

Olivet Episcopal Church

The September 2016 Word

Olivet Book Club discusses C.S. Lewis classic-Sept 11, 18

The dates for C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* book discussion/potluck are **Sunday, September 11**, and Sunday, September 18, from 1 to 4 pm. The first meeting will be held at Ann Caulkins' home. The second, on the 18th, will be held in the Simpson Room at the church. Please contact Therese Chaplin at (703) 969-7159 for more details.

Ring in autumn with handbells! –Sept 11, 18

The Olivet Community Handbell Choir welcomes new and seasoned musicians to its newly formed multigenerational music group. Designed for ages 10 and above, all neighbors, friends, members of the parish and the community are invited to join.

Two informational sessions and introductory lesson are scheduled for Sunday, Sept 11, and Sunday, Sept 18th from **5 to 6:30 pm**. Come to one or both sessions to have your questions answered, try out the bells, and see how easy it is to make a joyful sound. Rehearsals start in earnest on Sept 25th. According to Interim Music Director Libby Wiebel, there's no need to have any experience with bells, other instruments, or reading music. Most helpful, she says, are a willingness to learn, enthusiasm, and a good attitude. So, chime in and contact Libby at olivetmusicva@gmail.com

Super Hero Sunday-September 25th

We're celebrating the Feast of St. Michael and All the Angels on Sunday, September 25, or as we like to call this day, "SUPER HERO SUNDAY"! Everyone is invited to come dressed as their favorite super hero. The 10:30 service, designed and led by our children/youth, will include a skit. You are welcome to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend to this epic event!

Blessing of the Animals-October 2

Our annual blessing of pets and owners will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm. Pet medals and certificates will be distributed. We will also have a memory tree festooned with ribbons in honor of pets we have lost over the years. This is a popular event that all furry, feathered, and human members of the community are invited to attend!

Acolyte Festival on Saturday, October 8

We had a great turnout from Olivet last year and it was fun! Please let Therese Chaplin know if you and your family plan to attend so we can register on time.

Coffee hour assistance needed for Oct 9th

If you are able to bring and set up snacks for the October 9th convivial coffee hour after the 10:30 am service, please contact Diane Spittle at stchrgirl@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Celebrate 5th Sunday joint service and brunch - October 30th

Mark your calendars! Our Olivet family has a mini-reunion on October 30th when we celebrate a 5th Sunday joint service at 9:30 am. That service is immediately followed by a Parish Potluck!

High school student retreat on November 4

Senior High Retreat at Shrinemont Episcopal Retreat Center will be the **weekend of November 4**. This is for all high schoolers. Tricia and Therese went last year and report it was great!

Help Needed on Sunday mornings, from 9:10 am to 10:15 am

The Olivet Sunday School is looking for adult volunteers to help out in our Sunday morning class. No prep work needed, just show up on the third floor with a smile and your cup of coffee, as needed. If you can volunteer for one or more weeks, please go to our signup genius page at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050549aaaf238-olivet3>

If you experience technical difficulties using signup genius, please contact Therese Chaplin at tchaplin@verizon.net, and she will sign you up. Thank you so much!

Pack the school year with love

Blessings in a Backpack will resume in the next few weeks, and Olivet will again assist that program by literally filling bags with non-perishable foods that will be distributed to school kids in our area. Providing one child with a week of snacks costs \$100 for the school year, so please consider making a donation to the program. To do so, make a check payable to BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK and place it in the collection plate; Olivet will give it to the local program coordinator.

Olivet Sunday School expands!

Olivet is happy to announce that our Sunday school has expanded! We'll have two children's Sunday School classes this year to accommodate the varying age groups in the parish.

The younger group will be in a class taught by Barbara Gay and Barbara Leigh. This group will be exploring a new curriculum called *Shine*. Therese Chaplin will be leading the older group which will be focusing on a curriculum called *Echo the Story*.

Summer Blessings food program helps family and kids

August 29 was the last of 11 Mondays this summer in which six Franconia families, with a total of 20 children, received an average of two grocery bags each week through the Summer Blessings program. Each bag was filled with non-perishable foods such as cereal, pasta, and juice, in addition to a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Franconia United Methodist Church organized and provided the food distribution in July and Olivet Episcopal did so in August. The extra food made a difference. One parent texted "Thank you so much for everything, it helped a lot. God bless you." Olivet hopes to offer this program again next summer. If the pattern of doubling the number of families we serve holds (3 last year, 6 this year), we will definitely need your help with planning, food donations, and distribution. Please let Megan Arleth or Ann Caulkins know if you'd like to get involved with this outreach project. Sincere thanks to the Olivet congregation for their generous donations which allowed us to purchase most of the food. Special thanks to Diane Spittle, Rebecca & Bob Hastings, Megan, Nick, Hannah & John Arleth for their additional help and support.

Rector Search Committee gains momentum

Search Committee Chair Eric Whipkey thanks church members who filled in the survey; the results will provide the last piece of the puzzle necessary for the committee to complete the required parish profile used in the Diocese's online rector search system.

Preliminary survey results have been compiled and will be updated to include surveys received by mail or by hand-delivery. Eric then will present the updated profile information at the search committee's next meeting on September 21st. "We estimate our response rate to be over 50%, which is great," says Eric, "considering that we sent to all current and past parishioners."

Here, there, and everywhere—Flat Jesus enjoys the summer with Olivet

Whether "healing" a dog, attending a political rally, or viewing a waterfall, Flat Jesus made his presence known in the Olivet community this summer. Church members carried "FJ" to the art museum, the grocery store, a conference, and gas stations. The project, based on the Flat Stanley phenomenon and sponsored by Olivet's Sunday School members, had us keep Jesus in our hearts, and sometimes pockets and purses, from June to September. To view the photos of his adventures, go to <https://olivetflatjesus2016.shutterfly.com/4> and hit "Show: ALL" above the album to see the 60 photos submitted to date.

These walls, they are a-changin'

Check out our newly painted walls in the office! Many colors were considered, but only one—a light blue-gray paint—was chosen. Thanks to Rev. Jeanie, Rita, and Libby for bringing this heavenly blue indoors! The office still is undergoing some reorganization that should be completed in October.

Upcoming outpourings of love & sustenance

The Outreach & Mission Committee will again organize Olivet's donations for *Thanksgiving food baskets* to families in need through Koinonia. More information on that project will be forthcoming in October. You also will learn how to participate in Koinonia's Christmas Wishes program later this fall. In the meantime, if you'd like more information, contact Ann Caulkins at (571) 278-8925.

Music News from Interim Music Director Libby Wiebel

This August, I had the honor of representing Olivet at the annual handbell directors' conference sponsored by Area III of the Handbell Musicians of America. I was so excited to be able to attend and meet directors and handbell ringers from the region. As director of the new Handbell Choir, I was honored to attend as their scholarship recipient! I received the scholarship after submitting letters of recommendation from music colleagues as well as from Senior Warden Bob Hastings. My application also described the work I want to do with our Olivet Community Handbell Choir. At the conference, I learned all kinds of tips and tricks with bells, got to sight read a lot of cool music, and met many directors who are nearby and happy to help mentor me as we begin and expand our program.

SERVER LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

September 11

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE

LECTOR

USHER/GREETER

BARBARA LEIGH

SUSAN PRESS

MAURICIO GUEVARA

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE

LECTOR

USHER/GREETER

COFFEE PREP

TELLERS

THERESE CHAPLIN

SCOTT CAULKINS

MAURICE BROWN

ANN CAULKINS

JEFF UNDERWOOD/MAURICE BROWN

SEPTEMBER 18

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER

BARBARA LEIGH
REBECCA HASTINGS
ROBERT HASTINGS

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER
COFFEE PREP
TELLERS

SCOTT CAULKINS
TARA WHIPKEY
WHIPKEY FAMILY
JOAN KAMMERER
JEFF UNDERWOOD/MAURICE BROWN

SEPTEMBER 25

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER

BARBARA LEIGH
LISA SOKOL
MAURICIO GUEVARA

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER
COFFEE PREP
TELLERS

THERESE CHAPLIN
BARBARA GAY
JOHN SANDERSON
BARBARA GAY
JIM WALTON/DIANE SPITTLE

SERVER LIST FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE	JEFF UNDERWOOD
LECTOR	LISA SOKOL
USHER/GREETER	MAURICIO GUEVARA

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE	SCOTT CAULKINS
LECTOR	JOHN SANDERSON
USHER/GREETER	JOHN SANDERSON
COFFEE PREP	ANN CAULKINS
TELLERS	JIM WALTON/MAURICE BROWN

OCTOBER 9

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE	BARBARA LEIGH
LECTOR	REBECCA HASTINGS
USHER/GREETER	ROBERT HASTINGS

1030 SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE	THERESE CHAPLIN
LECTOR	JOHN SANDERSON
USHER/GREETER	JOHN SANDERSON
COFFEE PREP	TBD
TELLERS	JEFF UNDERWOOD/DIANE SPITTLE

OCTOBER 16

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER

BARBARA LEIGH
SUSAN PRESS
JEFF UNDERWOOD

1030 SERVICE
LEM
ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER
COFFEE PREP
TELLERS

SCOTT CAULKINS
TARA WHIPKEY
JOHN SANDERSON
WHIPKEY FAMILY
JOAN KAMMERER
JIM WALTON/DIANE SPITTLE

OCTOBER 23

8AM SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER

BARBARA LEIGH
LISA SOKOL
JEFF UNDERWOOD

1030 SERVICE
LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER
COFFEE PREP
TELLERS

THERESE CHAPLIN
BARBARA GAY
MAURICE BROWN
BARBARA GAY
JIM WALTON/DIANE SPITTLE

OCTOBER 30

9:30 COMBINED SERVICE

LEM/ACOLYTE
LECTOR
USHER/GREETER
COFFEE PREP
TELLERS

SCOTT CAULKINS
SUSAN PRESS
MAURICE BROWN
POT LUCK BRUNCH
JIM WALTON/DIANE SPITTLE

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Sept 11: Barbara Gay

Sept 18: Ann Caulkins

Sept 25: Susan Press

Oct 2: Ann Caulkins

Oct 9: June Gotowicki

Oct 16: Valerie Carney

Oct 23: Barbara Gay

Oct 30: Susan Press