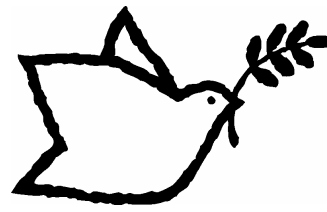


# The Olive Branch

A monthly newsletter of Olivet United Methodist Church  
March 2010



There is a legend of darkness and light which occurred at sea. It was a stormy night off the coast of Newfoundland and the ships had low visibility. A radio conversation between a US Naval captain and a Canadian Captain was overheard as follows.



*Photo by Bill Conway "A Drum Point Morning"*

- Captain 1: Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.
- Captain 2: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.
- Captain 1: This is the Captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, divert your course.
- Captain 2: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course!
- Captain 1: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER , USS Coral Sea, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!!
- Captain 2: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

Like a lighthouse, God’s light can steer us clear of threatening situations of hazards we can’t see with our human eyes. But some of us can be like that naval sea captain and our arrogance gets in the way. **We** set our own course, **we** are certain of the hazards – **we** are the light to our own world.

But like the psalm declares, the Lord is our Light. If we shine brightly, it is only because of the borrowed reflected light of our Savior living within us. Our light is not our own.

As we complete these 40 days of Lent, may the True Light illumine your path. May the Beacon of light direct you, protect you, and keep you from crashing into the rocks of life you cannot see.

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**Cookbook News:** The long-awaited cookbook has been selling well. However, we have found there are some errors, which we regret (but hope to correct). We are encouraged that much more is *right* rather than wrong!

We are asking those who bought books to give me any corrections you find. I will type them up and make copies available for each book. An example is in a bar-cookie recipe the recipe said to put the dough in a 3" x 9" baking pan! Obviously, it should be a 13" x 9" pan! Others may not be as obvious but could be just as critical. Another error was in the History part which was copied from the earlier 1992 book which said proceeds were to go to the Building Fund – which we don't have now. The decision will be made soon to which worthy area the proceeds will go. And the sooner the remaining books are sold, the sooner that proceeds will be available.

So, this will be a contest to see which person comes up with the most errors (not including typos)! There may even be a prize!

Acknowledgments have not included one very critical area: Thanks to Bob Watson for his part of punching the holes in the books and inserting the plastic ring holders. I did not realize how much work was involved until I saw him doing it. Thanks, Bob!!!!

Happy cooking, y'all! Gwen Northcutt

**Shop & Share:** Food Lion is presently revising the SHOP & SHARE REWARD PROGRAM for Non Profit Groups. You have been helping Olivet share in this program by registering your MVP number purchases for the benefit of Olivet.

I will be collecting your present numbers for registering in the new program. Each purchase you make using your MVP card is entered for Olivet and we receive a check for our share of the earnings every four months. In the past years we have benefited at least \$100.00 per year.

The more people we have registered for Olivet, the better our earnings. Encourage your relatives and friends to register with Olivet. See Edie Reed for a registration slip to sign – or she will seek you out! We hope to complete this registration in the month of MARCH.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 4 Sarah Blair
- Mar. 9 Leigh Zimmermann
- Mar. 10 Bob Matters
- Mar. 14 Alma Rita Joy
- Mar. 23 Leigh Ann Tabor
- Mar. 24 Eva Watson
- Mar. 28 Julie Blair  
Bob Moran
- Mar. 30 Bob Evans



February 2010 Stewardship Report				
We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with:				
Our Presence			Our Gifts	
(134 Total Members need)			(\$2,500 wkly)	
	8:30	11:00	CDs	
Feb. 7	SNOW	STORM		
Feb. 14	12	67	7	\$5,862
Nurs. Ctr		36		
Ash Wed		21		
Feb. 21	14	69	6	\$2,369
Feb. 28	12	69	5	\$1,661
Totals	38	262	18	\$9,892
38+262+18 = 318				

**UMM:** The Olivet United Methodist Men meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM. February's meeting featured a special presentation by Robert Luckritz and Dan Doherty of the Patuxent Habitat for Humanity (PHH). They discussed the background of PHH, its goals, the homes they have built in St. Mary's and Calvert counties, the "ReStore," and their future plans. They are planning another Apostles Build, with a home to be built in Calvert County by Thanksgiving of this year.

**Upper Room:** Renewal of subscriptions to the Upper Room daily devotional guide will take place with the new March/April issue. The cost for one year (6 issues) in our group order will be \$6.00 – a great savings over the present individual subscription of \$12.00/year. If you wish to subscribe with the Olivet group order, please see Edie Reed.

**Memorial Lilies** to adorn the altar on Easter may be ordered by using the form on the next page of this newsletter.



# Worship Schedule

March through Easter 2010

## March 7, 2010 - Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Psalm 63

Sermon *"In the Shadow of Your Wings"* by Rev. Faith Lewis

Reader at 8:30am Kathy Heil- 11am Joan Fratantuono

Music by organist Richard Harris

## March 14, 2010 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Psalm 34:1-20

Sermon *"What's in YOUR mouth?"* by Rev. Faith Lewis

Reader at 8:30am Joe Baki- 11am Kaylee Kornn  
Special Music by the Olivet Choir

Piano Music by Marian Underwood

2pm - Worship Service at Solomon's Nursing Home  
led by Teddy Foote

## March 21, 2010 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: John 12:1-11

Sermon by Tiffany Gaines

Reader at 8:30am Eric Gaines - 11am Sarah Blair

Music by the Strummers

Special Music by Eunice Butler

Musical Reflection by Marva Burgess

## March 28, 2010 - Palm / Passion Sunday

Scripture: John 12:12-16 and John 12:20-36

Sermon by Rev. Faith Lewis

Special Music by the Olivet Choir

Piano Music by Marian Underwood

Reader at 8:30am - Helen Moran - 11am Edie Reed

## April 4, 2010 Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon by Rev Faith Lewis - "Alleluia!"

Special Music by the Olivet Choir

Reader at 8:30 Teddy Foote - 11am Bob Evans

Music by organist Richard Harris

## April 11, 2010

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sermon by Teddy Foote

Reader at 8:30 Shannon Foote - 11am Ron Brown  
2pm - Worship Service at Solomon's Nursing Home  
led by Teddy Foote

## April 18, 2010

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

Sermon by Rev. Faith Lewis - "A Damascus Experience"

Reader 8:30am - Kathy Heil 11am Sarah Blair

## April 25, 2010

Scripture: Acts 9:36-42

Sermon by Rev Faith Lewis - "The Outstretched Hand"

Special Music by the Olivet Choir

Reader at 8:30 Joe Baki- 11am Nan Cheville

## EASTER LILIES

Name of person (s) ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lilies are \$10 each.**

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you wish to donate the  
flower to a nursing home.

**Deadline to order is Sunday,  
March 14, 2010**

**Make checks payable to Olivet UMW.**



**March 2010 WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LAY READER</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>CLUSTER GROUP</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
<b>3/07/10</b>	<b>8:30 Kathy Heil 11:00 Joan Fratantuono</b>	<b>8:30 Helen &amp; Bob Moran 11:00 Julie Blair &amp; Meagan Jenkins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8:30 J. Baki &amp; J. Gribble 11:00 Sarah &amp; Julie Blair</b>
<b>3/14/10</b>	<b>8:30 Joe Baki 11:00 Kaylee Kornn</b>	<b>8:30 Jane Gribble 11:00 Earlene Blaylock &amp; Mary Shannon</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>3/21/10</b>	<b>8:30 Eric Gaines 11:00 Sarah Blair</b>	<b>8:30 Toni &amp; Emilee Lowman 11:00 Carl Zimmermann &amp; Bob Evans</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>3/28/10</b>	<b>8:30 Helen Moran 11:00 Edie Reed</b>	<b>8:30 Eric &amp; Tiffany Gaines 11:00 Ken &amp; Elnora Wease</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8:30 Eric &amp; Tiffany Gaines 11:00 Bob Evans &amp; Earlene Blaylock</b>

**APRIL 2010 WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LAY READER</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>CLUSTER GROUP</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 4/04/10</b>	<b>8:30 Teddy Foote 11:00 Bob Evans</b>	<b>8:30 Joe Baki 11:00 Myrna &amp; Gail Smith</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4/11/10</b>	<b>8:30 Shannon Foote 11:00 Ron Brown</b>	<b>8:30 Mildred Ward 11:00 Bob &amp; Karen Bohn</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4/18/10</b>	<b>8:30 Kathy Heil 11:00 Sarah Blair</b>	<b>8:30 Helen &amp; Bob Moran 11:00 Mary Shannon &amp; Joan Fratantuono</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4/25/10</b>	<b>8:30 Joe Baki 11:00 Nan Cheville</b>	<b>8:30 Toni &amp; Emilee Lowman 11:00 Ken &amp; Elnora Wease</b>	<b>3</b>	

**Note: If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please switch with someone else and put a note in the secretary's mailbox so the bulletins will be correct. Thank you for all your help!**

**Our Calendar: For the most up-to-date times for church events go to our website.**

## Our History

The Olivet United Methodist Church dates from 1884. In that year, a chapel was built to accommodate the growing community located between St. John's and Mill Creeks. Prior to its construction, the Methodists in Olivet worshiped at Old St. John's Church, on Soller's Wharf Road, or at Solomons Methodist Church.

Built on the lawn across from the present Church, and dedicated free of debt in May 1885, the church soon became too small for the increase in membership which resulted from the growing community. Fund raising began in 1905 and on October 13, 1912, the present church was dedicated.

In 1913, a thunderstorm so severely damaged the old church that it was torn down. Its timbers were used to construct a church hall. In 1945, that building was replaced by the present hall.

In 1999 Annual Conference Session a full time minister was appointed to serve at Olivet.

For over 100 years there has been a Methodist church in Olivet extending a welcome to all to be a part of its fellowship. We invite you to be an active and vital part of that heritage — a heritage that continues as we embark upon a program of growth and expansion that will carry us well into our second 100 years.



## Our Mission Statement

Our purpose is to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, to lead new persons to Christ, to respond to the physical need of the community here and everywhere, and to help our members grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

## Our Vision

To faithfully invite people in to fellowship with God and develop fully functioning Christian disciples from within our own congregation and surrounding community – being in service as directed by Christ.

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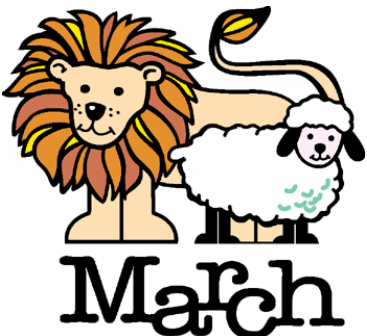
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