Healthy, Stay Strong

Wednesday, January 14

7:15 pm., Adult Choir

Friday, January 16 Church in use

Saturday, January 17 Church in use

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am., Early Worship Service

9:30 am., Sunday School

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

2:30—6:30 pm., Church in use

6:00—7:00 pm., Marriage & Parenting Group meets

Tuesday, January 20

6:00—7:00 pm., Stay Healthy, Stay Strong

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 pm., MF #1 Leaders meet

7:15 pm., Adult Choir

Saturday, January 24

9:00 am.—4:00 pm. Board Retreat

5:00—9 pm., LYHF Game Night

Sunday, January 25

8:30 am., Early Worship Service

9:30 am., Sunday School

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

1:00—4:00 pm., Fellowship Hall in Use

5:00—8:00 pm., Marriage & Parenting Group free night

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Services</u></p> <p>(Nursery available during both services)</p> <p>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</p> <p>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="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>LYHF, grades 9-12 CHI-RHO, grades 6-8 YOYO's, grades 2-5</p> </div> </div>	

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