

THE OLYMPIC NEWS

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Welcome to the Year 2005!

What a year was 2004! 2004 was not a regular run-of-the-mill year at Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren. The words change and transition were used regularly this last year, but was there anything the same at Olympic View? Well, we all grew a year older and hopefully wiser this last year. For the young, an extra year of life just adds to new firsts and exciting expectations of the future. I can see that in my grandson Sam, and in the many children at the church. For the oldest among us it is a time when more of our long time friends and loved ones are becoming frail, some became ill, and others went to be with the Lord. We mourned at the loss of Harold Johnson, Muriel Holmes, Leona Obenauer, Phil and Shirley Haberl's daughter Debbie, Bunah Plank, Dorothy Manfrida, Frank Warstler, Dar Latschaw, Russ Pederson, Marilyn Warstler, Bob Kline, and Bernice Nelson, but also celebrated their lives as well. Though we lost many dear to us, there were faithful hard working volunteers as usual that kept us going through a pastoral change and financial shortfalls.

We are thankful for the many dedicated people that continued the ministries God is doing through Olympic View, in spite of not having a pastor for half the year. Some of the things we did success-

fully in the last half of the year are: a fun and exciting Vacation Bible School; four youth and two advisors had a great COB Youth Conference in San Francisco; six months of worship services which brought many different speakers and view points to us from all over the country; a gathering of Lacey and OVCCOB youth with Dan McFadden, BVS director; a great holiday bazaar; Thanksgiving baskets and the Christmas giving tree; Sunday school for all ages from adult to pre-school; a new computer in the office; fixed the freezer and furnace; finished the "fully accessible" bathroom downstairs; fixed the outside sprinkler system; and finished most of the painting to name a few. All of these things were done while getting ourselves back to financial stability.

We start 2005 with Hope for the future. We called a new pastor, Ken Rieman, and we await his arrival with much anticipation. 2005 marks a new start for Olympic View. Let us all join together to seek God's will for Olympic View in 2005. Romans 8:28 says "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God who have been called according to his purpose." If we are a people who love God, and seek God's purpose, the promise is that whatever comes will be good! Praise the Lord!

Roger Edmark, Moderator

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JANUARY SERVICES

January 2

Bulletin: In the Beginning was the Word

Scripture: John 1:1-9, 10-18

Guest Speaker: J. Graley Taylor

January 9

Bulletin: Call to Righteousness

Scripture: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Guest Speaker: Jeff Glass

January 16

Bulletin: My Strength

Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Pastor: Ken Rieman

January 23

Bulletin: Repent

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-23

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January 30

Bulletin: We proclaim Christ crucified

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Congregational Life Worship and Workshops—January 9, 2005

Come spend the afternoon at the Olympic View Church for a time of worship and four inspiring workshops! From 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Carol Bowman, Jeff Glass, Steve Gregory, and Ben Green will lead you in the following:

- Exploring Postmodern Culture and Ministry
- The Singing Congregation
- Reclaiming the Offering as Worship
- Healthy Churches naturally grow...naturally!

There is a \$5.00 donation per person to cover the cost of materials.

Family Snow Weekend Camp Koinonia February 4-6, 2005

Come join the fun and fellowship in the snow at Camp Koinonia. We'll have sledding, cross-country skiing, snow sculptures and lots of hot cocoa by the fire. Cost: \$30 per person, \$100 maximum per family. Transportation in church van and carpools are available.

Contact Roger and Kathy Edmark for more info.
425-743-5725 or email: kedmark@msn.com

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

The OVCCB Board of Administration met on December 14, 2004.

--We reviewed the calendar of upcoming church events and look forward to the events planned for January.

--We were pleased that our financial situation continues to be stable, but ask you to continue to support the ministries of the church as we enter the new year.

--We rejoiced that the furnace has been repaired.

--We also rejoiced that \$300 in profit from the Bazaar has been sent to COB Global Disaster Relief.

--We ask all to consider volunteering for the Work Party on January 8th, as we need many hands to finish the tasks on the "job list" and to help prepare the church for our new pastor's arrival on January 11th. We'd like it to "sparkle!"

--We look forward to the Congregational Life Team's Workshop on January 9th and encourage everyone to attend.

--We are delighted to report that four people have volunteered to share duties in the church office, as well as Aimee Bisterfeldt who will be assuming the part-time paid position as Administrative Assistant.

--We ask all to consider becoming a host or guest at a "Dinner for Eight." Sign-ups will begin on January 9th, and it is our plan that each group of eight will include Ken (or Ken and Kate) so that they can get to know the congregation better.

--We ask you to consider volunteering to teach Sunday School in the Children's department; there is currently an opening for the second Sunday of the month, and of course, substitute teachers are always needed.

--We were delighted to learn of the great number of people who indicated on their commitment cards their interest in tasks or prayer in support of various ministries of the church. Soon, someone will be contacting each person who signed up.

--We ask everyone in the congregation to hold in their prayers those within our church family who have special needs at this time. Consider giving those you know who are hurting in some way, a short phone call, or card to let them know you care.

Stephanie Herkelrath, Church Clerk

Holiday Bazaar was a success

If you haven't heard, the Holiday Gift and Craft Bazaar was fun, festive, and profitable too. After expenses, we were able to send \$300 to the Brethren Disaster Relief Fund. The flea market sales were outstanding, bringing the "Showcase" sales for the year to over \$850. The youth also did well selling soups and hotdogs, adding over \$200 to their activity fund. It's never too early to start planning. The next bazaar is November 19, 2005. Thanks for your continued support.

Jana Helmuth

Ryan's Furniture Contest Results

Thank you everyone for your support and participation in the table setting contest at Ryans Furniture. Olympic View won the \$500 second place prize in the contest. A special thanks to Grace Edmark for entering the contest and setting the table so beautifully.

Our new Pastor will be here in a few days!!!

Pastor Ken Rieman will be arriving on January 11th. He will be staying with Bob and Carol Landis. His first Sunday with us is January 16th.

International Potluck Sunday, January 16

In a spirit of celebration, join us for our annual International Potluck after the worship service. Please bring food to share with everyone that reflects your heritage and any display items or music and/or stories to share during the meal.

When the song of the angels is stilled;
When the star in the sky is gone;
When the kings and priests are home;
When the shepherds are back with their flocks...
The work of Christmas begins...
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among peoples...
To make music in the heart!

--Howard Thurman



Craig Warstler	1-02	Joyce Mays	1-15
Ayantun Bedada	1-03	Amy Helmuth	1-17
Carol Bowers	1-04	Susanna Thill	1-18
Chia-Yin-Lin	1-05	Ethel Kemp	1-22
Haile Bedada	1-07	Al Pride	1-26
Delores Harris	1-08	Yonathan Asmu	1-28
Tikel Tekeste	1-08	Maria Aliza	1-31
Nancy O'Cain	1-14	Tiara Walker	1-31

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Goldie Barnes	1-06
Haile & Nancy Bedada	1-14
Harold and Violet Lauridsen	1-24

Remembering

Many of you may remember Margie (Joenk) Gregory. She and former husband George Joenk were long time members of Olympic View. Margie passed away on December 12th. She will be missed and remembered by her family and friends.

2005 Offering Envelopes

Numbered envelopes are now available in the church office. Please come by and pick up a box and print your name next to the corresponding number on the clip board sign up sheet. If you are unable to come in, please let us know and we will send you a box.

The numbered offering envelopes help us to help you with year-end donation statements for your tax purposes.

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We welcome you to our services.

Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.