



Olivet Church News

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"Making the Grace of God Real for People"

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8

Olivet Pictorial Directory

Photos for the pictorial directory will be taken Thurs. & Fri., March 12 & 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Sat. & Sun. March 14 & 15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall so please sign up early to select a time most convenient for you.

If you choose to use your own photo: **1)** there will be a **\$15.00** fee. **2) IF** this photo is from another photographer **YOU** will need to bring a copyright waiver. **3) YOU** will need to bring a quality copy of your personal photo so that the original may be returned to you. We are striving for 100% participation so please sign up today.



Recent Board Action

In it's February 23rd meeting, Olivet's Church Board voted to go ahead in developing our partnership with an MU student leadership team in the Bradford Multi-farm Community Supported Agriculture project. A memorandum of understanding is being developed between the church and the student group outlining Olivet's responsibilities to provide facilities for the distribution of food, to promote the interests of the CSA in the community, to name representatives to the CSA's coordinating task force and to assist in conducting educational activities. The CSA agrees to organize and maintain the operation that will grow and distribute food, make an effort to expand the network of producers, promote the interests of the church in the community and work with the church in providing educational opportunities.

Board representatives also elected Bob Miller from Mission Family #4 to fill the vacancy on the Board left by the death of Bob Rood in January. Bob Miller will fill the seat for the remainder of 2009. In October this year, the congregation will be asked to elect a Board Representative for 2010, the last year of this term.

Easter Schedule

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm., Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 10, 7:00pm., Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 11, Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter

Please sign up on the sheet near the church entrance if you would like to bring and donate live, white or pastel potted flowers for Easter in memory of someone or an occasion. This year, Worship Arts Ministry would like Easter lilies, Jonquils or Daffodils, and Tulips to enhance our Easter Worship. We appreciate your having all flowers in Fellowship Hall by noon on Saturday, April 11. These will be enjoyed by all during both Easter Worship services. You are asked to pick up your potted flowers following 11:00 Easter Worship for your further enjoyment. Thank you so much! Worship Arts Ministry

Saturday, April 11, noon, Easter Egg Hunt

(for children through 4th grade. Please bring your own baskets.)

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday

Pastor's Class Begins

Pastor's Class sessions for young people ready to prepare for baptism and church membership, will begin March 8th. This class is for older elementary and middle school/junior high students. Please speak to Dennis Swearngin if you are interested. Pastor's Class meets Sunday March 8 and Sunday March 15, 2-5 pm at church.

Olivet Health News

Here we are beginning yet another month with the clocks to spring forward on Sunday. I look forward to the longer days and returning home after work to sunshine. I have at least a million sweet gum balls adorning my front lawn with at least several million more hanging above. It's a great way to meet new neighbors and exercise without machines and repetition. I can hardly wait to dig in the warm soil and I just must be patient.

I have spent several articles addressing ways to cut health care costs. Working in the health care field keeps me daily addressing pre-certifications for office procedures, surgical procedures and basic health care. Insurance policies change at a minimum once a year. Many health care policies change midstream and catch many of us off guard. It is important to read **all** of the fine print you receive from your insurance company. Many insurance companies have toll free numbers where one can call for questions and more importantly to call for upcoming procedures and medical testing.

When scheduling appointments for biopsies, colonoscopies, office procedures and diagnostic testing it is imperative to ask what they require from your health care plans. They may need additional information from your insurance card or may need specific forms completed by your referring medical providers. Always ask what sort of preparations is needed for specific procedures. Always ask for clarification for any questions or concerns you may have. Most offices are more than willing to direct any further issues you may need addressed.

Upon receiving any bills from your health care provider and/or medical facility read those statements thoroughly. Make sure you understand the charges made to your insurance company. Check dates carefully as well as procedures billed. With any question or rebuttal call the billing facility and ask for clarifications for services billed.

If your insurance company is hesitant to pay any portion of your expenses find out why they are rejecting such statement. I realize it requires time on your behalf to spend the time especially if you have numerous medical expenses. Please don't hesitate to ask your medical office for assistance and counsel. Most hospitals have patient service representatives who are willing to assist with explaining expenses as well as being willing to assist in rectifying said expenses.

More and more people are finding themselves facing medical procedures without the benefit of insurance available due to lay-offs, downsizing of employee benefits and more stringent regulations for government medical coverage. Clinics and hospitals find themselves faced with these increased numbers of patients on a daily basis. Many facilities are working closely with patients in financial planning for upcoming procedures. This may require that your surgery or procedure be put off for 4-6 weeks until paperwork can be completed and you have the opportunity to collect needed funds.

Many facilities are also willing to give 25% discounts if bills are paid in advance of needed procedures. Some of these are also willing to give additional 20% additional discounts if bills are paid within 30 days. Please take the time to sit down and talk with these counselors who are there to help meet your medical needs and not cause you great financial hardship. Ask, ask and keep asking for guidance as needed.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

Serving you in Christ,

Karen D Bradley, RNC-Olivet Parish Nurse

From the Pastor

Good Veggies Is Not the Point

In our recent conversations about Olivet's partnership with an MU student leadership team in the Bradford Multi-farm Community Supported Agriculture project (CSA), a few people have asked why this is something for the church to be involved in. That's a very good question, and the first thing to say is that, from my perspective, getting good veggies is not the primary point. There are a lot of fine people in this area growing good vegetables, including many of you in your home gardens. With local farmers' markets and you-pick operations, plus our own gardens and our neighbors' gardens, we already have access to high quality, locally grown foods. For me, the essential reasons for Olivet's partnership in a CSA lie elsewhere.

First, in our future story we imagine Olivet facilitating community relationships—getting people from the neighborhood and the broader community onto our grounds, as we do at the Annual BBQ, for the sake of developing and sustaining friendships and working relationships. If things go as planned in the years ahead, our CSA will grow to involve several (perhaps many) producers and will draw people from beyond the church family. Since none of us want suburban Harg to be an anonymous, soul-less place, this is important networking. Olivet can be and should be a community hub, a place for connections.

A second reason to be involved in a CSA is that bringing people together around food gives us wonderful opportunities to teach about land, water and energy use and how food production affects them all. We will be in face to face relationships with the producers of our food and learn about their problems, their hopes and their needs. We will share with them risk and responsibility for decisions about land, water and food. Children, youth and adults will have opportunities to walk the land where our food is produced, get our hands in the soil and learn much more than we know about food and food policy. For some of you that's nothing new; for many of us, though,

this opens up a new world of understanding. Our CSA student partners already have two pages' full of ideas for agricultural education classes, and that's just a beginning.

Another educational function of this CSA is also critical. By virtue of their participation in this CSA project, the MU students we partner with will carry with them throughout their lives and careers the knowledge that agriculture can be done in ways that are neighborly, environmentally sustainable and educationally important for consumers. Through our participation in this CSA we can play a role in developing better stewards, both inside and outside our church.

The CSA will establish connections with agencies in Columbia that will allow us to share produce with disadvantaged people who could really benefit from access to quality food. We who choose to will have opportunities to share our portion of the harvest with neighbors with far fewer choices than we have.

All this is profoundly spiritual for me. It is about re-establishing connections that have broken apart in contemporary life, connections: to neighbors, including those who grow our food; to soil and water and the total environment; to public issues and public policy; and ultimately, connections to God. My reading of the scriptures and traditions of our faith is that any genuine and healthy spirituality is always about re-connecting us to the natural order, to one another beyond our immediate circles of family, friends and church, and to God, and to the One who creates and remains intimately involved with us in creation.

I expect to enjoy thoroughly the produce from our CSA, but more importantly, I expect that we will find through this CSA new ways to grow in personal stewardship and to bless this community with life-giving connections.

Dennis

News Around the Church

Book Notes



A New Book for Lenten Reading

Hospitality the Sacred Art; Discovering the Hidden Spiritual Power of Invitation and Welcome by Rev. Nanette Sawyer. What a long title for a slender 166- page book that really enlarges one's concept of hospitality. Hospitality to transform relationships? I'd never before considered being open to God or myself in a hospitable way. The author quotes spiritual leaders from Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa to Henry Nouwen and even a Buddhist, Thich Nhat Hanh. She shares from her own personal spiritual journey. At the end are suggestions for further reading and an index of included exercises and practices, because "spirituality is more than what you think, it's what you do."

Practicing this kind of hospitality is powerful. It can "allow you to accept yourself, strengthen your family life, improve your communities, and overcome dividing lines by offering compassion to strangers and enemies." Here are helpful ideas in developing your own prayer life, and becoming a more hospitable church. Read and begin a great adventure of receptivity, reverence, and generosity.

The bulletin board outside Olivet's library this month features "go green" ideas for practicing hospitality to creation, using this book as the main resource.

Music Notes



It was such fun to direct the Adult Choir and the Children's Music Group on February 22 as they sang a combined arrangement of "This Little Light of Mine". I could tell by the looks on the singers faces that all were feeling the spirit as they sang. Based on positive comments made by many in the congregation, I think the listeners were too!

Arts Sunday is planned for Sunday, May 3. Be thinking about contributing to this special annual Sunday at Olivet by bringing in a favorite photo, painting or craft that represents your spiritual relationship with God. Items will be displayed during worship. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me, Amy Cook or Jan Dean.

Blessings, Eileen

Congratulations

Our new friends, Derrick and Naomi Clark, are the parents of a daughter, Liberty Faye, born February 26 in Callaway Community Hospital, Fulton and weighing 10 lbs., 7 oz. Mother and daughter are home and doing well.

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

**Friday 12th June 6 PM To
Saturday 13th June at 6 AM**

So take just a minute to remember all the people you know who have been affected by cancer in the past 5 years, 10 years, your lifetime. How many survived? How many lost their battle? Too painful to remember? Bitter sweet memories of best friends lost!? I've had my share and yet seemingly daily it hits me again. I so miss those long talks with Mary and Judy. They were my best friends and I assumed they would be there for most of my lifetime. We as a congregation have the opportunity to help make a difference! Our team never made it last year but I have cancer survivors, loved ones of those lost to cancer & just those who wish to make a difference and we are forming a successful team. Please check out the information in the fellowship hall and stop by to ask questions, sign-up to be a walker, contribute or help formulate a cookbook of sweet memories of those who fought the battle. Together we can affect change!! *Karen Bradley*

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Adult Sunday School Invitation

Beginning March 15 the Sanctuary Adult Sunday School Class will begin a study of N.T. Wright's book *Simply Christian, Why Christianity Makes Sense*. This book is an excellent tool for those thinking and feeling their way through the faith for the first time as an adult, and it will be useful for mature Christians in re-visiting old ideas and experiences to see how we understand them now. The class is open to all interested adults. It meets in the middle room in the pavilion at 9:30 each Sunday Morning.

Lock-in Retreat for Northeast & Ozark Lakes Area Youth in grades 6-8 on March 20-21, 2009 (6:30pm Friday – 2:00pm, Saturday) at First Christian Church, 327 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri, Phone (573) 636-5157. Cost is \$25.00

(includes meals, supplies and t-shirt)
Register immediately if interested.



Olivet's American Cancer Society Relay for Life Cookbook.

Olivet is compiling a cookbook in memory and honor of our friends, loved ones and family members who have fought the challenge of cancer in their lives. OK- I realize many of us have quite a collection of recipe books that accumulate dust and take up space. The books I cherish the most are ones with pictures and stories of those I love and the special recipe I will always hold fondly in my heart. My Grandmother Blanche's Home-made tomato ketchup and Chowchow recipes will be included as well as a story of childhood memories of her gardening. You have those stories, those favorite pictures and more importantly that recipe you fondly remember associated with them. Pull out those memories and share with your Olivet family. Help us to find a cure for this heinous disease. You may drop recipes, stories, photos in my box or feel free to e-mail them to me at PASMA60@aol.com.

Karen Bradley

2009 NEOLA Camp Ministry Dates (Sneak Peek)

Rickman Center Camps	Dates	Grades	<u>Cost</u>
CYF Conference	June 8 -13	Grades 9 - 12	\$270* / \$290
Junior 1 Camp	June 16 - 20	Grades 4 - 5	\$250* / \$270
Elementary Camp	June 29 - July 1	Grades 2 - 3	\$150* / \$170
Junior 2 Camp	July 7 - 11	Grades 4 - 5	\$250* / \$270
That Camp About God & Sex	July 13 - 18	Grade 8	\$270* / \$290
M*A*D Camp	July 20 - 25	Grades 6 - 9	\$270* / \$290
Chi Rho Camp	July 27 - August 1	Grades 6 - 7	\$270* / \$290
Family Camp	September 4 - 6	Ages 12 - Adult	\$85
		Ages 5 -11	\$65
		Ages 0 - 5	FREE!
<u>Canoe, Trek, & Backpacking Trips</u>			
CYF 11 Point Canoe Trip	June 14 - 18	Grades 9-12	\$190* / \$ 210
CYF Backpack Trip	TBA	Grades 9-12	\$325* / \$345
Chi Rho Current Trip	June 7 - 11	Grades 6-8	\$190* /\$210
Chi Rho Backpack Trip	TBA	Grades 6- 8	\$325* / \$345
Chi Rho Smoky Mountain Trek	June 21-28	Grades 6 - 8	\$325* / \$345
<u>Earlybird Registration:</u> Registrations must be received in the NE Area Office no later than April 15, 2009 to qualify for the Earlybird pricing!			

Revelation? I suspect that many people think that the book of Revelation is about figuring out when and where the world will end. This concept touches on one of my pet peeves. That is that such a concept is not consistent with the real world. How many times have you read that a group went into the mountains to pray and wait for worlds end on such and such a date. It didn't happen. We, our children and grandchildren deserve better. **Come study with the Harmony Class for 10 weeks beginning March 22 to get a new slant on Revelation. We meet in the room next door to the Library at 9:30 each Sunday morning.**

Fred Martz

Central Missouri Food Bank 2008 Report Card



It was a year of economic crisis, financial turmoil and instability and yet with your support, the Central Missouri Food Bank experienced the greatest outpouring of caring and compassion for the hungry than every before.

Because of you:

- Approximately 90,000 people were fed monthly in central & northeast Missouri.
- The Buddy Pack program grew to 66 schools sending food home with 3,000 children each week.
- 16,891 volunteers donated 46,221 hours of service

Thanks to the generosity of Columbia Orthopedic Group, the Food Bank's mortgage was paid off.

Through our partnerships with food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters for abused and homeless, senior programs, and low-income children's programs, 21,705,124 pounds of food and related groceries were distributed. **This is a new record!**

The Report Card is both good news and a reminder that the need is even greater than before. Everywhere you turn, the need is increasing and the hungry have never needed your help more than they do now. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. I pray God will continue to bless you richly for all you help us do! *Peggy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director*

Dear Olivet Christian Church,

Shaw 4-H would like to thank you for the use of your multipurpose room on February 5, 2009 for our February meeting and Valentines Party. We appreciate your hospitality and we hope that Olivet Church and Shaw 4-H have a good relationship in the future. Again, thank you for allowing our club to meet in your church. Sincerely,

Meredith Giglio, Shaw 4-H Secretary

A Celebration of Baptism

Sharon Spotswood was baptized in 11 o'clock worship Sunday, March 1. Sharon has long been a part of the church family, but due to some ambiguity about her baptism as a young woman, she wanted to be baptized this spring. After her baptism she was greeted by her daughters Natalee and Kaylee, and by her many friends in the congregation.

Columbia Interfaith Council

On behalf of the Columbia Interfaith Council, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$800. Your on going support for the Interfaith Day Center will assist many in our community who are in need of day time shelter, the access of a phone and mailing address to help meet essential needs and information and referral on how to obtain other support services. With continued financial support from Olivet Church, the Day Center can continue to provide vital services that improves the lives of others. *Very Sincerely,*

Bren Lowenburg, Treasurer

Rainbow House


Thank you so much for your donation to Rainbow House in the amount of \$500.00 made on Monday, February 2, 2009. 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.

Please feel assured that your contribution has made a difference in the life of a child! Thank you so much! Your generosity means a great deal! *Jan Stock, Executive Director*

Olivet Business Cards Available

The Membership Committee has purchased Olivet Christian Church business cards to give to potential guest for worship services or special events at Olivet. The back of the card has room to write the date and time of a special event or your phone number or e-mail address. If you're interested, 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 are encouraged to give people a business card and invite them to Olivet.

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<p align="center">Sunday Services</p> <p align="center">(Nursery available during both services)</p> <p align="center">8:30 am., Early Worship Service 9:30 am., Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am., Morning Worship/Children's Service K-3</p> <p align="center">Olivet is located 4 miles east of Hwy 63 S on WW Office: 573.442.0336 Fax 573.817.5716</p>	<p align="center">Olivet Youth Groups</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; 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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