

September 2021

Making the grace\* of God real for people.

# Olivet Connections

\* "Grace is something you can never get but can only be given. There's no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn good looks or bring about your own birth. A good sleep is grace and so are good dreams. Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace." Frederick Buechner



The Ice Cream Social and Kickball Game is on this year! All are invited to join us on September 12 at 5:00 PM for ice cream and a friendly game of adults

vs. kids kickball. If you would like to bring ice cream and/or goodies (cookies, brownies, etc.) to share, please let Rev. Hannah know by September 8. Plan to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and mask. We ask that you wear a mask while in the serving line and be mindful of social distancing.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

### BBQ PROCEEDS DONATED TO HEART OF MISSOURI CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES)

"Your support provides a powerful voice for some of our community's most vulnerable children," said Angela Carson, Development and Marketing Manager at CASA. "It was truly a boost in our spirits to receive your support."

Marilyn Bettenhausen and Linda Reed Brown heard these words and many more of appreciation when they presented a check for Outreach proceeds from the 2021 BBQ on August 12. The check was for a generous \$4,711.39 thanks to all Olivet people who helped make it possible. Our funds will help CASA's efforts to find, train, and support more advocates.

CASA's mission is to provide an advocate volunteer to every child in the Boone and Callaway counties' 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Juvenile Court System because they are unable to live safely at home – currently over 700 children ages 8-18. In 2021, 97% of the cases the

advocates helped the Court close, resulted in a permanent outcome such as reunification, adoption or guardianship. CASA advocates were only able to serve 367 children last year, only 50% of the children in need, because of limited numbers of volunteers.



Photo (L to R): Marilyn Bettenhausen and Linda Reed Brown for Olivet and Angela Carson, Laura Bragg (Boone County Advocate Supervisor), and Sara Echternach, Boone County Program Director

### A FEW WORDS ABOUT LOAVES & FISHES

Thursday evening I worked Loaves and Fishes. We served approximately 100 individuals. Every time I come home with one major impression/concern - mental illness. It manifests itself in infinite variety. And in degrees from bothersome to severe. I hear comments, "they should get a job, they should work like the rest of us".

Most of the folk I saw Thursday could not work and would never be hired. Several were talking to some unseen antagonist. Some were so afraid they could not look you in the eye. Some had been beaten down so often and so far they had a physical body but lacked the actual person who used to inhabit it.

Mental illness comes in so many different forms. Have you known someone with anger issues? Multiply that by 10 or 20. Have you known someone with low self esteem? Multiply that by 20 or 30. Have you known someone who has an irritating quirk? Multiply that 20, or 30, or 40. These poor souls

wander streets where no one wants them to be. No roof over their head, no refrigerator full of food, no chance of taking a hot shower and putting on nice, clean clothes like I do every single day. No chance of finding or receiving the complex help they truly need.

These are God's children, each one precious to the one we call savior. These are the neighbors, the poor, the outcast, that we are asked to welcome and to serve. There is no easy solution. There is no simple answer. There is no possible way for us to understand each and every disturbing life story. I pray this community will be filled with grace and kindness and compassion. My heartfelt thanks to all those of you who serve these poor lost souls. And there are many. Perhaps an opportunity will present itself in the coming months where we can all pitch in and truly make a difference. God bless.

*Written by Rev. Jim Bryan, retired United Methodist minister and father to former Olivet ministerial staff person Brad Bryan.*

## OLIVET OUTREACH UPDATE CONTINUED

### GOOD STEWARDS TOGETHER - SUPPORTING OTHERS IN NEED

On August 8, the summer session of Good Stewards Together focused on Olivet's local and global impact by reviewing our Outreach budget, talking about the organizations we grant funds to, and looking at ways



we join with other churches and denominations to give support nationally and internationally.

The 10 participants learned more about our ministries

by packing a Church World Service (CWS) Emergency Clean-up Bucket to help a family who has suffered a disaster in the U.S. (P.S. you help make one of these every time you buy a craft from the Crafts Table in Fellowship Hall) and making a dozen CWS School Kits that will likely go to a school in another country for children who look forward to learning.



### THE WARDROBE CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup>/51<sup>ST</sup> YEAR OF PROVIDING CLOTHING & SHOES IN COLUMBIA

On August 18, The Wardrobe celebrated 50 years of operation in a delayed event because of Covid restrictions in 2020. The Wardrobe began accepting clothing December 14, 1969 and officially opened on January 6, 1970. The first building was small and storage was found in volunteer's homes and church basements. In the early days, two cleaning companies cleaned clothing at no cost. Volunteers took washables home and returned them to the shop, sorted, folded, mended and ironed and on hangers

ready to be put in the shop.



In October 1984, The Wardrobe opened at 715 Park Avenue where it remains to this day. Olivet members who were faithful volunteers during the first 40 years included: Ruby Teel, Dolores McCray, Donna Martz, Dorothy Lawman, Dee Youngman and Margaret Klug

### "REVEALING GOD'S JUSTICE: THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIPE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT"

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received on September 26 and October 3. Our theme is "Revealing God's Justice: "The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right." As followers of Christ, we believe every life is precious and valued in God's beloved community. Reconciliation Ministry is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community.

Your generosity supported the Civil Rights Pilgrimage

to Tulsa and Little Rock that Larry Brown, Linda Reed Brown, Bob Eichenberger and 30+ other Columbia persons representing a variety of churches joined in July. Rev. Paul Koch told you more about this learning experience on July 25.

We believe that the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) is uniquely equipped to encourage justice in the communities where we worship and serve. Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry promote our mission of creating a just and loving society.

We are so grateful for your sponsorship the Turning Point ministry and mission. With your support we can provide dignity and hope to those struggling in our community. Blessings, Turning Point Staff

*Note: Our Olivet Outreach budget provided \$800 to Turning Point in July. Thanks everyone!*

## COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Clary-Shy Community Park (Columbia Ag Park),  
1769 W Ash

### WALKING for a HEALTHIER WORLD!

**'A Healthier World'**... nutritious food, clean water and supporting people's efforts to live healthier lives and provide for themselves & their families.

Our local CROP WALK food agency partners provide food and meals to persons in need. Church World Service works with partners around the world to fight hunger and create practical, sustainable solutions to poverty.

Registration opens at 1:00 PM, or pre-register at Olivet

#### Kick-off: 1:30 PM

- ✓ **Welcome to the 'Ag Park'** - a special place to Walk for a Healthier World. CCUA's Urban Farm, Columbia Farmers Market, the ARC – all helping people live healthier lives. CCUA is our WALK's Supporting Partner.

- ✓ **Meet our Local Food Agency Partners:** Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry, Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry, Fifth Street Christian Church's *Feed the Community* program

#### Step-out: 2:00 PM

- ✓ Walk a specially designated route for CROP around the 'Ag Park'

Ways to donate & help bring the Top Fundraiser Traveling Trophy back to Olivet.

#### Donate by check - made out to CWS/CROP

- at the CROP WALK Table in Fellowship Hall in September.
- or bring your donation to the event on CROP WALK Sunday.
- or mail a check to our local CROP WALK Treasurer, Linda Reed Brown, 2000 Parkade Blvd, Columbia MO 65202. Questions? Email Linda at

[lreedbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:lreedbrown@hotmail.com) or call Marilyn Bettenhausen at 442-4002.

#### Donate securely online.

- Visit [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo) Look up the Olivet Team and make a donation. Create your own fundraising page, if desired, as part of the Olivet Team.
- Set up a Facebook Fundraiser. Go to the Church World Service Facebook page [www.facebook.com/churchworldservice](http://www.facebook.com/churchworldservice). Click "create fundraiser" on the lower left column. Your personal Facebook account will carry notifications to your contacts. Don't forget to send "thank you" notes.
- **Tag Challenge:** Post a walking video using your own social media pages and also on #EndHungerNow and #Virtual CROPHungerWalk. Tag your friends and potential donors in the posted text and include your personal/team fundraising page link.



Walking for a Healthier World

There will be a Shakespeare's Pizza CROP Fundraiser on September 19, all Day at all 3 locations. 15% of your order goes to CROP. Coupon required. Get coupon at our webpage: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo> See also FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/comocrop>

For 26 years Columbia WALKERS have been part of the solution. Walk with us. In-person or in-spirit for a healthier world. Thank you!

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty fundraising walks are community-wide events – sponsored and organized by Church World Service and local religious/community groups, like our Columbia CROP WALK Planning Team. Funds raised fight hunger in our community (25%) and across the US and around the world (75%). <https://cwsglobal.org/about/history/>

## OLIVET CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING - JULY 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Reeder, Dennis Bettenhausen, Bob Broz, Kendall Enright, Barb Fitzgerald, Amanda Durbak, Kim Amiot, Vickie Spain, Inge Decker, Jerry Gilles, Chalen Jackson

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Reverend Hannah Ryan, Reverend Coletta Eichenberger, Diane Bartley, Ken Bartley

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Amanda Durbak at 7:03 PM.

Opening Prayer offered by Reverend Coletta Eichenberger.

### **GOVERNANCE:**

The minutes from the June board meeting had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting. Kim Amiot. Second by Bob Broz. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Diane Bartley sent out reports via email prior to the meeting for review. The barbecue committee recently met and it is looking like the proceeds from this barbecue are almost exactly what they were in 2019. Budget to actual shows that June was not exceptional, but was less than \$1,000 in the red. The barbecue proceeds will be applied to July. Inge Decker moves to approve the report as presented, second by Dennis Bettenhausen. Motion passed.

### **Finance Committee Report:**

Ken Bartley reported for the Finance Committee. For the first six months the budget is showing a loss of ~\$14,500; however we do have a prepaid pledge balance of ~\$22,000. If those pledges were written in as realized income, the first six months would be in the black by ~\$7,500. In comparing 2021 to 2020 for the first six months, we are up 28% (~\$4,000).

The barbecue numbers are not finalized; however the net profit is approximately \$9,400. The net profit margin for 2021 was 61%, compared to 2019 at 39%. Expenses were down this year by ~\$8,700 due to the drive-thru method, the majority being from the mutton and the tent. The proceeds will be split evenly between the ministry fund and CASA.

50 more shares of the value ETF and 50 shares of the growth ETA were purchased on June 21. As of this time the stocks are up ~\$1,500 since March. The brokerage account through Central Bank allows immediate liquidation and money transfer to our money market account if we are ever in need. If the market prices draw down to the average cost or below, it may be a good time to purchase another 50 shares of each stock type. The current average cost per share is approximately \$94.47 for growth fund and \$70.12 for the value fund. Kim Amiot moves to approve the purchase if those parameters are met. Second by Bob Broz. Motion passed.

### **MINISTER'S REPORT:**

#### **Rev. Ryan:**

Reverend Ryan presented a review of her month and areas she focused on in addition to her regular pastoral and worship duties.

There have been two Youth Gazebo Gatherings in the last month. Ten youth attended for ice cream and fellowship on June 27 and 12 youth attended a Christmas in July party on July 18. They will meet again in August to help refinish the gazebo benches.

Good Stewards Together is an intergenerational Sunday afternoon outdoor gathering. Twelve people attended the first gathering. The Bob & Karen Broz and Marilyn Bettenhausen showed the group around Olivet's outdoor spaces and talked about why we plant what we plant, what it means for the environment, and how much time and effort it takes to care for our green spaces. There will be another session this Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to explore how scripture calls us to be Good Stewards.

Reverend Ryan continues to meet with the Search Team as they interview candidates for the co-minister position. She attended several meetings with other youth ministers and leaders in the region to explore how we can act as better partners and build relationships among youth in different congregations.

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She will be on vacation July 26 - August 1 and will be attending a virtual Excellence in Ministry retreat August 4 - 6.

**Rev. Eichenberger:**

Reverend Eichenberger continues to share worship duties with Reverend Ryan. She has been participating in Bible study and staff meetings. Reverend Eichenberger assisted with both church meetings about masking policies. She has met with the personnel committee for Reverend Ryan's proposed revisions to the personnel policies. Reverend Eichenberger has been providing support for the Search and Call Team and met with a candidate last Tuesday who had two previous interviews via Zoom and this meeting was in person. The meeting went well and the Team is hopeful it will go forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Search and Call Update:**

Building on Reverend Eichenberger's report about the recent co-minister position interview, Joe Reeder gave an update about a candidate that recently came and visited in person. The committee is in the process of putting out a call to this candidate. They have not heard back yet; the candidate asked for approximately three weeks to complete another interview process. As this candidate discerns, the team asks for prayers that this candidate would be an excellent addition to the church.

**COVID worship and gathering guidelines:**

There have been two listening meetings about Covid masking protocols. Twenty people attended the first meeting in person with varying opinions and lived experiences shared. The Zoom meeting had six additional families that shared their viewpoints as well. The board had a special meeting last month without a quorum and discussed different methods of meeting the congregation's views and safety concerns.

The board had a thorough discussion about our community's risks. This included discussions about having a masked and unmasked area during worship.

The ventilation in the fellowship hall is superior to that in the sanctuary, so the unmasked area would be safest in the fellowship hall with masks needed in the sanctuary. Amanda Durbak proposed church meeting and masking policies that correspond with the risk level.

A method being successfully used at another church was relayed to the board by the Bettenhausens that entails following the COVID Act Now website (<https://covidactnow.org/us/missouri-mo/county/>) which has a ranking system for Boone County's risk by using in multiple factors such as local daily new cases, infection rate, and positive test rate. Three weeks ago Boone County was in the yellow or "moderate risk" range, but it is currently in the red or "high risk" range. The Covid Delta variant is prevalent in Boone County and is extremely dangerous to unvaccinated individuals, but can also be transmitted to and by vaccinated individuals. The proposed system would be to monitor the risk levels via the website through the week and the safest trending level will be announced each Thursday. The risk levels will correspond to the church's Covid safety policy for that week according to the following table:

Color	Risk	Church Policies
Burgundy	Severe risk	Olivet's Board will determine whether to suspend in-person activities at the church
Red	Very high risk	Masks must be worn by everyone in all spaces, including small group meetings.
Orange	High risk	Masks must be worn in the Sanctuary; vaccinated individuals may remove masks for worship in the Fellowship Hall. Vaccinated individuals may go without masks in small group meetings.
Yellow	Moderate risk	Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals.
Green	Low risk	Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals.

Joe Reeder moved to accept the color coding guidelines presented. Second by Kim Amiot. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Human Resource/Personnel Guidelines:**

Kim Amiot reported that the Personnel Committee met with Adrienne Floyd and Reverend Ryan. Angie Carlson has resigned as the accompanist and Adrienne is currently filling in as the accompanist as well as doing her own work. There are 30 hours of employment allotted for the music team. Adrienne relayed she would like the accompanists to be there just during practices and services which would be 5

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hours per week. Adrienne's job title would be changed to Worship Arts Supervisor which would be 25 hours per week. Reverend Ryan has worked to rewrite separate job descriptions as well as the Personnel Policy and Procedures document. The board discussed the job descriptions and made small wording adjustments. Barb Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the job descriptions with changes, add the new job title for Worship Arts Supervisor and eliminate the previous job descriptions. Second by Joe Reeder. Motion passed. Kim Amiot made a motion to accept Adrienne into the newly changed position of Worship Arts Supervisor. Second by Bob Broz. Motion passed. The board next discussed the revisions to the Personnel Policy and Procedures. Reverend Ryan discussed that the church is trying to make the shift away from a corporate human resources model and towards a personnel relationship model. This is a Personnel Policy which will replace the Human Resource Policy. The board

The Food Pantries in Central Missouri and Boone County are always in need of assistance. The list below contains suggestions for donations. Items donated in the third quarter of 2021 will go to **Central Missouri Food Pantry**. Place your items in the Food Pantry area of the Fellowship Hall.



- ✓ Canned fruit - peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, mandarin oranges, pie filling
- ✓ Jam, jelly
- ✓ Cereal - instant oatmeal, dry cereals
- ✓ Cornbread mix, muffin mix, biscuit mix
- ✓ Pancake mix and syrup
- ✓ Granola bars

### ALTERNATE

- ✓ Jell-o pudding mixes or packets
- ✓ Microwave popcorn
- ✓ Catsup/mayo/mustard

made a change to better define who would act in a role. A motion to approve the Personnel Policy and Procedures document with change added was made by Dennis Bettenhausen, second by Bob Broz. Motion passed.

### New Board Member Search:

Approximately nine board members are rotating off this year after serving for three years. A committee needs to be formed from exiting board members and non-board members to recruit the incoming board members. Amanda Durbak, Bob Broz, and Chalen Jackson will be on the committee and will look for non-board members to join.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Reeder. Second by Amanda Durbak.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kendall Enright

**EARLY NOTICE ...**  
**WARM-UP COLUMBIA IS HAPPENING**  
**IN OCTOBER!**

Watch for more details next month, but begin collecting new or gently used coats, hats, mittens/gloves and scarves NOW!



Any articles and information you would like to submit for the September edition of the Olivet Connections newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, September 15. Early submissions are always welcome. Thank you!

## ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS BENEFIT BOTH PEOPLE AND PLANET – PART 2

Review the laundry and self-care products listed below. These are examples, not endorsements. They work for the Amiot family; they might work for you too.

### Laundry

**Tru Earth Eco Strips** – I use the unscented kind. One strip for regular loads, 2 for soiled loads. (They disintegrate in the washer, and come in a compostable cardboard box). I do not use dryer sheets or fabric softener; I use wool balls in the dryer to reduce static and “fluff” the clothing. See <https://www.tru.earth/Store>



**For stain remover**, I love **Simple Green**. It can be purchased at Lowes, and diluted as a multipurpose cleaner, degreaser, and is great at removing stains. It does come in plastic; I dilute it in a reusable spray bottle. It is not harmful in waste water, and has no toxic chemicals. Other choices include my daughter's favorite: <https://wellearthgoods.com/>'s "StainStick".

### Self-Care

**Shampoo** - from <https://earthhero.com/> - **Aloe & Tea Tree Shampoo Bar**. Bars are great because they just disintegrate as they are used, and the wrapping

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."



—Paul Tillich

is compostable. To date, I haven't found a conditioner I like ... still experimenting.

**Body washes** are plentiful; we like **Zero Waste Body Wash Kubes** from <https://wellearthgoods.com>.

**Shaving products** - I LOVE **Badger's Organic Shaving Soap** - <https://earthhero.com/> We

share a shaving brush, use an old coffee cup to hold the bar and it's GREAT!! We have gone back to the stainless-steel safety razor with removable blades (not disposables) which are readily available on the internet. We get ours at VanDerHagen ... <https://www.vanderhagen.com>.

**Facial Bar** - **Mary Kay**, now if only I could get them to send it without the plastic container!

I hope these products, plus the cleaning supplies mentioned last month, might intrigue you enough to give them a try and open your eyes to all the alternatives out there these days. Thank you!

~ Kim Amiot, Sustainable Living Team member

September 22  
Wednesday



## SEPTEMBER OLIVET ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Sunday, September 5

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 AM In-person & Drive-in Worship  
 3:00 PM Worship posted to YouTube  
 3:30 PM Youth Group

### Monday, September 6

#### Labor Day

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, September 8

7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, September 12

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 AM In-person & Drive-in Worship  
 3:00 PM Worship posted to YouTube  
 5:00 PM Ice Cream Social & Kickball Game

### Monday, September 13

12:00 PM Bible Study

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

### Wednesday, September 15

7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, September 19

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

CROP WALK (Clary-Shy Community Park)  
 10:30 AM In-person & Drive-in Worship  
 3:00 PM Worship posted to YouTube  
 3:30 PM Youth Group

### Monday, September 20

12:00 PM Bible Study

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

5:30 PM Program Council

7:00 PM Board

### Wednesday, September 22

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall**

#### **Newsletter Articles Due**

7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, September 26

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Reconciliation Special Offering**

10:30 AM In-person & Drive-in Worship  
 3:00 PM Worship posted to YouTube  
 3:30 PM Youth Group

### Monday, September 27

12:00 PM Bible Study

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

### Wednesday, September 29

#### **Newsletter Mailed**

7:00 PM Choir



### Sunday, September 5

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
 Psalm 125  
 James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17  
 Mark 7:24-27

### Sunday, September 19

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 31:10-31  
 Psalm 1  
 James 3:13 - 4:3; 7-8a  
 Mark 9:30-37

### Sunday, September 12

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 1:20-33  
 Psalm 19  
 James 3:1-12  
 Mark 8:27-38



### Sunday, September 26

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22  
 Psalm 124  
 James 5:13-20  
 Mark 9:38-50

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