

# 000 YOUR OLIVET NEWS 000

**OLIVET UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,**  
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## LET YOUR "LIGHT SHINE"

It is good to make music to your name, "O Most High", to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night".

We as stewards of God's word, are called in many different ways to respond and share the message the Bible brings.

I would first like to thank all the choir members who include: Charles and Evelyn Gulick, Nan Laberteaux, Nicole Vogel, Sue Jarrell, Amber Wilson, Dalton McGary, Katie Piatt, and Bob and Jon Rindos. Thanks to each of you for your devoted time and energy to praise God.

I want to extend an invitation to those of you who may be reading this and considering joining the choir. The commitment is small, but the reward is great. We work together as a team to prepare weekly anthems, based on scripture, with occasional brass choir or individual instrument accompaniments. With just a single hour a week of time devoted to practice, prayer, and fellowship with friends, we not only create fulfilling music, but discover comfort and security in all of our abilities to sing.

Have faith in yourself and your ability to sing as we are not here to judge, rather to support and grow in voice and love of God. What a blessing and enrichment the choir receives every time a new member joins.

Please do consider joining choir to commune and Worship through song with fellow Christians. We meet every Tuesday evening, starting September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 to 8:30 PM and look forward to sharing with you. "...he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25) Let your "light shine" and spirit soar in praise to God.

*Yours in Christ,  
Matthew Silvius, Director of Music*



**Sunday School:**

**September is here and that means it's time again for Sunday School. This year we are blessed with wonderful teachers. Mary Ellen Nunes and Sandy Templeton will be teaching the Nursery/Kindergarten Class. Arlene Wamsley will teach the Elementary Class. Christine and Todd McGary will handle the Youth Class. In addition the Youth Fellowship (OYEA) will resume their regular meeting schedule. Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and up are welcome to attend. Kim Ward, Tina Stauss, Nicole and Chris Vogel will serve as leaders. See the schedule on the Youth page of this Newsletter for further information In addition the Adult Class will meet in the church library. See the schedule in the next column**



Do you know that hunger is a reality for many people in the world today? Do you know that people in our own community don't always have enough food to feed themselves?

Do you know that hunger is not an insurmountable problem?

Do you know that you can make a difference?

This year, on October 12, members from Olivet will be walking and we will make a difference. The walk begins at 1:30 pm at St. Johns Lutheran Church on Ferry St. in downtown Easton. We need walkers – see John Ward or Pastor Bob for a sponsor sheet. We also need sponsors. In the best case scenario you will join us on the walk and act as a sponsor. But please help us out by doing at least one. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP and either mailed to the church office before October 12 or given to one of the walkers. Remember together we can make a huge difference in the life of someone in need.

**Adult Bible Study**

**The Patriarchs and Matriarchs  
of the Hebrew Scriptures**

Join us as we journey through the book of Genesis. Some names we know: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph. Others might be new to us: Hagar, Ishmael; Rachel; Leah; Rebecca; Reuben and many more. Join us as we explore their stories and how they impact our Christian journey.

**Fall Schedule**

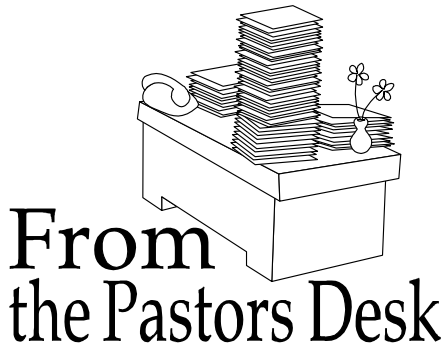
	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Abraham and Sarah</b>	<b>Genesis 12; 18:1-15; 20:1-18; 23</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Abraham and Lot</b>	<b>Genesis 13 &amp; 14; 18:16-19:38</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Abraham, Ishmael and Hagar</b>	<b>Genesis 16; 21:8-20</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Covenant</b>	<b>Genesis 14:17-24; 15; 17; 21:22-34</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Abraham and Isaac</b>	<b>Genesis 21; 22; 24</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>Genesis 25; 26</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Jacob and Esau</b>	<b>Genesis 27; 28:1-9</b>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Jacob, Laban, Leah and Rachel</b>	<b>Genesis 28:10-30:43</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Jacob Returns</b>	<b>Genesis 31-33</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Jacob and His Children</b>	<b>Genesis 34-36; 38</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Joseph's Fate</b>	<b>Genesis 37; 39</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>No Class</b>	
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Joseph Redeemed</b>	<b>Genesis 40-41</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Joseph and his Brothers</b>	<b>Genesis 42-46:27</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Prosperity in Egypt</b>	<b>Genesis 46:28-50:26</b>

**Worship 101:**

**What is the purpose of the Prelude and Postlude in worship?**

The Prelude serves as a time to prepare ourselves for worship. The music serves as a backdrop for our prayers and reflections as we ready our hearts for worship.

The Postlude is also a time for reflection as we ready our selves to go out into the world ever striving to live the gospel by loving God and loving our neighbor.



## From the Pastors Desk

### Another Word About Worship

How can worship be more meaningful? I wrestle a great deal with that question and I try to figure out what is the magic formula that might embellish worship for those who venture to Olivet. Over the last summer I had two worship experiences that offered me new insights to worship and how we might get more out of it.

Last June I had the opportunity to worship at Princeton Theological Seminary while attending the Engle Institute for Preaching. Four times over the course of that week the other pastors in attendance and I gathered for an evening service of singing and preaching. I left those services really feeling as if I had worshipped. Both the preaching and the music (mainly traditional hymns with a smattering of other forms of music) were inspiring in a way I cannot really put into words.

Later on in the summer I attended a service that would be characterized as contemporary. I must confess that I left that service feeling a bit let down. The music was unfamiliar to me, so I really made no attempt to try to sing it. I felt alone in a room crowded with people, not picking up on their energy at all.

As I reflected on those two distinct worship experiences, I wondered what was different that inspired me in one and left me feeling a bit lost in the other. I don't think it was just the style or mode of worship. It occurs to me that two things were very different. The first was that I was genuinely engaged in the services at Princeton. I was active and felt part of the worship service. At the contemporary service I let my unfamiliarity with the style dictate how I worshipped. For the most part my singing was at best unenthusiastic and at worst nonexistent. Even without knowing the songs, I might have given it a shot and perhaps reacted with a more worshipful attitude rather than acting quite passive throughout the service. I went to church that Sunday, but I did not worship.

The second difference was in those around me. At the Princeton services I felt a part of the community even though for the most part I was a stranger to most of those gathered there. The people around me did not hold back and expressed their enthusiasm in worshipping. At the contemporary service I was not aware of anyone else in the congregation being really engaged except the leaders. I looked around and saw mouths moving, but there was not a lot of evidence of enthusiasm for worshipping God. I wonder what a difference it might have made if I had been able to sense a spirit of worship in those seated nearby and felt truly welcomed to be a part of that community for that hour.

Worship is something we need to do and not something we simply go to. The difference between the two services I attended was not the style – I have my preferences for a more traditional but that really shouldn't matter. The reason I found the first service so worshipful was because I was active in it, not passive. I worshipped the way we are all called to worship and the spirit of those around me helped me to foster and embellish that spirit.

As we enter another fall season of worship, I encourage you to take to heart the importance of being active in worship. For many of you this is not a new idea; that is the way you always worship. But for others of us, we need to put a bit more of ourselves in to the act of worship. Worship is a blessing that can truly aid us as we go about our lives, but it is something that requires effort and our effort will not only help us as individuals but

**might also inspire those seated around us to help them in welcoming the Holy Spirit to be a part of their worship experiences too.**

## Sponsor, Volunteer News & Information

### FLOWER SPONSORS 2008



Thanks for continued flower donations for our Sanctuary.

#### Sponsors for September

- Sept 07 Donald Snyder  
Mrs. Larry Morrison  
Sept 14 Mrs. Elmer G. Boyd  
M/M John Ward  
Sept 21 Mrs Cheryl Stettler and  
Robert Fleming  
Sept 28 Mrs, Elmer Morgan  
Mrs. Margaret Harmon &  
Elson Harmon

#### Sponsors for October

- Oct 05 M/M Robert Freidl  
**OPEN**  
Oct 12 Robert Nansteel  
Mrs. Janet Davies  
Oct 19 M/M John Ward  
M/M Richard Wamsley  
Oct 26 Mrs. Jo Rush

#### BULLETIN SPONSORS - 2008

Bulletin donations are very much appreciated

##### September Sponsors

- Sept. 07 **OPEN**  
Sept 14 Lois Pinto  
Sept 21 M/M Norman Wolbach  
Sept 28 M/M Billie Sutphin

##### October Sponsors -

- Oct 05 M/M T. Harold Gafford  
Oct 12 Mrs. Robert Werkheiser  
Oct 19 **OPEN**  
Oct 26 Mrs. Worman Rush

### GET READY!

Fall Rummage Sale scheduled for  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm  
Set up Oct 6 & 7 'til finished

### NURSERY CARE

#### September - 2008

We're grateful to have ladies who give time as a care person in the Nursery on Sunday, which is an important ingredient for our Worship service.

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** Dorothy Ward, **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** Kelly Imboden, **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** Christine McGary & **Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** Nicole Vogel

#### October - 2008

Volunteers for October are:

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Mary Ellen Nunes, **Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** Sue Cochran, **Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** Dottie Ward and **Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** Kelly Imboden.

#### Meeting News

### CIRCLE NEWS FOR CIRCLE LADIES

Time to order Gift Cards from SCRIP

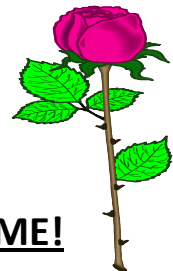
#### Morning Circle:

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 pm**  
lunch, home of Jo Rush

**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - 1 PM**

Eleanor Gardner, Host

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**



#### Evening Circle:

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** Parlor

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 PM** Parlor

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**

#### THANK YOU

I would like to thank Olivet for the lovely flowers that were sent to me. A special thanks to Mrs. Rush- -"Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. - - Gizella

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**Editor's Note:** Gizella, your note reminds me to tell others in the congregation to write notes or letters for the NEWS.

This page calls attention to current church events. Column writers may apply!

## REACHING GOLD



In order for an event or a person to reach “Gold” level, needed qualities are: excellent coordination, something people want, able to attract a crowd, deliver good customer service, and is fun to attend.

In May, Olivet Church was 109 years old. Over the years many fundraisers were created by folks who wanted to have a church in Easton’s west ward and plan events to keep the church financially afloat.

Bi-annual Rummage Sales fit the bill. They were and are stand out “ringers” that deserve to be honored.

These on-going sales are very popular. Don’t miss our fall sale: **Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Last day is also BAG DAY! As usual **tables are to be set up early - -October 6<sup>th</sup>**, and **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Then 11 days of sorting begins,.

The sale gathers members and friends to do God’s work,-that of helping each other, and to reach out to our neighbors, many of whom have very low incomes.

In digging through records and speaking to ladies of the church, the actual beginning of rummage sales is difficult to pin

point.. We’re all quite sure the sale began very early in church history.

What we think we do know: Eleanor Gardner guesstimated her Aunt Ida Hufnagel was coordinator early on, records indicate it could’ve been as early as 1915. Cora Fritts led the event, may-be as early as 1928, and Winnie Giardiniere, having found Olivet in 1941 worked the sales and jumped in as coordinator in the early 80s. Other leaders were Ruth Gafford, Hazel Edelman, Arlene Wamsley, Barbara Boyd, Florence Fritts, Marjorie Parks, Gerry and Jake Paul and Gerry and Bob Crawford.

Later Pat Kemmerer and Eleanor Gardner created sales for a good number of years, and now sisters Joan Dicker and Kay Davis are currently at the helm.

Almost all ladies of the church since day one participated in some way.

Let’s not forget the men of the church who support the gals each and every year..

Exciting public life awards,. a mark of high honor, are awarded in public life to deserving folks. Honors such as Trophies, Emmys, Oscars, Tonys and Olympic Medals.

Therefore, all Rummage Sales qualify for GOLD MEDALS, as well as the leadership and helpers.

**REMEMBER!** Each sale is a “GOD SEND” to a great many folks and to Olivet Church!

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**Editor’s note: If any names were missed, please add names for this golden honor by sending such info to the church office by email [olivet@enter.net](mailto:olivet@enter.net) or phone 610-258-7990, or fax 610-258-5606**

### ProJeCt WISH LIST For Food Bank

Needed: Powdered Milk (envelopes/3-qt boxes, Jelly, Cereal, canned Tomato products (sauce, diced tomatoes), food accessories; and inexpensive can openers.

Also gift cards for pharmacy, food, clothes, etc.

Students are back to school some need \*back packs, journals, cork boards, new or used 4 drawer file, etc.

\*Volunteers for general clerical support-flexible hours

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

\*Tutors 18 years or older to help adult learners.

**Call 610-258-4361 X14**

### SCRIP PROGRAM

The Scrip Program has been in operation at Olivet for a bit less than a year.

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 for a gift card and get full value for your money. Cards may be ordered on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**, and will arrive in **1 or 2 weeks**. Call Dottie @ 610-258-7625

# OYEA!!!

## September 14 – Annual Video Scavenger Hunt

After worship service/choir – 4:00pm

Bring \$3 for pizza

**RSVP by September 7 to Kim**

## September 21 – 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!

## October 5 – Regular Youth Meeting

6:00 – 7:30pm

## October 12 – Easton CROP Walk

Bring a bagged lunch to eat after the worship service.

We will drive to the start of the walk together. Pick-up at the end of the walk route.

Sign up and pick up a sponsorship form from John Ward or from any youth leader prior to the walk.

## October 26 – Regular Youth Meeting

6:00 – 7:30pm

## November 7-9 – Camp Brainerd Combined Youth Retreat



**Whoa! Hold your horses!**

**We've had to change the OYEA  
September calendar!**

We're starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with our annual, crazy, fun, exciting, surprising video scavenger hunt. Hope to see everyone there, to kick off a great year!!!

Friends (grades 5-12) are always welcome!

Please call or email with any questions:

Kim Ward – 215-450-1223

[kimberlydward@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlydward@hotmail.com)

Nicole and Chris Vogel – 610-967-9067

Tina Strouse

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**Suppers will begin again in October!**

**We look forward to dining with our new 9<sup>th</sup> graders!**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Senior Highs (grades 9-12<sup>+</sup>) meet together on the first Tuesday of each 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.

If interested, stay longer and join choir! Matt's always looking for fresh voices!

**October 7**

**November 4**

Never tried a Senior High Supper?

Come and join us!

Friends always welcome!

Senior High  
**Supper**

Two silver spoons are positioned below the word 'Supper'. The spoons are facing each other, with their handles pointing downwards. They are simple in design with a rounded bowl and a straight handle.

# NEW SCHOOL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

On School days- -

....Changes have been made in school hours and available parking on N. 12<sup>th</sup> and Northampton Sts.

The facility is now known as Easton Area Elementary School for Paxinosa and March schools.

## **NEW RESTRICTION INCLUDE:**

**8:15 am to 9:15 am-** -- during these hours, **NO PARKING** on N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from Northampton St. to Spring Garden St. on the school side and between Church St. and Spring Garden St. on the church side of N. 12<sup>th</sup> St. , and on Northampton St. in front of the school

**2:30 pm to 4:00 pm-** same as above

**NO PARKING** midday Kindergarten pick-up and drop off as marked with temporary signs.

**ATTENTION:** New Parking signs have been posted.

Early dismissal will be noted with temporary signage

### **MEALS ON WHEELS' - - FOOD LINE**

Meals on Wheels has a new service-- "**FOOD LINE**"- -a helping hand for the homebound, elderly, and disabled who are unable to do their own food shopping. A volunteer purchases needed items and delivers groceries to the client's home.

### **PROCEDURE:**

Interested people (clients) call and leave a name and phone number for the service.

On delivery of a food order, the client pays the volunteer a \$3 service fee (\*check, cash, credit card and/or food stamps;

**Orders can be called in once a week or less often.**

**Call 610-591-6708 to start the service. Leave name and number.**

### **FOOD LINE OFFICE HOURS:**

\*Mon. 8:30 am –1:30 pm.

\*Tues. 9 am to 1 pm;

\*Wed 9 am to Noon; and

Thurs 9 am to Noon.

**Office closed Friday!!**