

Your Olivet News



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WANTED!

Donations of shortbread
And cookies for Scott
Communion Find sign up
sheet on the Coffee
Fellowship table.

Scottish Communion Sunday July 20, 2008 10:00 AM Worship Service

Olivet member- it's time to get your kilts and sashes out of moth balls, and get ready for an outstanding Worship Service. Our **10:00 am** Scottish Communion is scheduled for **Sunday, July 20th**.

With pride, Olivet Church joyously presents a reenactment of a Scottish Communion in a Scottish village. The wearing of kilts and sashes show our Presbyterian Scottish ethnicity.

The Service has become an annual looked-for event. "Open Communion" for the community was served in Scottish villages as early as 1564, because the brave Scottish General Assembly recognized the need for it. Later additions to the service were music and Scripture.

Communion elements, carried by church Elders and the Bible carried by Steven Finch, 14 year-old son of Barbara Finch of Easton, make individual entrances and are led by pipers

Steven is an Easton Area High School student, an active youth in OYEA, and was received into church membership on June 1st.

Music for the service is thrilling and beautiful. Celtic United Pipes & Drums of Effort, PA, is providing authentic Scottish flavor under the leadership of Drum Major Steve LaBadie, and the Olivet Worship Choir's outstanding music is under the direction of talented Matt Silvius, music director, organist and pianist.

Following the Service an outdoor reception, of shortbread and a cold beverage, will be held on the North 12th Street side of the church and will be hosted by the women of Olivet. Celtic pipers and drummers will provide music in the street as well.

This unique, uplifting and moving event is well worth your time. We'll be looking for you.

Get to church early- -at 9:45 AM, pipers and drummers will musically greet you outside the church. Bring a friend.

Surely everyone will be uplifted! **VISITORS WELCOME**

OP-ED PAGE

The Op-Ed page keeps us up to date on what's happening You can write an article.

Redner's

Summer picnics and parties offer a great opportunity to gather Redner's register tape (the entire tape, not just the bottom is requested by Redners'.) Thank You!

ProJeCt of Easton

In this time of soaring food prices, we especially should help families with low or little income.

Food donations needed!

Powdered Milk (envelopes, 3-qt boxes), Jelly, Cereal, Canned tomato products (sauce, diced tomatoes, etc), food accessories; and inexpensive can openers.

Also gift cards for clothes, food, pharmacy, etc. Student writing journals, large cork boards, new or used 4 drawer file cabinet, as well.

*Volunteers for general clerical support-flexible hours

*Volunteer drivers to deliver orders for SIZZLE school sites.

*Male Mentor to work with students ages 16 to 21.

Call 610-258-4361 X14.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The Scrip Program has been in operation at Olivet for eight (8) months

The average profit per month is now \$85.38. We can do better than that. Haven't participated? Start now! Each store or business on our long list, offers its own rebate %. You pay the face value for a gift card and get full value for your money. Cards may be ordered on the

2nd Sunday of each month, and you will get them in 1 or 2 weeks. Call me at 610-258-7625 , or pick up info at the SCRIP table, and place your order.

Dorothy Ward

CONFIRMATION

On June 1st a service of Confirmation was held in the Sanctuary.

The Session presented six (6) young people who publicly declared their faith in Christ Jesus. They are: Nicholas Cochran, son of Stewart and Suzanne Cochran; Nathan Finch, Steven Finch, sons of Barabara Finch; Andrew Hand, son of Karen Werkheiser; Jenna Imboden; daughter of Kelly Imboden; and Cassandra Wilson, daughter of Dale, Sr., and Heidi Wilson.

During the confirmation service, Nathan Finch and Steven Finch, sons of Barbara Finch. were Baptized as well. Congratulations to the class! And we WELCOME them into the church family.

GRADUATION

Congratulations Graduates! Good luck in the future Our graduates are:

Charles A. Weisenberger, III, son of Charles and Robin Weisenberger, of Nazareth.

Chot graduated from Nazareth High School and is attending Washington College in Maryland, majoring in history and political science.

Dale Wilson, Jr., son of Dale, Sr., and Heidi Wilson of Palmer Town-ship. Dale graduated from Easton Area High School with high honors and is going to

Duquesne University, and wants to be a .physician's assistant. **Caitlin Freidl**, an outstanding Senior Athlete with 10 varsity letters and athletic kudos, graduated from Wilson High School. Caitlin is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Freidl. **Christopher Vogel**, husband of Nichole Vogel and father of Kylee, graduated from West Chester University with a degree in accounting. Applause, Applause.

NEW MEMBERS

On June 8th, eight (8) new members were received.

We warmly welcome Joanne Crawford, Jean Embardino, Martha Mukula-Schafer, Michael and Tammy O'Connor, Kristina (Tina) Strouse, and Judith and William Yarka.

Take time to introduce yourselves to our new members and

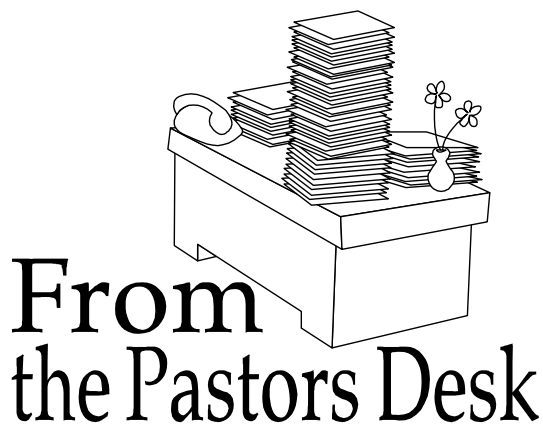
NEW BABIES

personally welcome them.

News from Florida via email! Janice Jarrell loves her new home, the weather, her job, and a new church. A-n-n-d she has a new grandson. **Aidan Brian Jarrell** was born May 8th weighing 8 lbs 15 oz., and stretching 21" inches. Congratulations to parents Jason & Becky Jarrell, and Janice!

Don Schafer, Jan's Dad has his cancer under control now, but a mass is in his lung. It's believed to be an infection. Jan misses everyone very much.- -

Congratulations to Gemella Pinto-McNally and husband Michael on the birth of their son **Seamus**. Take time to spread this happy greeting on to lucky grandparents, Lois and John Pinto, and uncle John Jr.



Recently the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met for its biannual meeting in San Jose, California. Representatives from Presbyteries across the nation gather for a time of worship, leadership, study, reflection and discernment. This year, as in past, the General Assembly has taken some controversial actions and some actions that seem not so controversial but are important for the church. What follows is a brief list of some of the actions taken:

- Forwarded to Presbyteries an amendment to remove language in the *Book of Order* that specifically states that to be ordained one needs to maintain fidelity and chastity if single and replace it with language that ties fitness for ordination to the ordination vows currently in the church's *Book of Order* without singling out a sexual conduct standard.
- Rejected an amendment that would have changed the definition of marriage that would have included nontraditional couples.
- Reaffirmed the call to be peacemakers around the world. The Assembly called for “responsibly” bringing the troops home from Iraq, continuing peacemaking in Israel and Palestine and supporting human rights in Zimbabwe, the Philippines, North Korea and Columbia.
- Approved a Social Creed of the 21st Century that addresses social concerns prevalent in our culture.
- Elected the Reverend Gradye Parsons to serve a four year term as the General Assembly Stated Clerk for the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Initiated a process to begin amending the Heidelberg Catechism to reflect the original language in which the document was written.
- Sent the reports of the Form of Government Task Force to the Office of the General Assembly that called for significant changes to the *Book of Order* “for a period of consultation and study with churches and presbyteries.”
- Approved Covenant agreements with the Moravian Church in America and the Korean Presbyterian Church.
- Formalized the recognition of baptisms between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Roman Catholic Church that has unofficially already existed.
- Approve an agreement with the Episcopal Church that opens the door for more joint mission work but stops short of a full covenant agreement.

The most controversial item above relates to ordination requirements. In years past this issues has led to sharp debates and division within the Presbyterian Church (USA). Please note this item that must go to Presbyteries for action and will not be approved unless a majority of Presbyteries (local governing bodies) across the nation vote to adopt the change. A Presbytery's responsibility in these sorts of matters is to seek to discern God's will on the issue and vote thusly. It is not a matter of commissioners representing the congregation's will but instead trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide them, and help them to set aside personal agendas in the process.

It should be noted the list above {these are the items I thought might be of most interest to you} represents only a fraction of news that came out of the General Assembly. You can check

out the following website for a more detailed account of General Assembly news:

[HTTP://WWW.PCUSA.ORG/GA218/NEWS.HTM.](http://www.pcusa.org/ga218/news.htm)



Sand, surfing, food, games, . .
. church??? That's right last
month Olivet hosted
our annual Vacation
Bible School program.

This year we held the event in the evening and had over 40 children and youth participate along with many wonderful adult helpers.

We had a Beautiful time learning how to
Be obedient, Be Bold and Believe.
Thanks again to all who help make this a great success!!!!

Walk for a Healthy Community



What sort of difference can we make? Last month our youth and some adults from Olivet dragged themselves out of bed early on a hot, humid Saturday morning and walked to make a difference for our community.

Through your generosity Olivet's walkers were able to raise over \$250 to support the important work of ProJeCt of Easton. Thanks to all who participated and made the day a great event.

Pastor Bob

OYEA!!!

August 21 – Hershey Park

\$30 for Olivet youth (grades 5-12; remainder covered by OYEA funds)

\$42 for parents and friends

\$27 for “Junior/Senior” tickets (3-8, 55+ years old)

Meet at Olivet at 8:00 am

Please bring a bagged lunch/dinner and money for snacks or food in the park, if desired

Payment and RSVP due by August 3 to Kim

(tickets need to be ordered in advance)

Parents – please let us know if you are willing to drive

September 7 – Annual Video Scavenger Hunt

After worship service/choir – 4:00pm

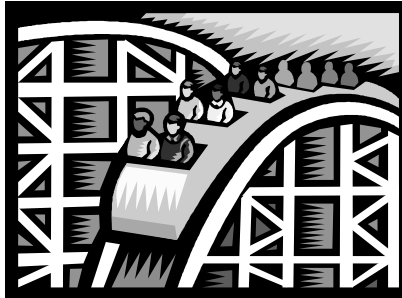
Bring \$3 for pizza

RSVP by August 31 to Kim

September 14 – First Regular Youth Meeting

6:00 – 7:30pm

Come ready to find out what everyone’s been up to over the summer and ready to help brainstorm activities for the coming year!



Where are the Olivet Youth???

This summer, they’re practically everywhere – at camps, at work, at school, volunteering, traveling, and camping at Camp Brainerd, just to name a few!

But Olivet Youth will soon be gathering together to share in some fun, annual activities. Join with us as we return to Hershey Park in August and then in September as we search around Easton for our annual, hilarious video scavenger hunt.

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



Senior Highers (entering grades 9-12+)
Trip to the Holocaust Museum
in Washington, D.C. on July 24th

Meet at Olivet at 6:30am
\$5 per person (to help cover train costs into the city)
Please bring money for lunch and dinner.
RSVP by June 29 to Kim or Pastor Bob

Look for Suppers to begin again in October!
We look forward to dining with our new 9th graders!

Sponsor, Volunteer News & Information

FLOWER SPONSORS

July

July 6 Mrs. Christine McGary and
Dalton & Hunter
July 20 Mrs. Jo Rush
July 27 Mrs. Arlene Rush
Mrs. Geraldine DeWalt

Aug 24 Nicole Vogel

Aug 3 Sue Cochran

August

Aug 3 Joyce Gamble
M/M Lewis Schanowolf
Aug 10 Margaret Harmon
Elson Harmon
Susan Jarrell
Aug. 17 The Pinto Family
Aug. 24 M/M James Templeton
Aug. 31 M/M Walter Leuenberger

BULLETIN SPONSORS

July

July 6 Open
July 13 Open
July 20 Jean E. McClay
July 27 M/M James Biggs

August

Aug 03 Jean E. McClay
Aug 10 Margaret Unangst
Aug 17 The Nunes Family
Aug 24 Open
Aug 31 Mrs. Karen Carnes

NURSERY CARE

July

July 6 Open
July 13 Sue Cochran
July 20 Jennifer Haines
July 27 Dorothy Ward

August

Aug 3 Kelly Imboden
Aug 10 Christine McGary
Aug 17 Mary Ellen Nunes

CIRCLE NEWS FOR THE LADIES

The women of the church are **not meeting** again **until fall**....They're taking a well deserved break.

However Scrip will continue thru the summer!
Also, Scottish shortbread and cookies are needed for July 20th Scottish Communion!
(find sign-up sheet on Coffee Fellowship table)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Looking Ahead

September Meetings:

Morning Circle:

Sept. 10th – 12:30 pm lunch, home of Jo Rush

All gals are welcome!

Evening Circle:

Sept. 25th 6:30 PM Parlor

All gals are welcome!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER GALS!

Looking Ahead

Fall Rummage Sale scheduled for
October 17 10 am to 2pm & 6 pm to 8 pm
October 18th 10 am to 2 pm
Set up tables-October 16th
Start sorting-October 17th

Thank You Corner

Thanks are due to all members who contributed to the beautification of the Church grounds to additionally bring spring and summer to our church. Flowers and top soil were added by Joan Dicker and Kay Davis

Kay Davis and Joan Dicker also helped clean and wax the floor in the Auditorium.

THANK YOU! Your time and devotion is very much appreciated. -- Property Team