

Olive Branch United Methodist Church

November 2018

*“Caring People, Sharing Jesus,
Transforming the World through Joyful Discipleship”*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Church office 513-932-3943 Open Wednesday & Friday 9am-1pm			1 “Quest” ladies study 11am United Methodist Women 1pm	2	3 Set clocks back one hour before bed
4 Breakfast 9a Cantata practice 12:15pm Girl Scouts 4p Cub Scouts 6p Open House Sugartree 4-6pm Ladies Night Out 6:30 Generations Pizza Wilmington		6 Election Day; polls open 6:30a-7:30p Lunch 11a-3p	7 Choir 7:30pm	8 “Quest” ladies study 11am	9	10
11 Shoebox deadline Breakthru Prayer event 2-7pm Cantata 6:30p Veterans Day	12 Men’s study 6:30pm Kathy L ladies study 7pm	13 Mary Haven outreach 7pm	14 Choir 7:30pm	15 “Quest” ladies study 11am Serving at Your Father’s Kitchen 5:30pm	16	17
18 Pie Sunday Girl Scouts 4p Cub Scouts 6p Cantata 6:30pm	19	20	21 NO Choir	22 	23	24
25 United Methodist Student Day Cantata 6:30p	26 Men’s study 6:30pm	27	28 Choir practice 7:30pm Newsletter deadline	29 “Quest” ladies study 11am Charge Conference Clks 6:30pm	30	

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Happy Birthday!

- November**
- 1 Noelle Phelps
 - 2 Chrisbell Bednar
 - 4 Nancy Ulrich
 - 9 Geiha Harris
Jenna Baker
 - 10 Ryan Miller
 - 16 Karen Uetrecht Burst
 - 23 Michelle Lennon
 - 24 Judy Schaefer
Mark Branam
 - 28 Geoff Hultgren

Happy Anniversary!

- November**
- 13 Brent & Sandy Broderick
 - 23 Steve & Joan Horn

Thank you!

I want to express my sincere appreciation to my brothers and sisters in Christ for the lovely flowers, your thoughts and prayers when my mother passed. It means a lot to the whole family. Thank you again. May God continue to bless the people of Olive Branch UMC.

Love,
Pastor Steve

Thank you very much for the graduation card and check; they are very much appreciated.

Eric Duffy

Dear Olive Branch Church and United Methodist Women,

We received both of your generous donations for our Falcon Pack program. Thank you so much for donating to our school. Your donation will help us to continue to feed the children on the weekends. We greatly appreciate your involvement in the Clinton-Massie School District.

Sincerely,
Natasha Howard
PTO Volunteer at CMES

Be sure to read the latest meeting minutes from the Trustees and United Methodist Men and Women on the bulletin board.

United Methodist Women

At our meeting November 1, we had a great shoebox party. Ladies brought in an assortment of goodies for the Operation Christmas Child Program, and we filled 40 boxes. What a fun day and we are so happy to be able to bless children in this way.

We are all looking forward to the **Ladies Advent Service** on Monday, Dec. 3 – please save the date on your calendars. More info to come.

Our final event this year will be our annual Christmas luncheon on **December 6 at the Houston Inn** at noon. Please RSVP to Charlene Camburn by November 16 if you would like to attend and bring a \$5 gift to exchange. All ladies are welcome of course.

President Karen Stutrud

Monthly Mission Table



To help us focus on missional giving, our Church Council has decided to exhibit a Monthly Mission Table in the front Entry.

There will be a display of that month's charity and hand-outs to help guide us when shopping. We are so blessed in our lives; won't you please pick up an item or two each month when shopping to help those less fortunate?

We have ordered 72 of the new Operation Christmas Child plastic shoeboxes. They are made of a soft plastic that will hold up in cold climates, and make a great gift in addition to what YOU put inside! If we run out, please use normal shoeboxes or plastic ones from the dollar store. We invite everyone to take some home and bring them back full. A sheet is on the mission table to help you with your choices. Deadline is **November 11**. Thanks so much!



Dear Friends,

November is here beginning with All Saint's Day on the first, which we will celebrate at worship on November 4. Remembering those who have shown us the light of Jesus truly is a great beginning to a month of giving thanks. Throughout November, we are preparing ourselves to name and celebrate our blessings in ways learned from our Celtic brothers and sisters in the faith. As we name our blessings, we will hopefully find new ways to bless God through our attitudes, words and actions.

As part of our worship celebration on Sunday, November 18, we will celebrate our blessings with a photo slideshow. Please send Karen photos of those things that you find to be a blessing, things that make you thankful. **Send them by Wednesday, November 14** via email to obchurchoffice@aol.com. Be mindful that if the file is less than 500 KB, it may not display well on the screen.

Paul advises the people of Thessalonica to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Our faith will be contagious when we are thankful for the small and the special blessings that we receive. Let us celebrate God's goodness by making being grateful a habit. I'll start: Each and every one of you are a blessing to me!

Thankful with you,
Pastor Debbie

Charge Conference

Tentative date for our Charge Conference is Thursday, November 29 at Clarksville at 6:30pm--all are welcome and all members of the church may vote. Council members are especially encouraged to attend.

Visit from Guatemalan Pastors

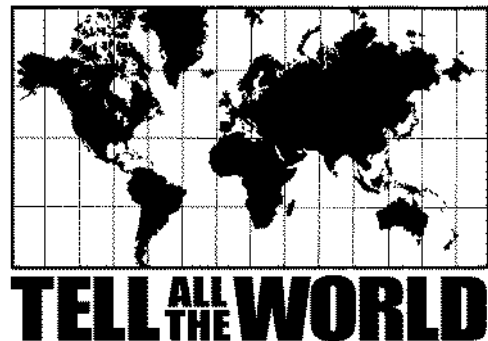
On September 30, we were privileged to receive a visit and the message from two pastors from Guatemala, Rev. Ixtan and Chanchavac. They spoke little English, so an interpreter came along. Rev. Ixtan is head of 100 churches in his country. They preach in the Kiche' language.

Rev. Ixtan showed textiles that their women make to help support families and churches. Their handwork generally represents nature and is brightly colored.



Rev. Ixtan gave the message about missions. We all have differing capabilities, but we can all do something. God calls us to use our gifts and talents. He encouraged us to go and serve – money is not needed – just a willingness to serve. And everyone can pray!

After worship at Olive Branch, we had a carry-in meal and the pastors seemed to enjoy themselves. It was very informative and interesting.



Olive Branch UMC Council Meeting October 4, 2018 at 7pm

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Meeting began at 7:00pm with devotion and prayer. Keith read Isaiah 40:37-31 and devotion from The Upper Room. Those in attendance were: Keith Largent, Peggy Duncan, Dana Storts, Keith Mealy and Karen Stutrud.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as presented, except the offering of the Financial Peace University class has since changed to January.

outreach, although they will conduct this event with their last DivorceCare class).

Treasurers' Reports:

Charge balance \$7,989.04 (as of 10/1/18)
Church checking \$47,769.80 minus \$7164.48
committed funds
Trustees checking \$28,858.79 (as of 8/31/18)
Building fund \$133,356.14
Ann Attlessey Trust \$376,071.59
Herbert Ross Trust \$321,758.32

Unfinished Business:

New inkjet printer for office was free due to extended warranty on old one

New Business:

- Pie Sunday Oct. 21 and Nov. 18? Keith made motion to give proceeds from October Pie Sunday to the Men's group, and proceeds from November will go toward Operation Christmas Child expenses. Motion was seconded by Peggy. Motion carried.
- Buy plastic shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child? Cost from Samaritan's Purse is 12 for \$18. We bought five dozen last year. They make a valuable gift to the children in addition to what is inside the boxes. Karen made motion to purchase six dozen, seconded by Dana. Motion carried.
- Karen asked if she and Scarlett could host a DivorceCare "Surviving the Holidays" event. Proposed date is November 17. This is a community outreach, and all felt it would be valuable (Karen and Scarlett have since decided against the community

Committee Reports:

Lay Leader: Dana Storts. We hosted Pastors Ixtan and Chanchavac from Guatemala on Sept. 30, and enjoyed a meal together. They did not speak English, and a Spanish interpreter came along. Dana and Siri had fun.

Discipleship/Nurture: Jenny Baker. Nothing at this time.

Worship: Judy Schaefer. Christmas Cantata is "Tell the World That Jesus Is Born" and everyone is welcome to participate. We will perform it at Clarksville and the following week at Olive Branch. Choir practices every Wednesday at 7:30pm, and we will sing on the second and fourth Sundays.

Finance: Jeff Drapalik. Nothing at this time.

Evangelism/Outreach: Open.

Global Ministries: Open.

Communication: Karen Stutrud. Nothing at this time.

Historian: Peggy Duncan. Display was recently changed and reflects the work of the Ladies Aid Society (now the United Methodist Women). There are many pictures from pre-2000, although it seems we haven't printed many out since then. Karen will print a few from each subsequent year for scrapbooks.

PPRC: Neil Schneckner. Meeting October 17 at Waynesville UMC to finish the pastor's review with the district officials.

Trustees: Tom Lennon. We are switching to Lykins Propane as rate was much better. We purchased the tank from Collett. Parking lot was crack-sealed, then sealed and striped.

UMW: Karen Stutrud. We had a fun meeting on September 6, and everyone in attendance got to choose a charity to gift with a \$50 donation. We called it a "spending party." We'll have a normal meeting Thursday, November 1, and then our December 6 meeting will be a lunch. TBA.

UMM: Tom Lennon. Men's Pig Roast fund-raiser on September 23 was a great success. The gross receipts were \$3151.91, with expenses of \$805.35, for a net profit of \$2346.56 earned for the men's mission fund. The crowd was steady and everyone enjoyed themselves. Everything was delicious. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way, especially to all the bakers! What a wonderful assortment of cakes and pies we were able to share!

VIM: Judy Schaefer. Plans are underway to return to Picayune and work with the Epworth Project, who are now working on poverty situations as opposed to disaster recovery. Dates being considered are the third week of March (16-23).

Pastor Debbie's remarks: None at this time.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 6 at 7pm
Pending Minutes submitted by Secretary Karen Stutrud

Email vote was taken the next day on the following:
Karen made motion to make a gift of \$150 to the pastors from Guatemala who visited on September 30. Jenny seconded. Motion carried. Check will be made out to Ohio River Valley District and they will forward.

Borrowed from Facebook

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.
Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends.
Lying has 5, so does Truth.
Negative has 8, so does Positive.
Under has 5, so does Above.
Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy.
Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy.
Right has 5 letters, so does Wrong.
Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal.

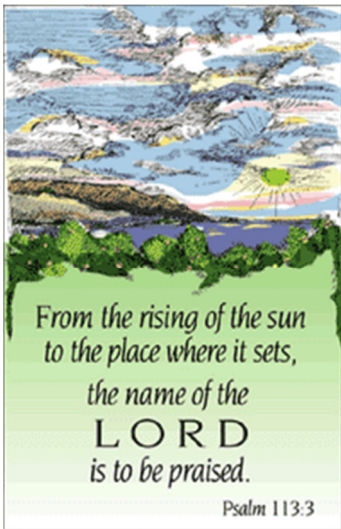
*Life can go either way...
So transform every negative into a positive.*



Wisdom from the Church Mouse

When taking a laxative before bed,
don't take a sleeping pill as well.

Clarksville and Olive Branch Prayer Calendar



To use the Prayer Calendar:

Remove this page from the newsletter and post it on your refrigerator, or place it in your Bible or daily devotional book. That way you will remember these folks in prayer every day.

We will not print a new one each month in order to save a bit on paper and ink costs. If I have forgotten you, please let me know so that I can add your name(s) and reprint. We'll issue an updated one periodically.

On the 1st of the month, pray for Pastor Debbie, church leaders, and our local communities.

On the 2nd of the month, pray for the salvation of others.

On the 3rd, begin praying for the first set of members and for our country.

3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Akers , Larry & Donna Ames , Michele & Jon Pagnozzi, Harper, Christo Ames , Shirley Bailey , David & Barb Baker , Adam & Sarah, Eli, Natalie, Patrick	Baker , Todd & Jennifer, Jenna Bauer , Ron & Diane Beckett , Bernadine Bednar , Bob & Chrisbell	Bogan , Bill & Carol Branan , Mark & Kim, Megan, Jeremy Broderick , Brent & Sandy, Gwen, Hunter Burgess , Vance & Amy, Dani, Tom Butler , Ray & Cathy	Calhoun , Robyn Campbell , Don & Pat Cann , Pastor Steve Caplinger , Joyce Chenoweth , Jim & Karen Swarts	Clark , Chad & Sarah, Zoey Clark , Herman & Gail Crothers , John & Doris Crothers , Lindsay, Elle, Ian Crowe , Joan & Bob
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Dare , Jim Davenport , Barb Davenport , Darren & Kara, Daniel, Rebekah Jayne, Alayna, Drew Allen Davis , Patty Davis , Tim & Cindy, Jeff <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Missions</i></p>	Derrick , Don & Barbara Dishon , Lonny & Karin Dobbs , Shane & Jennifer Dorff , Charles Drupalik , Jeff & Beverly <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Service Men & Women</i></p>	Duffy , Kimberlee, Tessa, Eric Duibley , Jerry & Charlene Camburn Duncan , Bruce & Peggy Earnhart , Jannette Emnett , Dave & Nancy	Fox , Ronnie & Linda Frauenknecht , Elton & Laura, Mason Gibbs , Jim & Renee, Justin, Nathan Gibson , Paul & Carol Hackman , Bob & Terri <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Give Thanks</i></p>	Hagemeyer , Fred & Debbie Hagemeyer , Mel & Pam Hagemeyer , Scott & Cindy, Lyndsay Hammons , Paula Hanselman , Nancy, Nick, Jacob

The Power of Prayer

13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
Harris, Bob & Geiha, Logan, Connor, Mitchell, Haleigh, Tori Harrison, Dennis & Lisa Hayes, Sybil Hillard, Velma Holmes, David	Homan, Jeff & Lisa, Lilly, Mallory Horn, Steve & Joan Hovermale, Gary & Norma Hubbell, Audrey Hudson, Jeff & Mandi, Hailey, Sydney, Olivia	Hudson, Matt & Amy, Allison, Bailey, Alex Hughes, Kimberly, Luke, Samantha Hultgren, Geoff & Lavinia, Joshua, Frances, Samuel Jeffers, Shirley Jennings-DeMange, Carrie, Ella	Jennings, Gary & Margret Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Mike & Ruth Kaylor, Pastor Debbie Keenan, Terry & Carolyn Kiphart, Carolyn	Kratzer, Jim Kreider, Pat & Amy, Marty, Macy Largent, George Largent, Keith & Kathy Lennon, Tom & Michelle, Garrett, Ross, Mitchell
18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Malcolm, Dan & Julie McGowan, Charles & Joan McVey, Dale & Robyn Mealy, Keith & Sue Miller, Loran & Penny, Ryan, Caleb, Kyle <i>PPRC</i>	Milner, Helen Mowry, Gene & Connie Muchmore, Don & Nancy, Rebekah Myers, Pastor Ann Nischwitz, Phyllis <i>Sunday School Teachers</i>	Norrad, Ila Overdeck, Steve & Angie, Ava, Brynn O'Connor, Kevin & Ashley, Isla Palmer, Irma Peckham, Caleb & Jenn <i>Nurture and Outreach</i>	Phelps, Bill & Diana, Chloe, Isabelle, Noelle Plenos, Edgar & Joy, Megan, Carly Plymire, Shirley Plymire, Kris Rager, Harry & Kathy	Rager, Matthew, Gabriel Riehle, Lindsey Riehle, Megan, Coleman, Maddox, Colbie Riehle, Todd & Nancy, James, Amerie, Brinley Robinson, Matthew & Amie, Shelby, Luke
23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
Rowland, John & Scarlett Schaefer, Paul & Judy Schnecker, Barb Schnecker, David & Krista, Davey, Emma Schnecker, Neil & Judy	Schnecker, Nels Schwamberger, Virginia Selter, Bill & Pat Settlemyre, Bill Settlemyre, Dale & Jill, Ali, Drew, Jared, Justin	Sexton, Ralph & Amy, Joe, Sarah Shelton, Roland & Tracy, Nolan, Nathan, Alena Spradling, Jim & Janet Sprouse, Brad & Sue Stevens, Mike & Debbie Storts, Dana <i>U.S. President</i>	Streitmatter, Jeff & Ginger (Schnecker), Mark Stutrud, Karen, Erik, Alek Surface, Rosemary Synan, Becky, Katy Taylor, Greg & Jennifer, Davis, Embry	Taylor, Kathy Thomas, Gary & Teri Thompson, Evelyn Thompson, Ken Utrecht, Vince
28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	
Ulrich, John & Nancy, Kate, Will, Caleb, Isabella Ward, Nevin & Molly, Adam, Sam Werner, Burt & Kitty Whitaker, Doris Widman, Florence	Williams, Dale & Sarah, Thomas, Maggie Williams, Trent & Becky, Emma Wills, Ron & Rhea Wood, Noni	District Superintendent Todd Anderson and office staff	Open Prayers	