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"Called together by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus and express God's love to all."

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FROM THE PASTOR

Some years ago an experiment was conducted with seminary students. Researchers gave them the assignment of preparing a talk about the Parable of the Good Samaritan to be recorded at an assigned time. On the path to the building where the recordings were to be done, the researchers had planted an actor to play the part of a man in distress. Almost all of the students rushed past the hurting man on their way to record a message about the Parable of the Good Samaritan!

Robert Wuthnow, a professor at Princeton, once conducted some research about why some people are generous and compassionate, while others are not. He found out that for many compassionate people someone had acted with compassion toward them, and this experience had transformed their lives.

Anthony Robinson, his sons, and some members of his church were visiting with members of a congregation of very poor, indigenous people in Nicaragua they had come to help. While there, Robinson realized with terror that one of his sons was suffering from bipolar illness or manic depressive disorder. Suddenly he was in a situation of need. Yet at every juncture of the journey home and treatment for his son, he received help from people he would normally have thought he would be giving help to. "My experience in Nicaragua changed my life, and it changed my hearing of the story of the Good Samaritan," Robinson writes.

What the lawyer Jesus told the parable to discovered is that we cannot stand on the sidelines and figure out how to be good, defining

our terms (is this person my neighbor or not?), figuring out just what we have to do to inherit eternal life. We are helpless to be Good Samaritans on our own strength. In other words, we are the person in the ditch who lies helpless and wounded beside the road in need of rescue. And along comes a Good Samaritan named Jesus who comes to save us, lifts us into his arms, and takes us to the place of healing.

I don't know about you, but I find compassion and caring arising more out of gratitude than out of obligation or the fulfilling of commandments. So grateful for a home, I want to help others in need of decent affordable housing. Grateful for ample food, I want to help others suffering from hunger and malnutrition. So grateful for health and recoveries from illness, I want to help others whose lives are limited by injury and illness. So grateful for the assurance of God's love and promises for me and the world in Jesus Christ, I want to help others embrace and find life abundant and eternal in that good news.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

To better meet the childcare needs of families in our church and surrounding community, the Olivet Preschool is expanding! Please contact Betsy Dishman at the church office: 295.1367 or email: betsy@olivetpresbyterian.org. For more details, please visit www.olivetpreschool.org.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

The summer schedule continues with two worship services at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall and 11:00am in the Sanctuary. There will be time for fellowship between the services. In lieu of Sunday School, children and youth are encouraged to attend worship with their families. Children, Pre-K through 5th grade, may go out with adult leaders and youth helpers before the sermon for *Kids Own Worship* (KOW). Summer is the perfect time to introduce your child to worship, prayer, confession, assurance of pardon, and hymns of the faith. Nursery will be available during both services for children 4 and younger.

KIDS OWN WORSHIP REPORT

During the summer months, the children attending KOW have been exploring the "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids about God".

In June we learned:

- "God Is Three in One"
- "God Is Good"
- "God Is Holy"
- "God Is Everlasting"

In July we discovered:

- "Jesus Is Human and Divine"
- "Jesus, the Humble King"
- "Jesus Has Always Existed"
- "Jesus Paid for Our Sins"
- "Jesus Resurrected"

In August we will explore:

- "The Holy Spirit Guides and Teaches"
- "The Holy Spirit Helps and Prays for Us"
- "The Holy Spirit Is Everywhere"
- "The Holy Spirit Is a Gift Giver"

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

This summer the children have been invited to actively participate in worship by picking up a Magna Doodle and an accompanying card before worship begins. In addition to thinking of ways to praise God with our worship, children have been encouraged to draw or write something they are sorry for during a time of confession. As the words of forgiveness are spoken, children can wipe away their sins.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, August 21, all children attending school this fall are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing during either the 9:00am or the 11:00am worship service. This will be an excellent way to help children bring the faith they learn in church into their daily lives at home and at school.

DATES FOR FAMILIES

Aug 21 - Blessing of the Backpacks (9:00/11:00)
Sept 11 - Rally Day-Sunday School begins (9:45)
Sept 28 - Nov 16 – Fall Kids' Connection (Weds)

♪♪♪ MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES ♪♪♪

CHANCEL CHOIR RETURNS

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, August 31, at 7:00pm in the Music Room upstairs. The choir will be back in the loft for 11:00am worship on Sunday, September 11 when the fall worship schedule begins. If you would like more information on using your gifts for music in worship, please speak with Betsy Dishman.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC FOR FALL

As part of Kids' Connection, children 4 years old - 5th grade will prepare music to share in worship one Sunday in October and in November. As family schedules are filling up, hold on to Wednesday afternoons to be a part of this midweek ministry for children!



BELIZE MISSION TRIP

During the week of June 26 - July 4, 46 youth and adults traveled to Belize for a week of service with PathLight International. The group consisted of 36 participants from Olivet, and 12 from Crozet United Methodist. Together, the mission team helped to build a foundation for a new school building in the village of Armenia, build a fence around a school in the village of Los Flores, and provide the opportunity to attend a Reading Camp at the school in Armenia. The group worked hard in the heat and humidity of Belize, never complaining, and fully embracing the work being done. While the hands-on construction work, and attentiveness to the details for the reading camp were important, the most vital work that took place was the building of relationships with the people of Belize. The trip was a transformational experience for all that were able to participate.

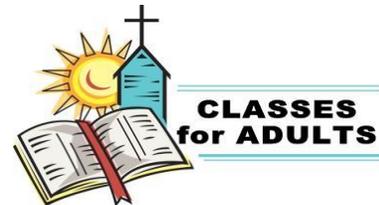
REFLECTIONS FROM GRETA BOLLMEIER

My experience in Belize was the most rewarding time of my life. For seven days, we lived in Belize and worked in the lives of the people in the village of Armenia. Our group helped build the base of a new school building, and built a fence around another school a few miles away. We spent all day with the children and people in this village, and immersed ourselves in their lives. Not only did we help them, but they changed us. I will never forget the people I met there and hope to see them all again in two years when we return.

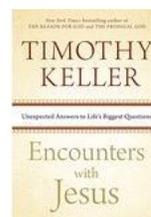
The people in Armenia live with bare necessities - if that. The unemployment rate in Belize is a whopping 46 percent. The people are so happy with what they have and are grateful for everything. They worked alongside us building the school, and their dedication amazed me. One day when I was working in a reading camp, a little boy kept peeking his head in and was very interested, though he was not part of

the camp. He was very shy but finally came in and would not tell me his name. He took a piece of construction paper and made me an origami paper airplane and told me his name was Julian. His dad had been helping us build the school. There was another boy named Roger who was 9 and became very close with our entire youth group. One of my favorite memories of the trip was playing soccer with him. He is an only child without a father, and his mom works 12 hours a day. I can't put into words the joy and heartbreak I felt all during this trip. There are so many stories and more kids like this.

We worked with an organization called PathLight, which helps sponsor kids to go to high school. I hope to begin to save my money and help sponsor one of these children to get through school. Many kids don't get the opportunity to go to high school in Belize, given the cost. PathLight is an incredible organization and I think it's a noble cause to donate to if anyone might be interested. Overall my time in Belize caused me to reflect on my life and what's really important and has inspired me to do more mission work.



WEEKLY BOOK GROUP



The Friday book group is discussing a book by renowned pastor Tim Keller entitled "Encounters with Jesus." The group will not meet on August 5, but will meet on the other Fridays of August at 9:00am in the church parlor.

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The "Inquiring Believers" Sunday School Class is meeting through the summer in the church library, discussing a weekly e-mail regarding a current event and relevant scripture passages. All are welcome to join the discussion from 10:00am – 11:00am.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Olivet Session met for its monthly stated meeting Tuesday, July 19, beginning the meeting with the sharing of a meal, joys and concerns, and prayer.

Gary Hatter shared an opening devotional arising from the Belize Mission Trip and the first weeks of Hebrew study in seminary.

During staff reports, Seth expressed appreciation to the Fellowship Committee for the May and June celebrations with our confirmands, graduates, and others. He reported on the amazing youth mission trip and the upcoming Montreat youth conference. Albert reported on another "best-ever" Vacation Bible School, summer Sunday morning changes, the work of the Long Range Planning team, and a planned meeting of the Cemetery Trustees. Dale highlighted the talks during our community gathering time of Hospice of the Piedmont staff members.

During the Clerk's report, Session approved June meeting minutes; entered into the minutes the action of a quorum of elders meeting on June 27 to receive the following into membership: Michelle Davis, Bill and Betty Eckerson, Charlie Humphries, Brittany Lovell, and Andy and Kira Sullivan; and recorded the following transfers from Olivet: Sarah Aiyar to 1st Baptist Church of Lehigh Acres, FL; Norm and Deborah Estep to Westminster Presbyterian, Knoxville, TN; Tim and Liz Meakem to Trinity Presbyterian, Charlottesville, VA; Stedman and Lauren Oakey to River Rd. Baptist Church, Richmond, VA; Catherine MacGregor to Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Gloucester, VA.

Session reviewed and accepted the minutes of several committees that met this month and approved the following recommendations:

- Dedication of outdoor worship area during 7:00pm vespers service on Aug. 7
- Rally Day Worship Service at 9:45am in Fellowship Hall on Sept. 11
- Service of ordination-installation of Seth as Associate Pastor, with Fred Holbrook preaching, on Sun., Sept. 18, 4:00pm
- Union Presbyterian Seminary Professor Sam Adams to preach on a Sunday in October

During Old Business, Session elected Cindy Cass and W.A. Pace, with Gary Hatter as alternate, as commissioners to the August 16 called meeting of Presbytery of the James. where Seth Lovell will be examined for ordination by the Presbytery as a whole. Albert shared an update on the office staff transition process and interviews scheduled with very promising candidates. Session discussed and approved a congregational worship survey developed by the Long Range Planning Task Force to be conducted on August 21 and circulated by e-mail. Finally, Session reviewed the work of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, August 21, 10:15am for the Committee to bring nominations for Deacons and Elders to the congregation for election.

During New Business, Session was informed that our annual covenant with Dale Dealtrey needs renewing, and Personnel Committee is taking steps to bring that recommendation before the Session next month.

The meeting was closed with a round of prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

We are grateful to the members of our church, elected in June, who have served on our "Officer Nominating Committee" to prayerfully consider members to recommend to the congregation for election as elders and deacons. Those who are doing this vital work are: Kyle Bollmeier, Cindy Cass, Blair Engle, Gary Hatter, and Elna Yongue. The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, August 21, at 10:15am for the Nominating Committee to report to the congregation their nominees to be elected by the congregation. As with all church elections, nominations may be made from the floor, but it is important that anyone so nominated has been consulted with to affirm their willingness to serve, if elected.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH CULMINATION



On Sunday, June 19, the Olivet congregation approved the recommendation of our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that Seth Lovell be called as our Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries.

Seth, who has been serving as our Director of Youth Ministries for nearly six years, began seminary and steps toward ordination three years ago, with Olivet's blessing and support. He completed his studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary and his ordination requirements through Shenandoah Presbytery this spring.

At this point, two steps remain in Olivet and Seth's journey. On Tuesday, August 16, at 4:00pm, Seth will be examined at a called meeting of Presbytery of the James, preaching a sermon and responding to questions in the area of Bible, theology, polity, and worship. The meeting will be held at the Providence Presbyterian Church in Gum Spring, VA. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend to observe and show support for Seth.

Finally, on Sunday, September 18, at 4:00pm, Seth will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor at Olivet in a service of worship led by a commission of the presbytery. We are grateful for God's blessing and guidance through this process, and anticipate a joyful celebration of God's grace in our midst on the 18th.

FUTURE CHURCH NEWSLETTER DELIVERY



Beginning in September, The Olivet Branch will be e-mailed to everyone, and mailed through the postal service to those that request it. This is the opposite of our current practice, which is to mail it to everyone, and e-mail it to those who request it.

E-mailing the newsletter will enable us to save on printing, paper, and postage expenses, as well as incorporate more pictures and graphics.

If you would like to continue to receive a copy of the monthly newsletter by mail, be sure and contact the church office this month at tracey@olivetpresbyterian.org.

OLIVET OFFICE STAFF UPDATE



In June, Tracey Daniels began working with us as half-time Director of Communications. And Sean Roberts, who was home from college, began serving as interim half-time Administrative Assistant. Personnel Committee began a new search for a permanent half-time Administrative Assistant to begin work in mid-August, when Sean returns to school. As of this writing, four applicants with office administrative experience in churches have been interviewed, and we anticipate having a new half-time office staff member in place by mid-August.

Tracey will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday morning, and Thursday, and can be reached at tracey@olivetpresbyterian.org. Our new Administrative Assistant will be in the office on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday, and Friday.



END-OF-SUMMER PICNIC



Olivet will hold its Annual End-of-Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 21, following the 11:00am worship service. This is a wonderful event for all ages, and a great opportunity to reconnect with one another and share our summer experiences after all of the comings and goings of summer. The menu will include hot dogs and hamburgers (grilled by a couple of famous Olivet chefs), baked beans, watermelon, chips, and additional goodies. All food and drinks will be furnished by the church, so you don't have to cook! Monetary donations to help defray the cost of the food will be appreciated. Join us after church on the 21st for Christian fellowship, fun, and good food!

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME



Each Sunday during the summer, we will hold our Fellowship Time at 10:00am, between the two services.

Join your church family to get to know someone new, or strengthen old friendships.

As always, we need refreshment providers for this ministry. You only have to provide three plates of nut-free snacks, and bring them to the Kitchen by 9:30am. Members of the Fellowship Committee serve as hosts for the Fellowship Time. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the wall in the Fellowship Hall by the window into the kitchen.

RECOGNITION OF DEANNA HAMMOND



On Sunday, August 7, Deanna Hammond will be in town, and we are going to take the opportunity to recognize and thank her for her 16 years of service as secretary and

administrative assistant at Olivet. Deanna was severely injured in a February car accident and, after hospital and rehabilitation facility stays, has been living with her daughter and family in northern Virginia and now Florida. She has recovered well but is transitioning into retirement after an extended medical leave provided by the church. We look forward to having Deanna back among us, and expressing our gratitude and recognizing her years of faithful, loving service as a staff member at Olivet.

COMMUNITY GATHERING TIME

Our Community Gathering Time from 10:00-11:00am each Sunday will include special presentations at 10:15am. During the presentation, children are invited to join a supervised play time on the playground. Special presentations for August are as follows:

August 7 --- Recognition of Deanna Hammond

August 14 – Montreat Youth Conference Presentation

August 21 -- Worship Survey Discussion with Long-Range Planning Team

August 28 -- Scripture and Sermon discussion led by Albert



OUTDOOR WORSHIP AREA DEDICATION

In fulfillment of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts, David Hatter took on the project of developing an outdoor worship space on the wooded knoll beside the western church parking lot with the basketball court.

We now have access by newly installed steps and a cleared and bordered trail to a beautiful worship space canopied by tall trees. The space itself includes all the usual worship furnishings designed to weather the outdoors: bench pews, communion table, baptismal font, pulpit, and most importantly, an impressive cross.

On Sunday, August 7 at 7:00pm, in an outdoor, evening vesper service, we will dedicate this space to the glory of God, and for use in Christian ministry and worship by Olivet.

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON TOPICS

- 7th Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Both Services, Dale Dealtrey Preaching
Scripture: Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
Sermon: "On Staying Awake"
- 14th 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Isa. 5:1-7; Heb. 11:29 – 12:2; Luke 12:49 - 56
Sermon: "Running the Race Set Before Us"
- 21st 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Jer. 1:4-10; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Sermon: "Set Free from Bondage on the Sabbath"
- 28th 15th Sunday after Pentecost, 5-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering
Scripture: Jer. 2:4-13; Heb. 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon: "The Lord is My Helper; I Will Not Be Afraid"

WORSHIP SURVEY

This year, the Olivet Session has been working on updating our long range plan. Following a workshop and planning retreat, a small planning team was formed to synthesize and clarify key goals for the church to focus on in the coming years. Some of these goals emerged easily from the work done at the Session planning retreat. But the Long Range Planning team discovered that more information and input was needed before a recommendation on our worship schedule could be taken back to Session as part of our plan.

The Long Range Planning Team, with input from the Worship Committee, and approval of Session, has developed a survey to seek input from the whole congregation to provide guidance regarding the need for any changes or additions to the current schedule and style of opportunities to worship God at Olivet.

Those present in worship on the 21st of August will be invited to complete a survey in church. In addition, members of the Long Range Planning Team will lead a discussion of the survey during our community gathering time, seeking to gather more input from the congregation. Finally, the survey will be circulated with our weekly e-mail update so that anyone not present on the 21st will have the opportunity to provide input into this planning process.

For more information, speak to any member of Session, or those serving on the Long Range Planning Team: Ashley Buford, Albert Connette, Joe Derrico, Ruffin King, and W.A. Pace.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will continue to hold two worship services on Sunday mornings through Labor Day weekend: a contemporary service at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall, and a traditional service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Families are encouraged to worship together until children through 5th grade are invited to leave for Kids Own Worship (KOW).



It was the great pleasure of the Olivet Session meeting last month to welcome the following new members: Charlie Humphries and Andy and Kira Sullivan by reaffirmation of faith, Michelle Davis by transfer from Trinity United Methodist Church of Charleston, SC, Bill and Betty Eckerson by transfer from Congregational Church of Oxford, MA, and Brittany Lovell by transfer from Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, VA.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY

The local Habitat for Humanity chapter is building an average of 20 houses a year to assist lower-income households with decent, safe, and affordable housing. The area Presbyterians continue to assist with this ministry by sponsoring the equivalent of one house a year, with volunteer and financial support.

On Saturday, August 13, Olivet volunteers have an opportunity to share in this affordable housing ministry. The summer work hours are 7:45am - 2:30pm. Crew leaders provide all needed guidance, supplies, and tools. Contact Tom Thompson, tom@chville.net, Olivet's Habitat Coordinator, if you are able to serve on the 13th.

BURNET COMMONS III DEDICATIONS

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville invites you to celebrate the accomplishments of twelve Partner Families who have put in hundreds of hours of sweat equity, and with the help of volunteers (including many from Olivet) and sponsors, have built their homes and realized their dreams of home ownership. A dedication of six new homes will take place on August 6 and August 13 at 5:00pm. Park at Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church, and shuttles will transport guests to the dedication site between 4:30pm and 4:55pm.

WHAT FIVE WEEKS IN THE WILDERNESS TAUGHT ME

By Kylie Roberts

As I somewhat reluctantly assimilate back to the land of indoor plumbing and 24/7 email, I'm struck by the ways the wilderness shaped and refined me. Students, 19 other instructors, and I spent five weeks together mountaineering in the Fitzpatrick Wilderness in the Wind River Mountain Range in Wyoming, participating in a CCO program called Leadership and Discipleship in the Wilderness. During this time, we navigated through rugged forest, over sharp talus fields, across rushing rivers, and to the top of snow covered peaks. We lived in intentional community; practiced spiritual disciplines; developed as leaders and followers; cried and laughed until we cried; fasted and feasted; carried our lives on our backs; and were immersed in God's breathtaking creation. During this time, we were challenged to pay attention to our intentions and the direction we desire for our lives. To guide the time, we explored how we as humans relate to God, others, ourselves, and creation.



I rediscovered on this journey that God engages with all of me, not just with my thoughts and my theology. God is greater than I often like to admit (because I desire control), but the full character of God is revealed in the wilderness. From the gentle breezes to strong winds and storms, I experienced God through this place and the people I traveled with. The routines that the wilderness demands created in me a desire to create habits of the heart as I enter back into the pace of the front country. God met me in the

wilderness and reminded me that I'm not a human *doing*, but a human *being*, and to practice being in His presence.

It's impossible to hide your mess when living in such close proximity to 19 other people for five weeks. We came together as a bunch of strangers and left as family. We challenged and supported each other both on and off the trail. There is no way the whole group would have made it the whole way without each other. We carried each other's weight when needed, and learned what it meant to serve one another. I would still be clinging to a cliff somewhere if it weren't for the commitment we had to each other. Living in this covenantal community was a practice in acting against our culture's staunch individualism to learn to advocate both for group and individual needs to seek flourishing for all.

Usually, creation is a way I connect with God and see God, but I was having trouble doing so until halfway through our trek. We had a guided quiet day of reflection and God during which I finally was able to see the interconnectedness and interdependence of the different organisms to each other, and my relationship to them and the ways that I am also inherently connected to creation. Every flower reminded me that I am loved and to extend love.

I learned so much about myself on this trip--far too much to include everything in this letter. However, to sum up, I learned that I bear both the joys and the burden of group dynamics, so much so that I often struggle to advocate for my own needs and desires in light of group needs. This is a tension I'm learning to live into and seek wisdom. I also learned to seek knowledge for the sake of the community and for the love of learning. I often function as brain and not as a whole person; this trip challenged me to be more vulnerable and to engage with all aspects parts of me--those parts that are broken and parts that God has matured/is maturing. I also discovered how deeply hospitality is engrained in me. Baking and cooking in the backwoods became one of my favorite aspects of life in the back country.

UPDATE FROM LILY BAKER ON IJM

It's been a busy month with so many exciting events that I am eager to tell you about!

Our Aftercare at the opportunity to present our recently opened Survivor Center to some supporters we had visit from the States. For the past 14 years, once victims were rescued, they remained in a cramped police station for the lengthy post rescue paperwork process. The survivors remained in close proximity to their perpetrators throughout this and often slept on hard floors and crowded hallways of the police station. Staying so close to their abuses was a far from ideal situation for these girls and boys. Through our partnership with the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit, we learned that they had the space to meet our needs and were eager to do the renovations to make it the Survivor Center. One of our attorneys reacted with tear filled eyes when she saw the center and stated, "I couldn't believe after so many years of sleeping in hallways, tight office spaces, and even basketball courts just to get through processing, the staff and most especially the girls have now their own 'space'....a sanctuary where they can feel safe and truly cared for amidst the chaos of processing and documentation." We are so grateful about this beautiful area dedicated to the survivors of sexual exploitation.

IJM also held its annual Prayer Gathering and we had an amazing turn out – over 700 attendees! This was the first year we had invited our government partners in addition to our church partners. It was an incredibly powerful evening where we were able to cover all of IJM's upcoming projects in prayer.

It was a week filled with joy and it ended with our 15th Year Anniversary party where we celebrated 15 years of God's faithfulness and work here in the Philippines. We got to hear how far we have come since starting an office here in 2001. Since then, we have rescued over 500 victims, made over 400 arrests, convicted almost 100 perpetrators and closed close to 50 establishments! We barely had an office with a functioning computer when we started and now



we are a team of almost 60 hardworking and passionate individuals who relentlessly pursue justice. It is so encouraging to look back and be reminded of how faithful God has been even before IJM had thought about putting an office in the Philippines!

Lastly, our office and some of our local partners are all undergoing many transitions, particularly in leadership but also in our casework. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for a smooth and efficient transition! As always, thank you so much for your interest in my work here. I hope all is well with each of you. Please let me know how I can be praying for you! Warmly,
Lily Baker



**Justice
Ministry Team**

As Christians, we are called to seek justice. As a Presbyterian church, one of our goals is the "promotion of social righteousness." These actions and ministries embody the prayer we make when saying, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven."

One vehicle in our community for carrying out our individual and congregational calling to share in God's work of seeking justice is the IMPACT justice ministry network. IMPACT joins nearly 30 congregations together in identifying issues of concern, researching potential actions to address them, and calling those in positions of authority to implement the recommended actions. The engagement of the members in each congregation in this process is facilitated by a Justice Ministry Team.

As we prepare for another movement through the steps of the IMPACT process from listening to research to action, we need to convene Olivet's Justice Ministry Team in early August. If you would be interested in sharing more directly in this ministry, and facilitating the engagement of others at Olivet in it, contact Albert at the church office, albert@olivetpresbyterian.org.

GREETING CARDS



You will find assorted cards in the baskets outside the office and in the Fellowship Hall for \$2.00 per card. The proceeds of every card purchased support the

training of church leaders in Olivet's partner Synod in Ethiopia.

RECYCLE METAL FOR LOVE INC



The Olivet Mission Committee has set up a collection box in the church Kitchen, where you can leave recyclable metals for Bill Roberts to carry over the mountain each Sunday to support the ministry of Love INC, of Augusta County. For more information about the ministry of Love INC, talk to Bill.

DEACONS ON-CALL IN AUGUST

Ann Black and Marv Reese will be on-call for the month of August to respond to needs, as they arise.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dearest Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you so much for the generous support you have provided me in this initial step of seminary education. Having survived the first week of Biblical Hebrew, I can truly say that the encouragement, prayers, and financial help are all most appreciated. In addition to feeling humbled that God has called me into this new phase of ministry, I feel so blessed to have such an incredibly loving church family with me in Spirit every step of the way. I hope and pray that this work now begun in me may bear abundant fruit for the Kingdom, especially during such times when we so need God's comfort, guidance, and strength!!!

In Christ's Love,
Gary Hatter

Dear Olivet,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$500 to Faith Ministry on June 23. Sarah Morgan is one of our Mission Team workers. It will be put to good use meeting the physical and spiritual needs of families living on the border of Mexico! It is only because of the generosity of friends like you that we are able to serve families in need in Mexico. We appreciate you so much and are so grateful for your support. Please continue praying for us, that we may be able to share and show the love of Christ here in Mexico. Thank you for making a difference on the border!

Gracias and God bless,
David Rodriguez, Executive Director

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Hi Albert and Olivet Community,

I apologize that this email is overdue, but I wanted to write and say how much I appreciated and enjoyed being able to share my experiences in the Philippines with my Olivet family a couple weeks ago. It was truly a joy to be able to talk about what God has been doing through IJM and I am grateful for the opportunity Olivet gave me to present our work to you. It was also wonderful to be able to catch up with everyone and hear about their lives!

If you could let the congregation know that I am grateful for the opportunity I had to share with them, that would be great!

Warmly,
Lily Baker

August 2016 Olivet

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		9:30am» Property Committee Workday 12:00pm» Staff Meeting 5:00pm» Property Committee Meeting 6:00pm» Christian Ed. Committee 6:00pm» Personnel Committee	3:00pm» Worship Committee	10:30am» Staff Prayers 10:30am» Women's Bible Study		
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