



The Olive Branch

OCTOBER 2010

God Knows What You Did Last Summer

Summertime is the perfect time to travel, serve in mission, reconnect with family or just plain "chill". With everyone so busy, we can really miss seeing one another at church. Not until the predictable rhythm of Autumn kicks in do we get a chance to catch up. Yet, it feels a bit awkward to inquire, "What did you do over the summer?"

The October Olivet Branch Newsletter offers up several answers to that question. Thanks to all who shared their summer happenings, I had intended to put them in the September issue.. that is until my computer decided to take a vacation! The rebooting and reformatting took time which postponed production.

God already knows what you did last summer. Now, thanks to a cooperative computer, we all do! Enjoy!

Pastor Faith

I was blessed with a "stay-cation" where my family vacationed at home. My father from Florida came in for a nice visit. My sister visited from Denver. Doug got a crab pot and did a lot of fishing. We certainly have come a long way in our familiarity with life in Calvert County, huh?

Marjorie Knoll

I had a very family oriented summer-- the wedding of my granddaughter, Lynn, on my

68th wedding anniversary, birth of my 11th great-grand daughter, Alyssa Hood, a graduation party, Mason's 2nd birthday, Hayden's 1st birthday and I witnessed her first 10 steps a short time before, a memorial service for a dear friend, Audrey Hood. I had several visits from family and friends. Some of you remember the Longs who use to worship with us. Charlotte and the four children visited me which I enjoyed very much. I thank God for family and friends.

Fran Taylor

I had a busy spring/summer vacationing schedule. First vacation stop was motorcycle ride to Statesville, NC, for a long weekend to see the Hidenite Mine. Really neat place, you can spend hours looking thru buckets of sand for any shiny stone and maybe get lucky to find an emerald or tiger eye, which could be taken from the raw form and made into ear rings or other jewelry. Second trip was a plane trip out to Wichita, Kansas to see my to wonderful daughters that you know, Becky and Erin. I spent a week there and really enjoyed the city life and catching up with my family. Finally, a fantastic motorcycle trip to Bristol, for tour riding with the group from Road Runner Magazine. Beautiful country and mountains were everywhere. God's given us so much to be amazed at when riding thru the mountains.

Then I finally, brought the summer to and end and celebrated the Big 50 Birthday!! Life is good and I can't count all the blessing that God has given me, but I know He's the answer.

Kaylee Kornn:

I went everywhere it seemed this summer - North Carolina, Minnesota. I visited my Aunt Teresa, Uncle Dave, Sage, Jacob, Rachel, Derek, Flo, Chris, and Jim in North Carolina, and

my Aunt Marlys and Uncle Dave in Minnesota. I went to the River Adventure at Camp Manidokan. There were only two other girls and one boy in my group, but I became friends with all of them. My friend Elle declared me the hero of the day on Friday because I helped a boy who got separated from his family on the river by taking him back up a rapid to his family. The mother said I was truly her son's angel and said "God bless you for your kindness." It was a great experience.

I also helped with the Rainbowland Mega Week at Chesapeake Church and got invited to attend the youth meetings there. It was a lot of fun. I have also read a book called Forged by Fire that I recommend. It was a really moving story that opened my eyes to what some kids go through.

Marian Underwood:

It has been a quiet summer so far. My brother and his wife are coming to visit a couple of days at the end of this week. We took our two youngest grandchildren to Point Lookout for the weekend to camp and fish. We are going to the Outer Banks in September to camp out in our travel-trailer.

JuliAnna Lewis:

I learned to jump off the diving board at the pool and ride a bike without training wheels. I planted a squash and started Kindergarten.

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Joan Fratantuono:

I did not have to venture very far to have a great summer vacation right in my yard. We have over 75 geese that come right up to the house from the water and peck away at the grass and bugs and pay us no mind if we should come outside during their feasting. We have seen many new baby geese following the mom and dads in the flock.

I had a Mama Bunny who decided to make her nest right in front of our porch in the grass and have 4 babies and we watched while she raised them. I come out in the morning to go to work and there are usually 6 to 8 deer and a few fawn standing on our lawn. They stay very still until I get into my van and drive off. With all this wonderful paradise of wildlife that God has placed before me why on earth would I want to go on a vacation?

Ron Brown:

Sold home, moved into a new apartment, starting praise and worship service, celebrating John Wesley by doing one his original sermons, and last but not least, taking care of Shirley.

Jeanne Latham:

This summer, while pulling weeds in my front yard, I turned around and came face to face with a large deer. It stopped and I stopped. We were both frightened! I could see it's eyes darting around as I calmly told it, "It's okay." Well, it bolted by me and ran around the back of the house. Just then I noticed that the mail truck had stopped in the street because he saw the deer.

A minute later a very small baby deer came running into my yard from the same direction his mother came from. He ran by me and down a couple of houses and crossed over to the other side of the street. I thought, "Oh no-what's going to happen? They both went in opposite directions!" Later that evening I saw the mother deer out front looking for her baby. I have seen a mother with one baby, and hope that was them!

Julie Blair

This summer I had the experience of a life time! I was invited to join Trinity United Methodist Churches Youth group and venture out into a little town called Mullens which is located in the state of West VA. As cute as the town was, poverty was everywhere. We got there on a Sunday and left on Saturday after a long week of hard work. We stayed in the towns' middle school where we slept, ate, congregated for evening gathering, and took our well

deserved showers. On Sunday when we got there, we unloaded all of our things that we brought to survive the week. We sent one adult and one youth from each group to go and meet the family and to assess the house to find out what supplies we would need for the next day. Each group had its own house and we had enough people from Trinity for three groups. My groups' family would need a new deck after we tore the old one down, new steps, and a brand new roof put on half of the house. Our first day was great as were all the rest. On the first day, we woke up and were welcomed with a down pour with lightning. We had to wait a little bit to leave to go to our work site, just until the lightning passed. We soon set forth to the site just a few minutes later in the pouring down rain. When we got to the site, which was not too far from the school, we unloaded everything from the truck and placed it under a tent to keep it dry. We didn't waste anytime getting to work and soon began to tear down the old deck. Even in the dreaded rain, it was really amazing to have these people invite us to help them make their house warmer, safer, and dryer; the motto of ASP. My shirt was soaked even when I had my rain poncho on. It was just running right off the house right down my shirt. Even the next day it rained in the morning again, hard. It was really worth it though. When it wasn't raining, it was burning hot! I was on the roof almost all of the time when we were putting the roof on. My group was a group made in heaven! We all worked so well with one another and we were getting things done quite fast. By the end of the week we were running out of things to fix. The new roof was on and the deck was up with its new set of stairs. My week at ASP was awesome!!! It was so nice to go out of my community and help others. It was also sad to see how these people were living. You really don't appreciate what you have until you see others who have nothing. I can't wait to serve God and his people again next summer and to make a difference in someone else's life.

Bob Evans

Hello Olivettians! Since I did not have a Summer Vacation to report, this is a little about my "September Vacation".

My trip was to Quincy Illinois for the 50-year High School Reunion. Our reunion was on September 24th and 25th. From Baltimore, I flew to St. Louis and then to Quincy. I have visited friends and relatives. I have sent some postcards of things in the area of Western Illinois to the church!

October Birthdays:

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| October 9 | Jack Baylor |
| October 12 | Sharon Bruno |
| October 15 | Mildred Ward |
| October 16 | Gail Smith |
| October 23 | Shirley Conway |
| October 25 | Helen Moran |



Church Council Notes - September 14, 2010

In attendance: Ron Brown, Marge Zimmermann, Joan Fratantuono, Nan Cheville, Eva Watson, Bob Watson, Randy Blair, Pastor Faith Lewis.

Outreach Ministries

SafeNites

Council voted on whether Olivet is going to be able to host from December 19th - 26th Marge moved that we decline the invitation to host but we will support the church (meals or volunteers) that does the hosting. Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Road Clean-Up

June morning was a low attendance for the clean-up. Although attendance was low, some participants have felt it is an important ministry that should continue. We will need to decide if we want to keep up the commitment. It is decided that we make another pitch to the congregation to come out on October 23rd at 8am, meet at the church.

Methodist Men

Plaque of Past Pastors has been completed. A mistake was discovered and it is back to the trophy store for correction. When it returns, it will be hung in the hallway of the Good News Center next to the glass cabinet. The October meeting will include voting of new officers.

Staff Parish Relations

Will hold a Pastor Evaluation on November 14th and November 21st after church. An evaluation of the Olivet will be held on October 3rd after the 11am worship service. The evaluation forms for both the due to the Bishops office by December 1.

Finance Meeting Next meeting will be held on October 5 at 5:00pm with a church council meeting to follow. Approved the addition of Policy and Procedures Handbook for Finance Committee and especially wanted to draw attention to the Discretionary Fund Policy which will be brought before the Charge Conference on Oct. 17, 2010

Trustees

The Good News center sign is up, with plaque dedicated. Basement has been filled in, the work with the contractor is finished. They added waterline and electricity to the outdoor shed. Water damage to front door was fixed and the tin steeple was fixed and painted. Mr. Hutchins of the County is going to cut a swale outside the church building so that the water runs away from the church.

The A/C problems were abundant over the summer. Programmable thermostats were installed in the church, after much trouble shooting by Mike Crompton and Ron Browns' son Bobby. The bottom line is we need to have a new electronic panel, to replace the old wiring and outdated breakers. Other projects include; adding an intercom to the Hall to hear the worship services, moving the water heater, tankless water heater, water filter for the kitchen.

Memorial Plaque

Will be purchased and presented on October 31, 2010. Names on this will be drawn from the list of names who have been memorialized by gifts made to Olivet Church in the last decade.

Children's Sunday School Update

This fall, Olivet welcomed a new teacher to our Children's Ministry! **Summer Webb!** Summer has a passion for working with children and teaching them the stories of the Bible through music, art, and storytelling. She opens the nursery at 9:30am each Sunday and holds a multi-age Sunday School class after children's sermon at the 11am service.



In Memory

Our Deepest Sympathy

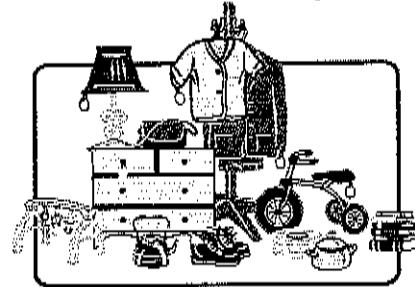
To Lil Ernst and family, on the death of her husband George Blake Ernst on September 21, 2010. The funeral was held at Olivet on September 27th with a wonderful lunch at the American Legion in Lusby. We traveled from the Legion to Poplar Springs United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy. This is the church that Lils' mothers' family was foundational in forming. Lil spent many summers there as a young girl. The church is small and lovely like Olivet! The stained glass windows displayed names of Lil's relatives and Lil took all of us around on a fine tour.

**September 2010
Stewardship Report**

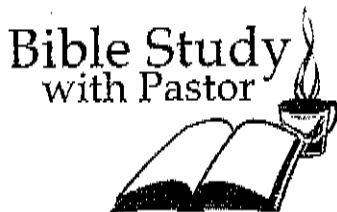
We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with:

| | <u>Our Presence</u> | | <u>Our Gifts</u> | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | (134 Total Members) | | (\$2,500 wkly need) | |
| | 8:30 | 11:00 | CDs | |
| Sep. 5 2 Nurs. Ctrs | 17 | 44 | 0 | \$2,113 |
| Sep. 12 2 Nurs. Ctrs | 11 | 53 | 6 | \$2,583 |
| Sep. 19 2 Nurs. Ctrs | 12 | 48 | 5 | \$2,134 |
| Sep. 26 2 Nurs. Ctrs | 14 | 70 | 6 | \$3,366 |
| Totals | 54 | 311 | 17 | \$10,196 |
| | (54+311+17=382) | | | |

SMILE Thrift Shop

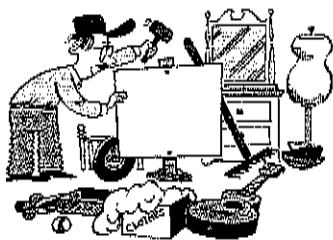


**Check out the
Halloween Costumes and Fall Clothing**
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am - 2pm;
Saturday: 9am - Noon
10290 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby



Old Testament Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings

Has been postponed but will resume on October 12. Anyone who is interested can join Pastor Faith from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM in the church conference room as we study a portion of scripture each week from the Old Testament. You may come prepared by reading assigned lessons each day - or just show up and join in the study. Homework is optional! We meet each Tuesday except for the first Tuesday of the month. See you there!



Fall Rummage Sale

Special Thanks to all who worked tirelessly on the rummage sale last month! Also thanks for all of you who did lots of shopping! Our current total has reached \$1,000!
Proceeds of the Fall Sale go to our Building Improvement Fund.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FUTURE EVENTS



Looking Ahead

Olivet Charge Conference - Sunday, October 17 following 11am worship.

Olivet Christmas Bazaar will be held **Saturday, November 20** - you may sign up to rent a space for selling your arts and crafts or other items.

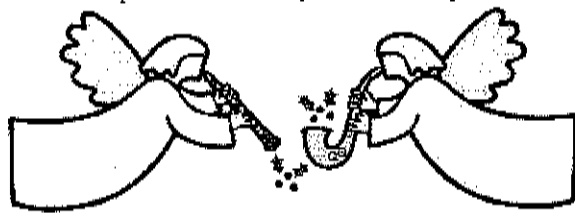
Festival of Trees will be held **November 26 - 28** at Huntington High School. This event to benefit Hospice House features more than 70 beautifully decorated Christmas Trees including one designed and decorated by our own church members. If you have ideas for the tree and would like to get involved, contact Marge Browning or Pastor Faith.

Olivet Christmas Cantata will be held **Sunday, December 19th** This is a worship celebration of special music by our choir titled "Night of Wonder"

Christmas Concert by Chesapeake Community Chorus

Sunday, December 12th at 5pm; Olivet Church

The Chesapeake Community Chorus will perform a Christmas Concert Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. at Olivet United Methodist Church on Olivet Rd. in Lusby. Through free-will offerings, the performances of spiritual music will raise funds for the operation of the Burnett-Calvert Hospice House. Director Larry Brown will conduct over forty gifted voices through several selections, both modern and traditional. The chorus is composed of members of the local community and from many churches in Calvert County. Previous concerts have generated in excess of \$23,000 over the past four years for the Burnett-Calvert Hospice House.



Christmas Concert

"This music can inspire the soul and lift the spirit," said Calvert Hospice Clinical Director Kendra Logan, R.N. The Burnett-Calvert Hospice House is a home-away-from-home, available to anyone in Calvert County living their final days for whom care at home is not an option. Access to the Hospice House is available on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of the individual's ability to pay and provides a full range of hospice services.

Worship Schedule

October 3, 2010 - World Communion Sunday

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon: "Guard the Good Treasure" by Rev. Lewis

8:30 Reader Tiffany Gaines 8:30 Usher: Kathy Heil

8:30 Steward: Joe Baki

Special Music by Doug Lewis & Mike Crompton

11AM Organ: Richard Harris

11AM Reader: Marva Burgess

11:00 Ushers: Ken & Elnora Wease

11AM Stewards: Bob Evans & Doug Lewis

October 10, 2010

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Sermon: "Remember and Remind" by Rev. Lewis

8:30 Reader: Toni Lowman 8:30 Usher: Jimmy Foote

OLIVET CHOIR at 11am

Special Music by Kaylee Kornn

11AM Reader: Ron Brown

11AM Ushers: Sue and Brian Davis

October 17, 2010

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5

Sermon: "Proclaim, Persist, Persuade... then wait"

8:30 Reader: Eric Gaines 8:30 Usher: Jane Gribble

STRUMMERS at 11am

11AM Karen Bohn 11AM Ushers Karen & Bob Bohn

October 24, 2010 LAITY SUNDAY

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon by Tiffany Gaines

8:30 Reader: Eric Gaines 8:30 Usher: Mildred Ward

OLIVET CHOIR at 11am

Special Music by Kaylee Kornn

11AM Reader: Bob Bohn

11AM Ushers: Ken & Elnora Wease

October 31, 2010 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Scripture: Revelation 7: 9-17

Sermon: "More Saints Than You Can Count"

8:30 Reader: Steve Perry 8:30 Usher: Velda Johnson

Reader at 11:00 Karen Bohn

Ushers at 11:00 Shirley Conway and Marva Burgess

November 7, 2010

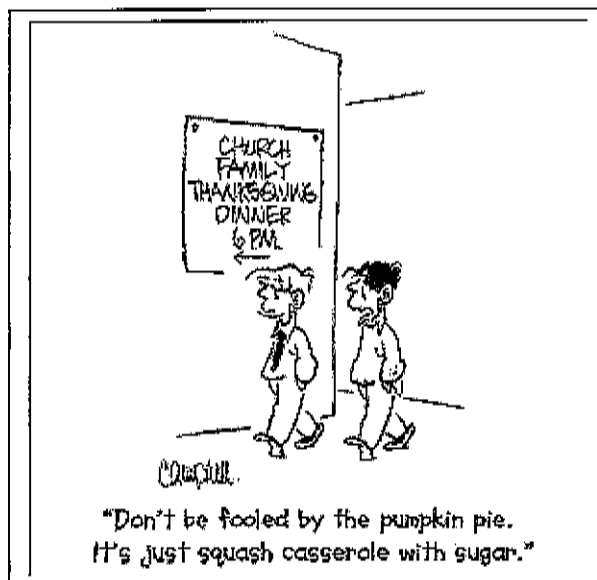
Scripture: Psalm 145:15, 17 - 21

Sermon "The God of the Living" by Rev. Lewis

8:30 Reader: Kathy Heil 8:30 Usher: Eric Gaines

11AM Reader: Sarah Blair

11:00 Ushers: Grant & Alex Baylor





United Methodist Women:

All Olivet Women are urged to attend the next meeting of UMW at noon on Tuesday, October 5th. Bring your

snack/lunch and share dessert and fellowship prior to the business meeting at 12:30. This meeting will be a pledge meeting when we pledge our Individual Financial Support of UMW for the coming year. We will also be discussing plans for decorating our tree for The Hospice Christmas Fair in November. Put on your thinking caps to suggest an ornament we can make together.

We will be visiting the residents of Solomons Nursing Home for a Sing-a-Long on Thursday, October 14th at 1:30 PM. Plan to join in this joyful visit.

The Annual District Meeting of UMW will be held in Dunkirk on Saturday, October 16th from 8:00 AM until noon. It will begin with a breakfast followed by the business of the day. Plan to join in the car pool journey to join other district groups of United Methodist Women.

M-M-M G-O-O-D

Thank you to all the women who contributed cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. for the successful Bake Sale at the Fall Rummage Sale last month; and thanks also to those who purchased these goodies.



United Methodist Men:

The Olivet UMM met on September 11th.

UM MEN'S GROUP

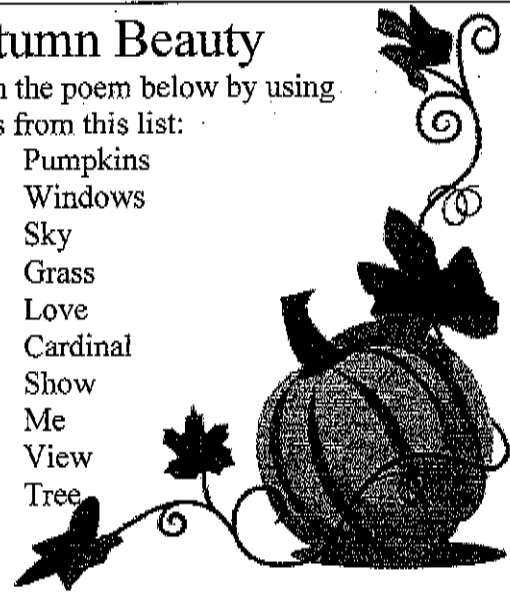
The discussion included the

review of recently completed projects such as the filling of the church basement and the repairs to the church steeple. The men will hold elections for new officers at the next meeting, and also discuss plans for a possible Halloween Party. The next meeting will be held October 9th at 9:00 AM in the Good News Center. All Olivet men are invited to join the UMM. New ideas for the church are always welcome.

Autumn Beauty

Finish the poem below by using words from this list:

- Pumpkins
- Windows
- Sky
- Grass
- Love
- Cardinal
- Show
- Me
- View
- Tree



Look out your _____ and what do you see?

There's a splash of red and gold on the _____.

Look up at the _____—it's a bright clear blue.

A rainbow of color is in your _____.

The green of the _____, the brown dirt of the ground,

Those orange _____ growing around,

The red of the _____ and the black of the crow.

All make for a wonderful, colorful _____.

And how did these colors all come to be?

Who gave this beauty to you and to _____?

These colors came from above

With God's special paintbrush---his message of _____!

Answers: window; tree; sky; view; grass; pumpkins; cardinal; show; me; love



All Saints Sunday October 31



ALL SAINTS' DAY

We are now accepting names for the worship service which will recognize those persons who have died since last All Saints Sunday (Nov. 1, 2009). Please turn in to the church office the names of friends and family who you would like to have named in our worship service. We will prepare a list in memory of these whom we love. Please have the name given to the office by October 25.

OCTOBER 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 8:30 AM Praise & Worship 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Youth Group | 27 10:00 AM Prayer Group - Knoll | 28 11:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor | 29 10:00 AM Book Club 12:00 PM Ripple Ctr. 6:30 PM Lift Group 8:30 PM Strummers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 30 8:30 AM Weight Watchers | 1 | 2 |
| 3 World Communion Sunday 8:30 AM Praise & Worship 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Open Forum with Pastor following worship 5:00 PM Youth Group | 4 10:00 AM Prayer Group - Knoll | 5 12:00 AM U.M.W. 5:00 PM Finance 6:00 PM Church Council | 6 9:30 AM Clergy Meeting 10:00 AM Book Club 12:00 PM Ripple Ctr. 6:30 PM Lift Group 8:30 PM Strummers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 7 8:30 AM Weight Watchers | 8 | 9 9:00 AM Men Meeting 4:00 PM Wedding Steve & Sam |
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