



Olivet Church News

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“Making the Grace of God Real for People”

FYI The next OCN will be mailed November 5. Please have your information to Dee Youngman no later than October 29. e-mail is deeandlukeyoungman@yahoo.com. *Thanks*

Please check your church mailboxes on Sunday, October 25, for important materials regarding our Financial Stewardship Campaign.

Live
&
Silent



Auction

Reminder:

2nd October Fest—a fundraising event for Olivet’s youth mission trips and the purchase of a church van.

Sunday, October 25th

5:00—7:30 pm.

Fellowship Hall

Live and Silent Auction

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$15 for a family of three or more.

Baby Sitting provided the night of the event.

If you have questions or need tickets please contact:

Uless & Rita Reeder 474-8301

Karen Hobson 442-1929

Ken & Edie Pigg 443-4211

**Hope to see you on Sunday, October 25th
for an evening of fun, food and fellowship.**

From the Pastor

Seeing Clearly

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Mark 8:22-25

And so Jesus helped a man to see, partially at first, and then perfectly: "he saw everything clearly." You will remember, of course, that in the gospels, sight is never only about seeing with the eyes; sight is also always a matter of insight—seeing beneath the surface, all the way to the heart of the matter, seeing as Christ sees. For those to whom sight is given or restored, "seeing" includes spiritual wholeness.

The past Sunday we held the Annual Meeting of the congregation to conduct the business of the church. In preparation for that meeting our program committee chairs, staff members and other leaders dutifully prepared their annual reports. The submission of those reports may be a matter of duty, but when you read what lies between the goldenrod covers of our annual report, you will find more than duty reflected there. The reports are brimming with the excitement of people who are working hard on things they believe in. And these same people are looking to the future, imagining even more hard work—as far as they can see—and they are anxious to get on with it.

That energy and excitement and expectation of good things ahead come from seeing clearly. Board Chair Dennis Bettenhausen speaks of the ministries that bubble up from among people feeling led to the next thing. Eileen Sharp submits "joyfully" her report on developments in our music program. Angela Pigg tells what's happening with

children and youth, and what's going to happen next, and her energy jumps off the page. Larry Brown is no less enthusiastic about what is happening and what will happen next with adult education. Worship has great plans. Outreach is so busy I don't know how they have time to plan more, but they are. Membership Committee is restoring the other word (Evangelism) to their name, and they have a plan. The reports of the Property, Personnel and Finance Committees, and the budget we've adopted for 2010, are not mundane documents about keeping the building maintained, the bills paid and the staff in line. Those who lead our "infrastructure" committees are contributing to and enhancing key components in our ability to do good and faithful ministry, and they know that. So they plan and work with energy and expectation.

Beginning in the fall and winter of 2007 and continuing into the spring of 2008 we began what we learned to call our Spiritual Strategic Journey. In our Prayer and Share Triplets and in our discussions in other settings, too, concerns were raised, dreams were offered, needs were expressed, ideas took shape, and all those came together in our Future Story. In April and June of 2009 program leaders and board members continued our planning for living into that Future Story. This journey we're on is nourishing us with vision and calling out of us some of the best stuff we have to give, making us enthusiastic about the present and the future. We're on the road together because we sought God's vision together, and God is helping us to see clearly.

Now it's time for our Fall Financial Stewardship Campaign. One of the ways vision and energy are translated into faithful discipleship is in committed and disciplined financial stewardship. I invite your prayers of gratitude for what God is helping us to see and to do, and I ask your prayers for discernment as we each try to see clearly what God is calling us to financially. *Dennis*

Out and About October and November Events

Look for sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 19 Movie at First Christian Church Cinema We will gather at First Christian Church at 1:00pm and watch the movie "Second Hand Lions" starring Robert Duval, Michael Caine, and Haley Joel Osment. Popcorn will be provided.

Monday, November 23 Thanksgiving Lunch at Broadway Christian Church The members of the 60+ group have invited the STARS of First Christian Church and the Out & About group from Olivet Christian Church to be their guests for a Thanksgiving meal. The main part of the meal will be from Hy-Vee and then all the trimmings will be brought in. Come join us and share with our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Columbia.

Youth Rally

November 5 - 7, 2009

Who: Youth (Gr. 6-12) & Adult Sponsors

Where: Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO

When: Rally begins Friday, Nov. 6, 6:30 pm.
(Rickman Center)

Rally ends Saturday, Nov. 7, 3:30pm.
(Fulton FCC)

Cost: \$45 for registration postmarked after Oct. 15
To Register: Talk to your youth sponsor and your buddies about coming to the Rally. Your sponsor or church has registration forms.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers for Jenna Casady. We are very relieved to report that she returned to college at Northwestern only a week late and is back to normal after her narrow escape. God doesn't cause disasters but helps us get through whatever we must. We realize that all situations don't have happy endings.
Sincerely, Mildred & Tom Brown

Shawl Ministry

LuAnna, thank you and the Olivet Christian Church for being so kind and giving me the shawl. What a sweet & thoughtful ideal gift! I appreciate your kindness & prayers! Thank you! *Jennifer Wheatley*

Mission Family #4 is hosting a get to know each other better gathering after the eleven o'clock service on Sunday, November 8th. Contact Edie, Carolyn, Gabrielle or Chester for more information.



Reminder: Business Cards are available

The Membership Committee has available, Olivet Christian Church Business cards to give to potential guests 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 email address. If you're interested, contact the church office of Jo Behymer. A few cards are also available inside the pew attendance registers for your convenience.

Sunday School teachers, Youth Sponsors, Committee Chairs, Board Member, Membership Committee members and staff are encouraged to give people a business card and invite them to Olivet.

News Around the Church

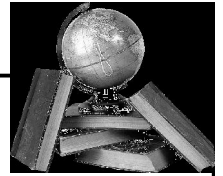
Book Notes

Refreshing the Library Is Underway

As with any project it takes many willing workers to create transforming changes:

All who filled out the surveys, the Property committee who painted and Jerry Darnell who built the new bookcase, the Education committee who shared resource suggestions to support the curriculum and Sue, Joan, and Carol of the library committee who spent a Saturday shopping for new books, our parish nurse for moving the file cabinet out of the library, and Janis in the office for helping in so many ways, including moving the copier next door. Now, with a little more space, steps are being taken to refresh your church library. Stay tuned next time for more specifics (or come take a look yourself!)

What we want to announce now is MONTHLY BOOK SALES ON OUR NEW BLUE CART. Beginning SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1-- and every first Sunday of each month after that—look for this cart in fellowship hall. An extension to our annual used book sale each spring preceding the All-church Garage Sale, this mini used book and video sale will be a sampler of especially selected donated materials. Adult fiction, religious and other nonfiction on a variety of topics, children and young adult books, and videos will all be featured. A library committee member will be waiting to assist you.



Music Notes



Even though Halloween is still a good week away, plans are moving forward for this year's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13, for the Pre/k-5th grade children. The majority of the rehearsals for the program will be held during the 9:30 Children's Music Time on Sunday mornings. A couple of afternoon rehearsals will occur in December, most likely on the 6th and 13th. More details will be coming soon. For now, it's important that you let me know if your child/children will be participating in the program on Sunday evening, December 13, at 6:00 pm. Please email or call me with that information. The program is titled "The Christmas Present" and includes six songs and many speaking parts. I am excited about working with the children on this special Olivet Christmas tradition.

Blessings, Eileen sharpef@centurytel.net 999.7800

A Day of Fun and Fellowship

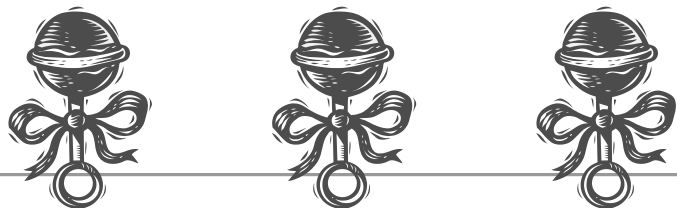
Please come for a day of fun and fellowship as we make some crafts for the craft table. November 7 from 10-2. Crafters of all ages, genders and abilities are welcome to come and cut, paste, paint, glue, tape, draw, talk and eat as we gather with the goal of Christmas-fying the craft table a bit. Bring your own project or just yourself and a dish to share and some early Christmas cheer.

Contact Amy Cook at church at 319.491.2860 or at amycookcrafts@yahoo.com. Com if you have any questions. See you there!!!



Olivet Worship Records of the 11:00 worship are now available on CD's. If you are interested in receiving a CD, please sign the form which is located on the small table right outside the sanctuary by the sound system. If you are homebound, or just miss a Sunday and would like to experience worship, please contact the church office. This is a new ministry and we are working in stages. At some point in the future, with more volunteer support, recordings may be available for 8:30 service as well. For more information, please feel free to contact Eileen Sharp, Amy Cook or Marjorie Audsley

News Around the Church



Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower
For Molly Williams (Carrie Williams daughter)

Saturday, October 24 at 10:30 am.

Fun baby shower, with cake & punch

Games will be played -

Invitation is for everyone

Guys, gals, young and nor-so-young, children

& Youth are welcome

She is having a girl!

She is registered at Target

The shower is being hosted by Amy Cook &

Jennifer Reid at Olivet

For more information, please contact Jennifer

at 214.2288

Help setting up and cleaning up would be
greatly appreciated!

Congratulations

In 11 o'clock worship on October 11th, the congregation honored Mary Cervinka as an Honorary Elder. Mary was cited for her decades of quiet, faithful service and unfailing supportive spirit, all of which she has generously shared and continues to.

The presentation to Mary concluded with a standing ovation as the congregation expressed our gratitude and love.

COMING UP

October 25 - 2nd October Fest

November 8 - Angel Tree available

November 15 - Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19 - Out and About, movie matinee at First Christian Church

November 23 - Out & About, lunch at Broadway Christian Church

December 6 - Christmas Wrap Party and Caroling

December 7 - Delivery of Angel Tree gifts



Five Angel Tree Families are being adopted. We will also be providing Ronald MacDonald House with individual snacks, cups, plates, etc., etc.

Outreach could also use Christmas paper that you might like to get rid of. We'll have a box for your donations available on November 8.

We also will need about 20 boxes to pack gifts in. They need to be able to fit in the trunk or back seat of a car.

Thanks for your continued support of Outreach ministries.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

{ coming 2011 }



Help Start the New House

Building a new Ronald McDonald House will be an enormous undertaking! It will take the efforts of mid-Missouri neighbors. With a limited number of staff to continue managing and raising funds for the existing facility, much of the work to build the new House will be completed by volunteers.

Every volunteer has the opportunity to make a huge impact on this project. If you would like to help, we would love to hear from you. We're certain we'll find the perfect opportunity for you! To find out more, please contact us.

Melody Bezenek, Executive Director 473.443.5917 melody@rmhccolumbia.org

The State Historical Society of Missouri

Members, patrons, and friends of the Society are invited to participate in the volunteer service program. Friendly, energetic individuals who enjoy meeting people and working with the public can help in a number of ways. Volunteer opportunities include repairing fragile newspapers prior to microfilming, making copies for patrons and staff, data entry, and assisting staff with a variety of tasks. Volunteers receive thorough training prior to undertaking an assignment.

Volunteering at the Society is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends while furthering the Society's services and mission. Volunteers receive recognition and service awards for hours and length of service and participate in Society social activities.

Persons interested in volunteer opportunities can contact Seth Smith at (573) 882-1180. Please be sure to include your name, address, city, state, and phone number.

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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 Thursday, Nov. 5. Please have your news information to Dee Youngman at deeandlukeyoungman@yahoo.com (as an attachment) no later than Thursday, Oct.. 29 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

Office: 573.442.0336 Fax 573.817.5716

Olivet Youth Groups



LYHF, grades 9-12

CHI-RHO, grades 6-8

YOYO's, grades 2-5

July 2009 Financial Report

Revenue/Other Support...\$ 13,526.00

Year-To-Date Total..... \$ 149,441.80

Expenditures:

Salaries/Benefits..... \$ 11,123.58

Payroll Taxes.....\$ 630.85

General/ Administration...\$ 4,971.23

Supplies\$ 1,438.75

Community Services.....\$ 3,698.02

Total Expenditures..... \$ 21,862.43

Year-To-Date..... \$128,982.20

Building Fund Report

Building Fund Income.....\$ 2,143.00

Year-To-Date..... \$ 21,171.05

Thank you for your support!

August 2009 Financial Report

Revenue/Other Support...\$ 28,239.40

Year-To-Date Total..... \$ 177,681.20

Expenditures:

Salaries/Benefits..... \$ 11,345.08

Payroll Taxes.....\$ 630.85

General/ Administration...\$ 8,606.88

Supplies\$ 220.95

Community Services..... \$

Total Expenditures..... \$ 20,803.76

Year-To-Date..... \$ 149,785.96

Building Fund Report

Building Fund Income.....\$ 2,791.50

Year-To-Date..... \$ 23,962.55

Thank you for your support!

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