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of Sharing**

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OYEA

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Worship

April 5

Palm/ Passion
Sunday
Communion will be
served.

Thursday April 9

Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm:
Communion served
by intinction

April 10

Good Friday
12:00 pm: Prayer
Service with music
and scripture

April 12

Easter Morning
worship at 10:00 am
Special music with
Brass – all choirs
singing

April 19 & 16

Easter Worship
continues at our
10:00am services as
we reflect on the
meaning of Jesus
resurrection

He is Risen!!!!

Where is Jesus tomb? In Jerusalem there are two sites that some believe is where the tomb was. The first is in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher an old rather ugly church where the site of Jesus death and resurrection are said to reside. The second is the Garden Tomb, a restored garden built around an ancient tomb discovered in the 19th Century.

The Garden Tomb (experts date the tomb to be several hundred years too old to have been used to bury Jesus) was for me a more moving experience when I visited Jerusalem; it was more what I pictured the tomb in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea to look like. Most Christian tour groups make the stop at the garden tomb to worship and to take communion. The first time I saw the place in November 2001, it was cold and rainy. After our worship service we made our way to the actual tomb and it did not disappoint. We clamored down into the alcove and were able to climb inside to see what the tomb was like. There was a place where a body might have been placed. A linen cloth was rolled up as if it had been left there by Jesus himself. I remember thinking that if this is not the place, then it ought to have been – it “reeked” of Easter morning despite the rain and the cold. How wrong I was!!!

It was on exiting the tomb that things changed for me. Our guide pushed the wooden door closed and then I saw the sign on the door. It caused me to stop and stare in wonder. Its message was short but vital to we who proclaim Christ: “He is not here for he is risen.” The words are from the gospel of Luke, the words of the two men in dazzling white who greeted the women on that first Easter morning.

The truth is that the story of Easter does not end with an empty tomb – its exact location is irrelevant to the message. Easter is about the risen Savior who is no longer trapped in a tomb but who is alive. We don’t seek Jesus in a tomb because he is not there. Christ is alive forever and ever. Because he lives we also shall live.

This Easter, embrace the good news of the empty tomb. Jesus is no longer bound by its





walls. Christ the Lord is risen, alleluia amen.

OP-ED PAGE

SCRIP PROGRAM

When planning a vacation for 2009, don't forget to use the Scrip program that will not only benefit the church, it will help you plan your vacation. **Some of the participating merchants are:** for car rentals Avis and Budget. Quality Inn, Comfort Inn, Best Western, Marriott Hotels and Resorts, and bedandbreakfast.com are on the list. If staying closer to home at vacation time, **check out the entire list of participating merchants in the area**, which includes: restaurants, movies, book-stores and gas.

Just **stop by the Scrip table** after church!

If you have any questions, call Dorothy ward at **610-258-7625**

Orders are due the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Every Scrip card ordered will help Olivet Church.

ProJeCt WISH LIST

For Food Bank

ProJeCt's Food Bank is currently in need of: **cereal, powdered milk, canned milk, diapers** (sz. new born & size 5), **pancake mix and syrup. Also, hygienic products:** (deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) **and brown paper bags** (grocery size).

Place items in the barrel in Olivet's Auditorium, or deliver to ProJeCt at 333 Ferry St., Easton, 18042.

ProJeCt can always use **gift cards** (pharmacy, clothes, baby items, etc., etc etc. Mail gift cards to ProJeCt, or get them to the our church office.

A lot of caring and sharing is going on. Thanks to all who

SAFE HARBOR

Olivet Church has a long-standing sharing record with Safe Harbor. On the third Thursday of each month, a lunch is provided. Thanks to Arlene Wamsley, Jo Rush, and Dorothy and John Ward for the March 19th lunch for Harbor guests.

OUR FRIEND AL'S CLEANERS

Our neighbor and friend, Al's Cleaners, offers us rebates for our business, i.e., cleaning, washing and repairing clothes and other services.

Isn't it Great? Al's Cleaners offers the rebate for upcoming Easter clothing as well.

Remember to tell the person who is checking in your order that you're from Olivet Church.

How easy can it be?

We'll continue to get checks from Al if we take time to patronize his business. What a Guy!!

REDNERS' CONTINUED SUPPORT

Easter is on its way. It's a good opportunity to put the Save-A-Tape Program to good use when food shopping at Redners'.

The offer continues- - 1% rebate to Olivet Church on all store purchases. Only register tapes that have **Save-A-Tape on the bottom** qualify for the rebate. Mention ***Save-A-Tape*** at check-out. **Take your Save-A-Tape card with you.**

APPRECIATING OUR LORD

**God is like –
Coke:**

He's the Real Thing.

**God is like –
Tide:**

He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

**God is like –
Alka-Seltzer:**

Try Him, you'll like Him.

**God is like –
Allstate:**

You're in good hands.

**God is Like –
VO-5 Hair Spray:**

He holds through all kinds of weather.

**God is like -
Dial Soap:**

Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

**God is like –
a Ford:**

He's got a better idea.

**God is like –
Chevrolet:**

The heart beat of America.

**God is like –
Maxwell House:**

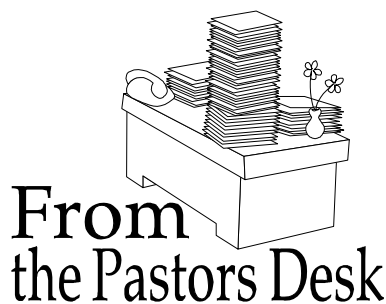
Good to the very last drop.

**God is like –
Bounty:**

He's a quicker, picker upper ...can handle tough jobs...and He won't fall apart on you.

**God is like –
the U.S. Post Office:**

Neither ran, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination



One Great Hour of Sharing

I hope you take the time to read the opening page where I talk a bit about Easter and the good news of the empty tomb. I encourage you to make every effort to join us for the amazing good news of Easter as we celebrate our Savior's resurrection



But, Easter means nothing if we don't respond. We might say there is nothing more – this is the good news that outweighs anything else. Yet if we simply celebrate Easter as that one day of the year event we miss the point. Easter is about what God has done for us through Jesus Christ and it calls us to respond to that gift in tangible ways. There are many ways to respond and all are important: worship regularly; pray daily; show love to neighbors; give generously of our time, talents and money.

Olivet has always been a generous community to those in need. Over the years we have purchased donkey carts for the Sudan, helped fund a school in Alaska, helped build houses in Easton and supported ProJeCt of Easton in their ministry to help the needy in our community and many other projects. We have also contributed to help feed the hungry and provide assistance to disaster victims around the world. One way we do this is through our special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS). This year we continue that tradition – a

special offering will be held on April 5 at our Palm/Passion Sunday service; feel free to use the OGHS envelope enclosed in the Newsletter for this gift. If you cannot worship with us on Palm/Passion Sunday you can mail in the envelope or drop it in the offering



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS. HOPE.

plate any time over the next few weeks.

The theme of this year's OGHS offering is "Where is your treasure?" It is a call that points to the eternal saving truth that has enabled Christians to respond with amazing generosity for over sixty years in support of this program. We respond to the truth that it is not by relying on human structures that we can find life's deepest treasure, but by opening ourselves to the abundance of God's love, flowing through us and overflowing beyond us; a response to Easter and to all God has done for us through Jesus Christ.



Since OGHS began, the money collected for this program has literally saved the life of some and bettered the life of many others. Money is shared by three different agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Some goes toward "**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**" to help the victims of disasters within our country and around the world. Another portion of the money goes to an agency called the "**Self Development of People**" an organization committed to helping people make long term changes in their lives through education and technology to make life better. The third agency is "**Presbyterian Hunger Program**" that goes to alleviate hunger wherever it is found.



Your gifts to this worthy program will make a difference; please give as generously as you are able knowing that

your gift is a tangible way to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ; his life, his death and his resurrection.

RUMMAGE SALE

Olivet United Presbyterian Church
Corner 12th & Northampton Sts
Easton,

PA

FRI., APRIL 3, 2009

10 AM to 2 PM

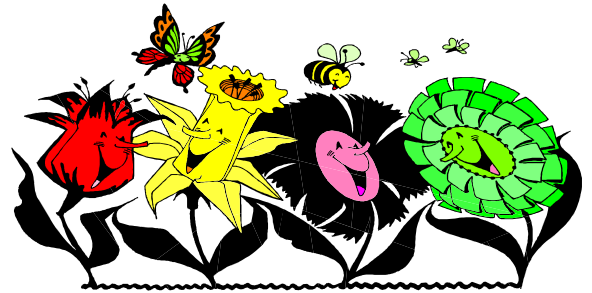
SAT., APRIL 4, 2009

10 AM to 2 PM

(BAG DAY!)

Clothing & Shoes!
**(for the whole
family)**

**Household Items of All
Kinds**



AMPLE PARKING

Additional Info: Call 610-258-7990

ProJeCt of Easton

ProJeCt of Easton sends thank you letters to Olivet for its continued support. We receive approximately 4 letters each month.

ProJeCt has always "been there" for struggling families. Now that our nation and community is in crisis, every dollar donated monetarily or in product is gratefully received.

ProJeCt also runs a literacy program and some of the students are working to build a garden right in the heart of downtown Easton. The students have been planning and managing the project.

If you would like to help, ProJeCt is selling organic seeds for \$2.00 a pack. All the money

received will go toward the project. If you would like to purchase a packet of seeds, contact Pastor Bob or sign up on the sheet in the auditorium. Available seeds are Organic Lettuce mix; Organic Cilantro and Cosmos Mixed (Flowers)

APRIL CALENDAR Is very full!

Be sure to check the calendar for all of the holiday happenings and spring events taking place

LOOKING FORWARD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 13 TO 16, 2009
5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Coordinator Lois Pinto held the first

meeting for Vacation Bible School on March 15, following Worship. Plan ahead, make time to help!

Contact Lois if you can HELP

OYEA!!!

March 22 – Regular Youth Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm

April 9 – Pizza and Pick-up

11:00 – 1:00ish

Bring your work gloves and help straighten outside Olivet in preparation for Easter Sunday . . . and eat pizza! Parent volunteers welcome!

April 17-19 – Annual Retreat at Camp Brainerd

7:00 pm Friday – 12:00 noon Sunday
Cost - \$15 per youth and friends, \$30 per family

As an alternative to the \$15 cost, families may provide food for a meal. Please see Nicole if you are interested in this alternative.

Please RSVP by April 12

May 3 – Regular Youth Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm

May 17 – Camp Brainerd Open House

Leave Olivet at 2:00pm. Dinner will be provided, free-will offering appreciated. Families welcome also!

RSVP by May 10

April showers bring

Brainerd!!!!!!!

Whether you like spending time just hanging out, shooting baskets, boating, talking, or singing by the campfire, there's something for everyone at our annual retreat!

Join us also at our regular Sunday night Youth Meetings for more fun, fellowship, and Bible study.

Friends (grades 5-12) are always welcome!

Please call or email with any questions:

Kim Ward – 215-450-1223

kimberlydward@hotmail.com

Nicole and Chris Vogel – 610-

967-9067

Tina Strouse



Spring Retreat

Come see what we're cooking!

Senior Highs (grades 9-12⁺) meet together one time per month for food and fellowship.

Suppers are a great time to gather together, to hang out, and to chat about what's important to you.

April 6

May TBD

6:00 pm – 7:30ish



NEWS! SPONSORS! NEW! 2009

APRIL FLOWER SPONSORS

- Apr. 05 PALM SUNDAY
M/M Scott Wamsley
M/M Ed Hanlon
Palms - Kelly Imboden
Palm Plants – Mrs. Geraldine DeWalt &
Jeanne and Walter Leuenberger
- April 12 EASTER SUNDAY
Congregation
- April 19 Darryl Davis
Dorothy and John Ward
- April 26 Robert Nansteel
Mrs. Agnes Herster

APRIL BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Apr. 05 PALM SUNDAY
Mrs. Richard DeWalt
- April 09 MAUNDY THURSDAY-
Mrs. Richard DeWalt
- April 10 GOOD FRIDAY
M/M Robert Werkheiser
- Apr. 12 EASTER
M/M Richard Simmons
- Apr. 19 M/M Billie Sutphin
- Apr. 26 Don Roberts

New Members

In this new year, Olivet received three new members.

DeLisa Jones joined our church family in January. And in February, Carlos and Lisa Avoso were added to our family as well.

Take time to to introduce yourself,

New Mailing Info:

Palmer Post Office has
NEW hours for the Bulk
Rate Mailing Department
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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Also

**Postage Stamps will
Cost \$0.44 ea.
starting May 1st**

LADIES CIRCLE NEWS

Early Circle Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
1:00 pm. Host: Frances Neuner
Location: Commons, West Minster
Village

Evening Circle Meeting

Thursday. April 23, 2009
6:30 pm - Church Parlor

SUN, FLOWERS, EXERCISE AND FRIENDS- -

Bikers Needed!! Read On!!



Nature is in full bloom and it is time to move outside and enjoy God's precious gifts.

Dottie Ward and Sandy Templeton are kicking-off the 1st Biking Expedition on:

Saturday, April 18th - 9:00 am

**Penn Pump to Tatamy and back
(approximately 5 miles)**

Please come out and join us.
(You **MUST BE** 11YEARS OF AGE and older.
Or accompanied by an adult)

Questions: Contact Dottie or Sandy

APRIL NURSERY CARE SCHEDULE

April 5 - Amber Wilson, **April 12** - Christine McGary, **April 19** - Katie Piatt, **April 26**-
Suzanne Cochran.

LITURGISTS

We thank our end of Lent and Easter liturgists for 10:00 am Worship services- - **4-05:** Joan Dicker, **4-12:** Amber Wilson: **4-19:** Bob Rindos:, **4-26:** Nathan Finch