



# Olivet Church News

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

## On Sunday Morning, July 12

Olivet people on the float trip/river retreat gathered in worship on a gravel bar on the Meramec River. As the conclusion to that worship service, we received Confessions of Faith and celebrated the Rite of Christian Baptism with Jordan Baggs, daughter of Jennifer Reid and Tim Baggs, Lexy Barry, daughter of Teresa and Ro Barry, and Sydney Tyler, older daughter of Carolyn Henry and the late Jeff Tyler. The water ran cool and swift that morning, just right for the refreshing "water of rebirth," as a passage from Titus 3:5 describes baptism.

All three of these young women have grown up in this church, and all were members of last spring's Pastor's Class.



## 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. Come by this week and pick up some green or red cabbage, cucumbers, zucchini, egg plant and a number of tomato varieties. Be sure not to miss the sale on July 30, when the students will have green beans and corn available.

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.



## Vacation Bible School

It's not too late to sign up for some VBS fun. The fun starts this Sunday, July 26 at 5:45 pm. For kids—preschool—5th grade. We will play games, sing songs and do some science experiments.

Adults, come share a meal with the kids and then stay and enjoy an Adult VBS study. We would love to see you there.

**Sign your kids up at**

**[www.cokesburyvbs.com/occcomo/ce](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/occcomo/ce)**



**Adults need not register. Just send an email to Angela Pigg—[amampigg@yahoo.com](mailto:amampigg@yahoo.com)**

## Graduation Announcement.....

Johanna Peyton is proud to announce that her husband, George Peyton, graduated from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Palo Alto, CA with an MBA, on June 13. George is the son-in-law of Linda Graue and Paul Cary. The Peyton's will be moving to Austin, TX in August.

## Birth Announcement

Amanda and James Carroll are the proud parents of Josiah Micah, who was born, Thursday, July 9th. He weighed 9lbs.10.3oz. and is 22 inches long. His proud grandparents are Ron and Janis McCray and great grandmother is Dolores McCray.



## Congratulations

John Dean, a member of Olivet's Board, has been selected by the Athletic Dept. of Syracuse University, as one of 5 former varsity athletes to receive the "letter winner of distinction" award for 2009. This award is given annually to exemplary alumni who have demonstrated significant achievements in professional career and community service.

As an engineering student, John played 4 years of lacrosse at Syracuse, a perennial power in the sport, and current NCAA national champion.

John retired as President of the Emglo air compressor division of DeWalt Power Tools, and currently serves in several local capacities including President of the Voluntary Action Center, and Boy's lacrosse coach at Rock Bridge High School.

Both he and Jan, also a Syracuse alum, will travel to Syracuse to attend an award ceremony in conjunction with Homecoming weekend in October.

## Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, July 19—August 30—WARM UP COLUMBIA (new blanket donations)**

**Sunday, July 26-Thursday, July 30— At Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, August 2— Sunday School begins (Rotational Sunday School will begin Aug. 9)**

**Sunday, August 16— Ice Cream Social**

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

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

**Friday, September 4—Out and About will go to the Capital City Players, 7:30 pm. Presentation "The Church Basement Ladies". See Sally Robinson**

## Birth Announcement

Johanna and George Peyton are the proud parents of Ainsley Louise Peyton born on July 15 at 9:51 pm. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz, and is just precious. Linda Graue is in California with her granddaughter.



## Birth Announcement

Logan and Erin Pigg of Tennessee, son of Ken and Edie, had a baby girl, Lylah Grace born July 3rd., weighing 7 lbs., 6 Ozs. Lylah's big sister, Ella, is very protective of her baby sister and announces to everyone that, "Lylah is so cute". Matt and Angela, Allie and Michael are very anxious to meet her.



## From the Pastor

### **Do I miss the chance to do what I can because I can't do it all?**

Some years ago, Krista-Anne Rigalo wrote this reflection on her time in Africa. I find her meditation thought-provoking and challenging.

“During my three years of service in Kinshasa, Zaire [now called the Democratic Republic of the Congo], I witnessed the absolute poverty and suffering of many close friends. While I tried to respond, I often found myself saying, ‘It’s never enough.’ With my volunteer salary of \$50 a month, I was often utterly overwhelmed. The few dollars or bag of rice I could give felt like a drop in the bucket. Even if I helped a few, the needs were endless. ‘It’s never enough.’ I began to question why God would bring me here to witness this overwhelming suffering without giving me the resources I needed to respond. Eventually I came to understand how Zairians were surviving. They called it African Solidarity. When you have a little bit, you share. When you’re in need, you ask friends and family for help. Everyone gives as they are able, because no one is sure when they will need to ask. A wonderful sense of community is built when every person contributes as they are able. Now it seems egotistical to think I could or should take on the burdens of the world. I know God brought me here with limited means to participate and suffer with others, as one of many in God’s family. I give as I can, and help those in need think how they can share in their turn. If we act together in solidarity with others, there can be enough.”

*Trek*, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, OH.

Perhaps you’ve caught yourself being “egotistical,” as Krista-Anne says that she was. I’ve sometimes shied away from getting involved in issues I knew I

couldn’t resolve, and I’ve stayed out of situations with people I didn’t know how to help. Notice where the emphasis is in both those cases...“I knew *I* couldn’t resolve...*I* didn’t know how to help.” That’s too much focus on me. Better to focus on contributing what I have in the expectation (hope!) that God and others will make better use of my “too little” than I can imagine.

The curriculum piece in which Krista-Anne tells her story asks a couple of pertinent questions: Am I reluctant to contribute toward a need my gifts cannot completely meet? What could I do in order to be able to give more to meet the needs of those who do not have enough?

What if you or I were each to identify the one problem in the world that touches our hearts but seems too overwhelming? Maybe it’s an issue we’ve tended to avoid because it’s just too much. And what if we researched who—what person, group, agency—is doing faithful and effective work in that area? And what if we then made one change in how we allot our time, energy, prayer and/or money in order to contribute something to that good work? And, once we’ve identified that one change and that one contribution, what if we committed ourselves to them for a year—for a whole year of sustained effort? It wouldn’t need to be an enormous change or a huge contribution, but it would need to be something real. God can work with real, sincere gifts, no matter how small.

We would know going in that we could not and would not solve the problem in a year. But we would also place ourselves in position to learn a good deal more than we know about solidarity with others, faithfulness and hope.

The greatest change we might see from our new stewardship might be in ourselves.

*Dennis*

## News Around the Church

### Booknotes



#### PAUSES THAT FEED & REFRESH

This summer's heat wave arrived early and stayed late. Hope you weren't caught without some good books for cooling down and forgetting for awhile—or helping cope with-- the uncomfortable aspects of the heat and other agonies that life sometimes brings. Come have fun browsing in the library!

Gardening is a hot-interest hobby again. But if you'd rather just dream or reminisce and buy at the Farmer's Market, the Olivet Library has some fascinating books to enjoy:

1. The Complete Book of Fruits and Vegetables (find in "V" section) contains large, beautiful close-up illustrations, to remind us where still-life artists get their inspiration. Just looking is worth your time! It also provides lots of information tidbits for planning a "second chance" fall garden.
2. If you started an herbal garden, Little Guides Herbs ("V" section) is great for a quick browse. But, you might not want to stop! This little book is filled with growing guidelines, companion planting suggestions, harvest and storage how-to's, plus herbal craft recipes and ideas such as candles, insect repellants, oils, medicinal uses, and gifts.
3. Into every Eden comes the Good Bug, Bad Bug. Find out which is which!

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### **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)**
- **The 2nd Annual Think Safe-Love & Basketball Challenge** is seeking two referee and two scorekeeper volunteers between 6:45 pm. to 10:30pm on Friday, August 7 and 10:15 am. to 2:30 pm. And 2:30 pm. To 6:00 pm. On Saturday, August 8 at two locations: **The Armory Sports & Community Center and Calvary Baptist Church**. There will be one court being played at each location. Volunteers need to have experience and will be contacted by event officials.

**Contact Volunteer Columbia at 874.7499 or [volunteer@GoColumbiaMO.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMO.com) if you would like to learn more.**

### Don't Forget!

The Mature Living Festival is Friday, August 28 at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center, 2200 170 Dr. SW. 9am—3pm

**Plan now to attend Columbia's only event celebrating life after 55!**

**Free Admission!**

**More than 50 Exhibitors!**

**Great Entertainment & Live Music**

**A Tribute to Grandparents!**



*For more information, please call Boone County Council on Aging at 573.443.1111*

## **Thank You**

On behalf of the entire Henry/Tyler family, I want to thank everyone who has helped us through a difficult time the past several weeks. The loss of Jeff and the reality of raising a family alone would be unbearable, were it not for the support I have received from so many of you. If I have been able to remain strong, it is simply because I derive my strength from you and from my faith that God will see us through this.

I apologize that I have fallen behind with individual thank you's, but please rest assured that your kindness has not gone unnoticed and you will all forever have a special place in my heart.

With love, Carolyn Henry and Reggie, Tamue, Sydney, Praise, Quinn, Morgan, Cody and Trevor

## **To Our Shawl Ministry**



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl that I received from you! It is so comforting knowing that people are so thoughtful and caring. The shawl will keep me warm and comfortable for years to come.

Thank you! Love and Hugs,

Maria DeSantis-John (friend of LuAnna Shively)

## **Dear Members of Olivet Christian Church**

On behalf of Meals on Wheels clients who are able to receive nutritious meals in their homes, thank you for your very generous donation of \$1000.00. This money will be used to subsidize the meals for those unable to pay the full cost.

Our average client paid \$1.66 last year while the actual cost is \$5.58 per meal. Meals on Wheels of Columbia delivered over 45,400 meals to 319 clients last year, a 10% increase. With this donation, you can take pride in being part of a 100% locally funded organization that has served members of the Columbia community for 36 years. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Richard Hauschild, Board President and Marcia Walker, Executive Director



## **The Adult Day Connection**

Dear Olivet Christian Church Friends,

Thank you for the generous gift of \$800.00 to the Adult Day Connection. It is a privilege to assist families who need our services but cannot afford the full fee. Enabling families in this community to keep someone in their home rather than place them in a nursing home is a choice that may be possible because of adult day health care.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Amy Byergo, Director

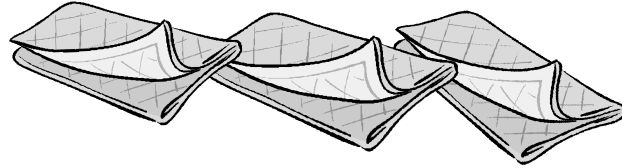
## **Get Involved, Make a Difference—**

### **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)**

# **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***

*Thanks for your continued support of Outreach ministries*

## Financial Information

<b>June 2009 Abbreviated Monthly Financial Statement</b>	
<b><u>Identified Giving</u></b>	
June 1.....	\$ 2,350.00
June 7 .....	\$ 5,637.02
June 14.....	\$ 3,691.10
June 15.....	\$ 1,610.00
June 21.....	\$ 2,577.00
June 28.....	\$ 2,688.50
Total.....	\$ 18,553.62
Monthly need .....	\$ 21,951.92
<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>	
Pledges.....	\$ 1,877.50
Bible Baptist .....	\$ 1,000.00
Crafts.....	\$ 107.50
Gift.....	\$ 60.00
Total.....	\$ 3,045.00
<b>Thank you for your support!</b>	

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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 6. Please have your news information to Dee Youngman at deeandlukeyoungman@yahoo.com (as an attachment, if possible)) no later than July 30. 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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