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May Worship

May 3

4th Sunday of Easter
Communion will be
served.

May 10

5th Sunday of Easter
We will celebrate
Mother Day with a
special litany

May 17

6th Sunday of Easter
How do we know
God loves us? Come
to worship and find
out

May 24

Ascension Sunday
We consider why
the Ascension of
our Lord matters
for us today

We also will
remember those
who offered
themselves for the
freedoms we enjoy

May 31

Pentecost Sunday
The Holy Spirit
comes and changes
everything. How
does this new

Did You Know?

Did you know that a solid steel marquee sign will not last forever? Late last February a very heavy gust of wind took down our sign as if it were made of cardboard. It seemed that over the years rust had taken its toll. So we are in line to get a new and improved sign. Appraisals have been made. Bids have been received and hopefully by the time you read this the actual process to replace our sign with a new and better version will have begun.

Did you know that during Lent this year, aside from Worship, one of the busiest activists of the church took place? That's right our semi annual Rummage occurred. Many people volunteered hours to help out. Many more offered goods for us to sell. For details on who helped out and how much we raised see inside this Newsletter.

Did you know that our upstairs is being renovated by volunteers? That right our Property Team and friends has set about scraping old paint and repainting the hallway and bathrooms. What a difference they have made! In addition, Amber Wilson is redoing the Youth room for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, complete with a fresh coat of paint on the walls and ceilings including a wonderful and creative new mural (Don't worry the old one is still there).

Did you know that many our members took the opportunity to celebrate the season of Lent by participating in all our Lenten Sunday services as well as special worship opportunities such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday? The presence of others always makes for a more Spirit-filled service. Hopefully more and more of us will come and make worship a priority.

Did you know that we enjoyed a great array of Special music throughout Lent and Easter? Our talented Choir offered their voices in worshipping our Lord and Savior at nearly all services. The Olivet Worship Orchestra played during several Sundays of Lent; at all our Holy week services and of course on Easter morning. Our Sunday School Singers did a great job in singing for us on Easter morning. And yes, all who worshipped with us and offered their voices helped us to celebrate the gift of love received through Jesus Christ. Thanks to our talented musicians and our talented Music Director Matt Silvius.

Did you know our secretary Eileen Yanno just passed her 21st year of service at Olivet? Eileen puts up with a lot from your "impatient" pastor and from members calling to get something done "right now." Eileen is a very active member of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Roman Catholic Church, serving as a teaching aide in the CCD classes. She has seven children and fourteen grandchildren (the 15th is on the way). Next time you see or talk to Eileen, offer her thanks for all she does for Olivet.

Did you know that Evie Gulick has over 28 years of service to Olivet (not consecutive mind you) dating back to the 1960s? Today, Evie serves as our bookkeeper, our Newsletter editor, publicity person and she orders supplies for the church as needed. Over the years her many titles include Business Manager, Office Manager and Program Director. All that means is that she is a person who gets things done for Olivet. Evie, of course is long-time member of Olivet, active with our choir and a volunteer for many church events. In addition she serves on the board of the Chansonnette Theater group and is a very proud grandmother and great grandmother to a slew of young people. Evie too deserves our thanks for all that she does.

creation manifest
itself in you?

OP-ED PAGE

SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP program can help you have fun and relaxation.

When planning a vacation for 2009, don't forget to use this program. It will not only benefit the church, it will help you with your plans.

Some of the participating merchants are: car rentals-- Avis and Budget. Relaxation Spots- Quality Inn, Comfort Inn, Best Western, Marriott Hotels and Resorts, and bedandbreakfast.com are on the list. Staying closer to home? **Check out the entire list of participating merchants in the area**, which includes: restaurants, movies, bookstores and gas stations.

Stop by the Scrip table after church!

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

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, orders are due.
Every Scrip gift card benefits 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. 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.

In **May**, Christine McGary, will serve as coordinator, and Jeanne Leuenberger is coordinator for **June**.

OUR FRIEND AL'S CLEANERS

Time to clean winter clothes, blankets, bed spreads, etc. And, storage for coats, etc. is available as well

Stop in to see Gary at Al's Cleaners. They'll take good care of you and they send a rebate for services to Olivet.

How easy can it be?
If we take time to patronize Al's business, we'll continue to get checks from him.

A REDNERS' ALERT

Redners' is continuing its 1% rebate to Olivet Church for all of our purchases, and those of our congregation.

Keep your tapes coming in!
HOWEVER....tapes continue to come in without the bottom part of the tape that says "Save A Tape". Unless YOU save the bottom of the tapes with the words "SAVE A TAPE" we CAN'T get the 1% rebate.

PLEASE – Do not cut up the tape. The words "Save-A-Tape" must be on all tapes that are sent to Redners' Thank you!

RUMMAGE SALE HEROES

Each spring and fall our congregation members work hour upon hour sorting items for the rummage sale. These folks bring family members and friends to help. Then, these heroes show up to work the 2-day sale.

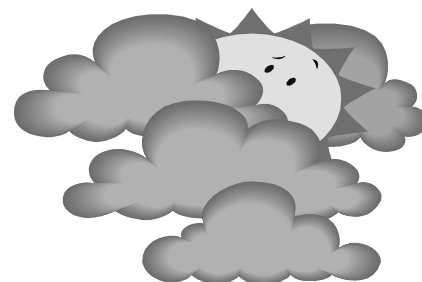
Do we church members appreciate their work? OH YES, OH YES INDEED!!!!

And so does Olivet Church. All dollars earned from the sale are essential to Olivet's future.

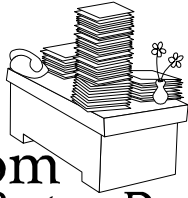
Sale Total: \$ 1,699.65

Kay Davis and Joan Dicker want to thank loyal rummage sale workers:

Darryl Davis, Joanne Crawford George Dicker, Nicole Vogel, Barbara Boyd, Karen Suydam, Hazel Edelman, Ann Cirucci, Jack Gardner, Eleanor Gardner Sue Jarrell, Nan Laberteaux, Dot Ward, Jane Helm, Heidi Wilson, Agnes Herster, Elaine Paul, John Paul, Mike Kalnas Phyllis Kalnas, Kathy Mindler, Jane Werkheiser, Evie Gulick, Winnie Giardiniere, Richard Wamsley, Peggy Dapkiewicz, Hunter McGary, Dalton McGary, Todd McGary, Chrissy McGary, Don Roberts and family, as well as, John Ward



Spring isn't hiding anymore!



From the Pastors Desk

Easter Season

Spring is a great time of the year. The trees, that only a month before seemed near dead, start to come to life. Animals, absent for the winter, reappear. And of course the weather turns warm and pleasant. Many take the opportunity to do some Spring Cleaning – I must confess that it's been quite a few springs since I took on that challenge. And of course spring is the season of Easter

A great many Christians don't really equate the season of Easter with spring. Oh, they know that Easter comes in spring, but that is just one Sunday. In actuality Easter is not just a day in the church calendar. It is a season, a season when we can reflect on the meaning of the resurrection in our lives and how we might come to embrace this good news everyday.

As I write this, we have already celebrated three Sundays of the Easter Season. The 4th Sunday of Easter is May 3. But the good news is that this season continues for four more weeks right up through Pentecost Sunday. And each Sunday promises a new way to recall the blessing of Easter

On **May 10**, Mother's Day, our text recalls Jesus, the "true vine." What a wonderful image – a good spring image and a good Easter image. It is a good text for Mother Day as well, a reminder of our connection to our mothers or those who acted as mothers for us and of our connection with the God who saves us.

On **May 17**, our text celebrates the love God offers us through Jesus Christ. Yet to celebrate that love is not a passive thing. It is an active call to be and do what God calls us to be and do, to love one another as we are loved by God. If Easter does not show the depth of God's love for us, then I don't know what does. If Easter does not motivate a response then we do not understand the Easter message.

On **May 24**, Memorial Day Weekend, and Ascension Sunday, our text focuses on Jesus continuing his mission of Salvation for us even today. Jesus ascends with a promise that the Holy Spirit will endow believers the means by which the good news may be shared. As it is Memorial Day, weekend, we will also set aside a special time in our service to recall those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we now enjoy.

On **May 31**, Pentecost Sunday, the last Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. For some it is the birthday of the church. But we remember always that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not a passive event that means nothing. It shakes things up, for those who receive it and for those who witness its work in others. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Baptism. Truly that is a fitting way to end the season of Easter; reminding us of this ever present gift of life and our need to humbly accept this thing done for us.

June Worship

June 7

Trinity Sunday

We recall the mystery of this Theological affirmation. Communion will be served.

June 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of David and Goliath.

June 14

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Shepherd boy David is anointed to become Israel's King

June 28

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

David laments the death of Saul and

We will celebrate Father's Day with a special litany

Saul's son Jonathan



Thank You Corner

Attention Olivet Congregation

We would like to thank the members of the Olivet congregation who placed the beautiful flowers on the altar for Easter Sunday, and then shared them afterward with an Olivet member who was not present to appreciate them at Sunday service.

We were the grateful recipients of a lovely multi-bloom fragrant Easter lily and it is blooming in all its glory in our family room where it receives ample light and illuminates the room with its beauty and wonderful fragrance.

We also thank Kay Davis for her personal delivery service and the time she shared in our home. It was indeed a welcome visit as was the Easter Sunday bulletin she brought.

We thank Rev. MacIntyre for his call and arranged visit post-op, as requested. Thank you for your prayers also.

A special thank you to Dorothy and John Ward for making sure our offering to the church gets to its destination and their calls and time they give to us.

We feel truly blessed to continue to be a part of Olivet's congregation.

Gloria and Jim Biggs

THANK YOU - - for Easter Flowers

We all enjoyed the beautiful Easter flowers that were in church on Easter Sunday. Grateful recipients Eileen Yanno, Evie Gulick and Pastor Bob thank you for such a meaningful gift.

Both Eileen and Evie will plant them in their gardens, and after enjoying his plant, Pastor Bob gave it to his Mom for her garden. Everyone will enjoy them again and again

BIKING ON!!!!



A wonderful way to enjoy the beauty of God's creation is to go for a bike ride along the Bushkill Creek on a beautiful spring morning. This is exactly what the Olivet biking group did on Saturday, April 18th. The next ride will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 am. We will leave from Penn Pump Park and ride to Tatamy and back to starting point.

The ride is approximately 5 miles round trip). Everyone is invited to join in; riders under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Any questions? **Call Dorothy Ward @ 610-258-7625, or Sandy Templeton @ 610-252-2020**

* * * * * COME, ENJOY NATURE AND GET SOME EXERCISE * * * * *

OYEA!!!

May 3 – No Youth Meeting

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

May 24 – Regular Youth Group Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm at Olivet

June 13 – Walk for a Healthy Community

Meet at Olivet at 7:45 am to drive together to the walk in Bethlehem. We are looking for a family to host a possible end-of-year picnic after the walk. Please contact Kim or Nicole if your family is interested in hosting.

RSVP by June 7

Join us this spring as we return to Brainerd for the annual Open House. It's sure to be a day to hang out with good friends, to relax, and to spend some peaceful time in God's beautiful nature.

In June we'll also participate in the annual Walk for a Healthy Community. See any youth leader or Pastor Bob to register, and help raise funds for local agencies!

We're also in search of a family to host this year's end-of-year picnic. Please see Kim or Nicole if you're interested!

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

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.

May – meeting at the new Rt. 248 Diner, located just before the Wal-Mart Shopping Center on Rt. 248.

Date – TBA, based on participants' schedules

6:00 pm – 7:30ish



NEWS! SPONSORS! NEWS!

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MAY FLOWER SPONSORS

- May 03 Mrs. Elizabeth Gafford
M/M Walter Leuenberger
- May 10 Kathy & Richard Mindler, Scott,
Stacey, Katherine and Chris Ellmaker
& Candice Miga
Don Roberts
- May 17 Mrs. Mary Recchia
James D. Moyer
- May 24 Ms. Diane DeWalt
M/M David Markle
- May 31 M/M John Pelcheck

MAY BULLETIN SPONSORS

- May 03 M/M Gerald Cosover
- May 10 Don Roberts
- May 17 Mrs. Lawrence Morrison
- May 24 Barb & Pat Dragotta
- May 31 **OPEN**

NEW RATE SCHEDULE – FAMILY Property Committee is announcing rates for special use of areas of our church.

Location	Church Member	Non-Member
Fellowship Hall w/o Kitchen	\$ 35.00*	\$ 100.00
Fellowship Hall With Kitchen	\$ 50.00*	\$ 125.00
Auditorium	\$ 25.00*	\$ 50.00
Single room Not mentioned above	\$ 20.00*	\$ 25.00
*Suggested donation to cover utility expenses. A \$50 deposit is required for Non-Member usage and will be returned if the room is found to be in good order and clean.		

Attention!!

Property Team is holding work nights during the next several months. If you would like to clean up your area, please let us know.

There are a great many items left in every room in the church and if you use a room, **please** check your area to determine if you need all items in the room. If not, please pitch- -or, take home.

THANK YOU! Darryl Davis

JUNE FLOWER SPONSORS

- June 07 M/M John Ward
Mrs. Bernice Morgan
- June 14 M/M Darryl Davis
Donald Snyder
- June 21 Ms. Karen Flank
M/M Michael Kalnas
- June 28 Mrs. Elmer G. Boyd
Earle W. Brotzman

JUNE BULLETIN SPONSORS

- June 07 **OPEN**
- June 14 Robert Nansteel
- June 21 Mrs. Karen Carnes
- June 28 M/M Darryl Davis

MAY AND JUNE NURSERY CARE SCHEDULE

May 3- Kelly Imboden, **May 10-** Dorothy Ward, **May 17-** Mary Ellen Nunes, **May 31-** Amber Wilson

June 7- Christine McGary, **June 14-** Dorothy Ward, **June 21-** Suzanne Cochran, **June 28-** Mary Ellen Nunes

MAY and JUNE LITURGISTS

May 03- Evie Gulick, **May 10-** Nan Laberteaux, **May 17-** Dalton McGary, **May 24-** TBD, and **May 31-** Kim Ward

June 07- Joe Carnes, **6-14-** Sandy Templeton, **June 21-** Joan Dicker

LADIES CIRCLE NEWS

Early Circle Meeting

May 6, Wednesday, 1:00 pm
Home of Agnes Herster

June 3, Wednesday, 11:30 am
Home of Jeanne Leuenberger

Evening Circle Meeting

May 28, Thursday, 6:30 pm
Church Parlor

June Picnic

Date and Time to be announced