



DECEMBER 2010



The Olive Branch

Toward a Life-Giving Christmas

A crowd of restless children lined up inside the shopping mall for their annual photo opportunity with Santa Claus. Oddly, a self-conscious 30 year-old woman (without any kids in tow) joined the others in line to sit on Santa’s lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but after waiting in line with children for 20 minutes, Santa didn’t turn her down. She cautiously approached him and asked, “I know that this is unusual Santa.. but may I give you my Christmas Wish List?”

“Well, sure. Have a seat and tell me what you want for Christmas,” replied Santa. “There is just one thing on my list...Something for my mother,” said the woman sweetly. “Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,” smiled Santa,“What do would you like me to bring her?” Without missing a beat she answered quickly, “A son-in-law.”

If only it was that simple, right? Relationships, harmony, peace in our homes and our world – these can’t be bought in a shopping mall.

Last Sunday, everyone at church was invited to answer the question, “What is your deepest hope this Christmas?” Instead of crafting a Christmas Wish List of things that can be bought, we began a church-wide “Hope List” of the deepest longings of our soul.

The Hope List is our first step toward a life-giving Christmas. The Hope List will become our prayer list over these weeks leading up to Christmas. Keeping hope before us stands in contrast to the culture that identifies wishes and wants as the source of a merry holiday. To keep hope before us is how we will focus on Christ this Christmas. Several volunteers will take your individual hopes and turn them into Christmas Ornaments which will decorate the tree in our sanctuary.

Consider the hope of your neighbor. Hold them in prayer. To know each other’s hopes and to support one another in prayer is the first step toward preparing for Christ, rather than just getting ready for a holiday. For these weeks of Advent, let’s keep Hope alive. The full list will be available to each of you – I hope you will incorporate these prayers into your spiritual discipline of daily prayer this Advent season..

When Christmas Includes Cancer: Pray for a Cure

Keeping Christmas Merry can be a source of stress for those who have lost loved ones are who are coping with cancer. People with cancer and their families and friends often approach the holidays with conflicting feelings: excitement, worry, hope, exhaustion, and happiness. Our December 5th worship services will include a time of prayer and healing as a response to the needs of our world. **God's incredible love is dwelling among us.** No matter what - the hope of Advent is that we can receive the life-giving gift of Jesus Christ today.



December 5, 2010
8:30am & 11:00 am
with special music by Richard Harris,
Eunice Butler and Mary Cotton.

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Welcome New Members

Tim & Tina Boyd and daughter, Austynn

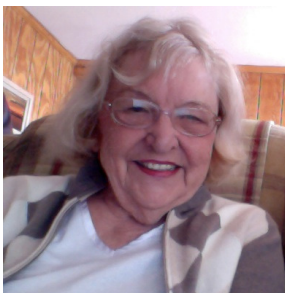


Tim and Tina came to Olivet over a year ago by invitation of their neighbors, Ken and Elnora Wease. The Boyds were married a year ago in Olivet Church over Thanksgiving

weekend 2009. Almost a year later, they joined Olivet as a family with their daughter, **Austynn**. It was with great joy that the three received their baptism together on November 21, 2010.

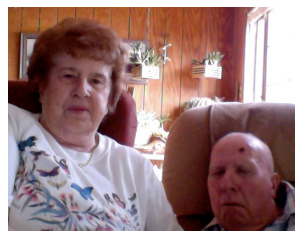
Marianne Anderson,

joined Olivet Church on November 23, 2010 at the home of Jim & Betty Gibson. She was invited to the rummage sale and to worship by her neighbor Jeanne Latham. Marianne enjoys knitting, cooking and reading. She has a dog, Nillie.



Jim & Betty Gibson

Also joined Olivet Church on November 23, 2010 at a worship service in their home. Originally from Forestville United Methodist, Betty and Jim were invited into our



fellowship by their neighbor Jane Gribble. They have a dog named Angel, who is an angel to each of them.



December Birthdays

December 7 - Roland Drake
December 7- Austin Bowen
December 11- Elnora Wease

December 13- Tina Fratantuono
December 18- Amy Samilton
December 19 - Tommy Barrett
December 24 - Marge Browning
December 28 - Bobby Barrett
December 29 - Marjory Knoll

Looking Ahead

Christmas Eve Worship Service Friday, December 24th at 7pm only

This year, Olivet will offer one worship service on Christmas Eve, complete with the Olivet Choir and the candlelight service. Would you like to assist with the worship service? Or can you provide cookies for the fellowship time to follow? Please contact Pastor Faith.

Christmas Concert for Calvert Hospice Sunday, December 12th at 5:00pm

The Chesapeake Community Chorus will perform a Christmas Concert in our church. Through free-will offerings, the performances of spiritual music will raise funds for Calvert Hospice.

With Deepest Sympathy

To the family of the Reverend Richard S. Roper who died on October 30, 2010 in New Hampshire, Reverend Roper served our church from 1970 to 1974. You may send condolences to Mrs. Peggy Roper at: 365 N. Main St. Apt 252 West Lebanon, NH 03784

To the family of the Reverend Donald Howard who died on November 16, 2010 after a lengthy illness. He served Olivet UMC before retiring in 2002. You may send condolences to Mrs. Leilani Howard, 22648 Parkview Drive, California, MD 20619.

To the Blair family on the death of Sarah's grandmother, Verna Phillips who passed away on November 20, 2010.

News from the UMW Women

The UMW will hold its Advent Meeting on Tuesday, December 7th at noon in the fellowship hall. All women are urged to attend. Bring your lunch/snack and enjoy fellowship before the business meeting at 12:30pm. This is the final day to bring in your contributions for Safe Harbor and cookies for the Board of Childcare. We'll also discuss what the new year 2011 will hold in our life of mission with the UMW. Please be with us for this meeting.

News from Youth Ministry

It is with regret that I inform you that our youth will not be making the trip to the annual Ocean City event, "Rock". Because of the very quick sell-out of tickets, we will not be attending the 2011 event. - Pastor Faith

A Special Thank You

.. To all the bakers who provided goodies for the Bazaar Bake Sale and all of those who purchased them! This year was a great success!

.. Thanks to Santa and his helpers who made for a joyful, decorative photo opportunity for families.

.. Thanks to the Solomons Volunteer Rescue for their guest appearance at the Bazaar.

..Thanks to all the vendors, musicians and shoppers!
Our Total Fundraising for the event was \$1,094.74



Santa and friends with the fire truck!

More photos on the web at

<http://www.olivet-umc.com/pics/2010Bazaar>

Worship Schedule

December 5, 2010 Second Sunday of Advent

A Healing Service In Response to Cancer

Scripture: Matthew 3:11-12

Sermon "Peace...Strength to Hold On"

Readers at 8:30 am: Velda Johnson, Joe Baki, Kathy Heil, Tiffany Gaines

Readers at 11am: Velda Johnson, Lara Hood, Bob Evans

Ushers at 11:00 - Bobby Barrett and Nancy Lorraine

December 12, 2010

Third Sunday of Advent - pink candle

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Sermon: "Joy...to get me through the tough days" by Rev. Lewis

11 am - Baptism of Alyssa Hood, daughter of Brandon & Lara Hood

Reader at 8:30 am Doug Bivens

Usher at 8:30 am Jane Gribble

Reader at 11:00 Annette Milling

Ushers at 11:00

December 19, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Special Music by Olivet Choir - Cantata: Night of Wonder

Friday December 24, 2010

Christmas Eve Worship Services at 7pm

Sunday December 26, 2010

- Christmas Sing-a-long at 11am- one worship service this day. No readers this day

Sunday January 2, 2011

- Guest Preacher, Bob Bohn, at 11am- one worship service this day.

Reader: Karen Bohn

Sunday January 9, 2011

- Preacher, Rev. Lewis

Music by the Olivet Choir at 11am

Reader at 8:30 am: Kathy Heil

Usher at 8:30 am: Tiffany Gaines

Reader at 11am: Chris Blundell

Ushers at 11am: Colleen & Janet Blundell

November 2010 Stewardship Report				
We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with:				
Our Presence		Our Gifts		
(131 Total Members)		(\$2,500 wkly need)		
	8:30	11:00	CDs	
Nov. 7	18	64	7	\$1,749
2 Nurs. Ctrs		17		
Nov. 14	16	67	0	\$2,000
2 Nurs. Ctrs		21		
Nov. 21	12	98	5	\$2,042
2 Nurs. Ctrs		15		
Nov. 28	9	56	5	\$1,352
Totals	55	338	17	\$7,143
	(55+338+17=410)			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group - Knoll	30	1 <u>9:30 AM</u> Clergy Meeting <u>6:30 PM</u> Strummers <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir	2 <u>8:30 AM</u> Weight Watchers	3	4
5 <u>8:30 AM</u> Worship <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship	6 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group - Knoll	7 <u>12:00 AM</u> U.M.Women <u>5:30 PM</u> Finance	8 <u>1:00 PM</u> 11am Worship Team <u>6:30 PM</u> Strummers <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir	9 <u>8:30 AM</u> Weight Watchers	10	11 <u>9:00 AM</u> Men Meeting
12 <u>8:30 AM</u> Worship <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship <u>2:00 PM</u> Nursing Center Worship Service <u>5:00 PM</u> Christmas Concert for Hospice House	13 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group - Knoll	14	15 <u>1:00 PM</u> 11am Worship Team <u>6:30 PM</u> Strummers <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir	16 <u>8:30 AM</u> Weight Watchers	17	18
19 <u>8:30 AM</u> Cantata <i>Pancake Breakfast between worship services</i> <u>11:00 AM</u> Cantata	20 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group - Knoll	21 First Day of Winter	22 <u>1:00 PM</u> 11am Worship Team <u>6:30 PM</u> Strummers <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir	23 <u>8:30 AM</u> Weight Watchers	24 Christmas Eve <u>7:00 pm</u> Candlelight worship service	25 Christmas Day
26 <u>11:00 AM</u> Christmas Sing A Long	27 <u>10:00 AM</u> Prayer Group - Knoll	28	29	30 <u>8:30 AM</u> Weight Watchers	31 New Year's Eve	1 ----Pastor on vacation

January 2011

2 <u>11:00 AM</u> One Worship Service Bob Bohn, preaching	3 -----	4 -----Pastor on	5 Vacation -----	6 -----	7 -----	8 Pastor returns
9 <u>8:30 AM</u> Worship <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15

Olivet Church Directory

2010 Addendum

The following are corrections and additions to the Church Directory.

Ron Brown

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(change of address)

Pastor Faith Lewis – phone : 410-474-4156

(previous number in directory was incorrect)



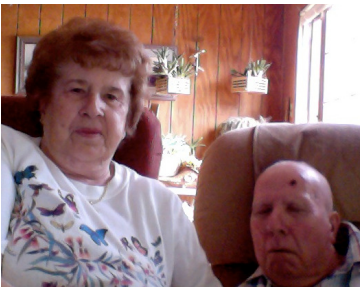
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