

# OLIVET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

NEWSLETTER  
2011



FALL

*Jack Brown*  
*Pastor*

*The Spirit calls us to covenant  
All work is ministry ~ All ministry is worship*



## **STEWARDSHIP** ... "Give First to God"

Stewardship ~ so much more than just taking care of your money. Stewardship covers every day, every relationship, every concern, every ability, every asset and every opportunity.

Jesus never missed an opportunity to practice stewardship, to give us an example to follow. He felt other's pain as well as their joy. Everything that touches us, every concern, every opportunity can be stewarded with prayer. Things can be going badly yet with Christ we can have a heart full of joy.

With each upset in your life, God creates an opportunity to practice stewardship. With each doubt, he gives us reassurance that we can be an instrument of His power and grace. It's up to you to fulfill your part in His plan. Be a good steward of all that He gives you. Practice stewardship in

- every day and every opportunity
- every relationship and every concern
- every asset and every ability

Don't be afraid, you animals of the field,  
for the wilderness pastures will soon be green.

The trees will again be filled with fruit;  
fig trees and grapevines will be loaded down once more.

Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem!

Rejoice in the LORD your God!

For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness.

Once more the autumn rains will come,  
as well as the rains of spring.

The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain,  
and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil.

**Joel 2:22-24 (NLT)**

*Marie Steele, Treasurer*

## **Pledge Campaign**

This summer has passed so quickly. It doesn't seem like it is October already and past time to start thinking about the annual pledge campaign.

As we have done in the past, a pledge envelope will circulate from house to house. Home circulation helps keep postage costs to a minimum. Those who do not live in an area with other church members will receive a pledge card by mail. Whether you receive your card by mail or at home, we hope you will respond with faith and generosity.

Please add an extra item to your daily prayers. Pray about your commitment to God and our church.

### *THANK YOU LORD for People - Places - Things*

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.

**We thank you, Lord, for making us your people by grace through faith.**

May the people praise you, O God; may all the people praise you.

**We thank you Lord for the special people who have made our lives better.**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**We thank you, Lord, for giving us places to rest and relax on this earth.**

The lord satisfies our desires with good things, so our youth is renewed.

**We thank you, Lord, for the things of this life which bring us joy and the glories things to come in eternity.**



# **TURKEY SUPPER**

*Turkey and all the trimmings Served Family Style*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

*at Olivet Congregational Church  
Corner of East and College Streets*

*Serving at 4:45 – 5:30 – 6:30  
or Carry Out*

**ALL TICKETS SOLD IN ADVANCE**

*Adults \$8 Children \$3 (5-12) Free (4 & under)*

**TICKETS FOR SALE at:**

*Church Office (269)749-2631*

*Olivet Pharmacy*

*Mole Hole in Marshall*

*or call: (269)209-7402*



**PIES ARE NEEDED!** If you could provide a pie(s) please sign-up on the bulletin board in the dining room or call Sharon in the church office to have your name added to the list.

If you would like to help on the night of the supper please contact the church office.

**ALL CHURCH**

# **HAYRIDE**

**HOTDOG ROAST / BONFIRE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**5:00 P.M.**

*Hosted by: Ken Carleton*

*5115 Marshall Rd.*

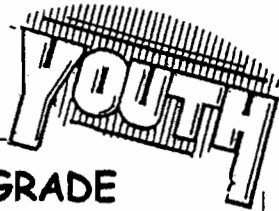
*(North of Olivet toward Charlotte ~ right side before Spicerville Rd.)*

*Hotdogs, buns & beverages will be provided.*

*You "may" bring (but not required to attend):  
marshmallows....cookies....snacks....finger foods*



You are invited.....**Sunday, October 23 1-4:00 pm**  
 to a Birthday Open House in honor of **MIKE NELSON'S 95<sup>th</sup> birthday** at the home of his daughter, Jane O'Brien  
at 9650 Marshall Rd. Mike is a long time member of our church having served in many capacities throughout the years. He has carved turkeys for the turkey supper since it started.  
 Plan to attend this celebration in his honor



**YOUTH GROUP...6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**6:00 SUNDAY EVENINGS**

Invite a friend(s)...everyone is welcome!  
**WE HAVE FUN, FOOD (pizza) & FELLOWSHIP**  
 Leaders are: Alaina Beam, Judith Gonzalez, Magan Rivera  
 Assisted by: Pastor Jack

## **MUSIC NEWS**

### **ADULT CHOIR rehearsals:**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m..... you are welcome to join us!**  
 (Rehearsals are at 7:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month due to the church council meeting).

**Add your voice to our fun, fellowship and praises to God! See you at rehearsal time. If you have any questions please see Maria.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL.....**

Plans are being made for the musical and all children are encouraged to participate in this fun time.

We will begin rehearsals later in the month. Maria will announce rehearsals and more details during church announcement time.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Cathy joined the church on July 24th making her commitment to be a part of our church family.

**Welcome....**

**Cathy Triestram**



We look forward to Cathy's continued participation as she is an important part of our "family" and we welcome her and will encourage her in her Christian journey.

## **BAPTISM....**

On Sunday, July 24th the sacrament of baptism was administrated to:



**Allison Kay Cords**

Parents: Seth and Jill Cords

## **Women's Fellowship**



**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 at the home of Pamela Brown**  
**119 E. Green St.**

All ladies of the church and community are welcome!



**Let's all pull together...**

## FUNDRAISING

We need to continue to fund raise for general operating of our church finances and for the restoration work that is needed on our church roof and exterior stone work.

We parked cars at the Michigan International Speedway two times during the summer earning a total of \$2,400. Thank you to everyone that helped and special thanks to Rich Mattea for chairing this event.

We are parking cars at the Olivet College Home football games. On September 3<sup>rd</sup> we earned \$401 on this day.

Volunteers needed to park cars on:

We are parking cars (Sat. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>) Thanks to all the volunteers Sat. November 12<sup>th</sup> ---11am-1:30pm (NEED VOLUNTEERS)

If can help please see Rich Mattea or just show up on Saturday. Thanks to Benny Hart for donating his property (across from the football field) for us to use toward fundraising needs for the church.

## RETURNABLE BOTTLES & CANS



We will continue to collect bottles & cans in the box in the downstairs dining room. Proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund (repair of the church exterior and roof).

Bring your clean, empty bottles & cans to the church.

\$242.70 (money earned on bottle/can returns)

## MISSION BOARD NEWS....

The Mission Board would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our church family. Your generosity continues to be demonstrated by the financial gifts we receive in our special offerings.

\$273.00----September offering for the church Deacon's Fund

### Upcoming special offerings:

October 30-----Lansing Rescue Mission

November 20 ----Olivet Good Neighbor Program

December 24-----NACCC assistance for Retired Ministers and for Ministerial Enrichment.

## FOOD PANTRY.....WE ARE IN NEED!!!

We have had an increase in families using the pantry so our food supply is low.....Thank You for your donations!!!

We are in need of non-perishable food items, laundry detergent/dish soap, personal care (toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, bar soap, deo. , etc.) Below are a few "ideas":

- ===TUNA or CANNED CHICKEN
- ===APPLESAUCE or other canned fruit
- ===COOKIES / CRACKERS
- ===PANCAKE MIX / syrup
- ===CANNED SOUP
- ===RICE A RONI, etc. (boxed rice meals)



## *Prayers & support needed.....*

**BLAKE RANKIN** was diagnosed with cancer recently. He has undergone 2 surgeries and will start extensive chemo and radiation treatments later in October. Blake is a 2011 Charlotte High graduate and the grandson of Dan and Bonnie Judd. His parents are Pat and Sue (Judd) Rankin. There are bracelets at the Olivet Pharmacy for a donation that proceeds will be used toward Blake's medical care.

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for youth & adults

10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church

Fellowship/Refreshments (after worship)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 2 pm Tue-Fri

**PASTOR:**

Rev. Jack Brown

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Minister of Music	Maria Beam
C.N. Director	Maria Beam
Nursery	Magan Rivera
Nursery	Molly Kleinfeld
Secretary	Sharon Palacio
Treasurer	Marie Steele

**OFFICERS:**

Moderator	Greg Morrison
Vice-Moderator	Troy Gardner
Clerk	Cathy Clauncherty