

The Newsletter of the **Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren**
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Pastor's Notes...

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As we send out this October / November Newsletter, I have been with you as your Interim Pastor almost a month. The welcome and support I have received has been awesome! Thankfulness filled my heart as I began to think about this article, and the themes of Thanksgiving and gratitude seem only natural as I looked at the calendar of events and church meetings scheduled for November.

In November we will host the OV Holiday Craft Bazaar (more details in the coming pages!) and we will also have our annual **Fall General Assembly and Potluck on November 15**. At this meeting, the church's major business, financial and ministry issues for the concluding and upcoming year will be discussed and faithfully discerned.

Then, we will conclude November by preparing and distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to community members in need. Many hands and hearts will be needed to purchase, prepare and deliver these baskets to our neighbors in the community. Please see Jessica's article on Page 3 which outlines how you can help support this major end of the year mission-outreach!

November and the season of Thanksgiving are just around the corner. Let us, as a community and family of faith, all pledge to roll up our sleeves and help out where

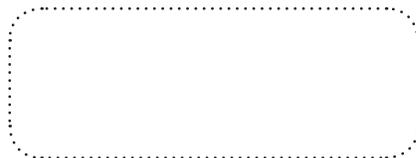


OV's new Interim Pastor, Jeffrey L. Barker, settling into the office!

needed to serve Christ and our Parish in the month and days that lie ahead. God calls us to put our Thanksgiving faith into action. The season of Thanksgiving is here. We thank God for the gifts he has given us in the year now concluding. In faith, let us in return work to serve God and the church in November as sign and symbol of our gratitude and thankfulness to God.

Peace be with you all,

Pastor Jeff



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Kate, Marigold & Ken in awe over baby Moses Philip Rieman, born September 24, 2015



Dan & Kathryn with sons Jacob & John-Clair

Mission in South Africa

Guest Speaker Dan Smith Derksen, October 25

Also joining us on Sunday, October 25 is our friend Dan Smith Derksen, who will come to share about the mission trip his family has been called to in South Africa. They will be in mission as peaceworkers and representatives of Mennonite Mission Network for a three year term beginning in January 2016. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the important work that lies ahead for Dan, Kathryn, Jacob and John-Clair in the area surrounding Cape Town!

You can support their mission through MMN's website, www.mennonitemission.net or send an email: smithderksen@gmail.com.

Farewell Reception for the Miller Rieman Family Sunday, October 25

Ken said it best when talking about his move to Oakton, VA—it is truly bittersweet. We'll miss his guidance as our pastor and the light of his family at worship. We'll miss seeing Marigold and baby brother Moses learning and growing. But we are overjoyed at the new opportunities in store for their young family!

Please join us for a special farewell reception for Ken, Kate, Marigold and Moses on Sunday, October 25. We'll gather after worship, around 12:30 pm. Bring your warmest wishes and farewell hugs! All are welcome...let's send them off with a show of immense gratitude for all of the love and support they've given Olympic View over the past ten years.

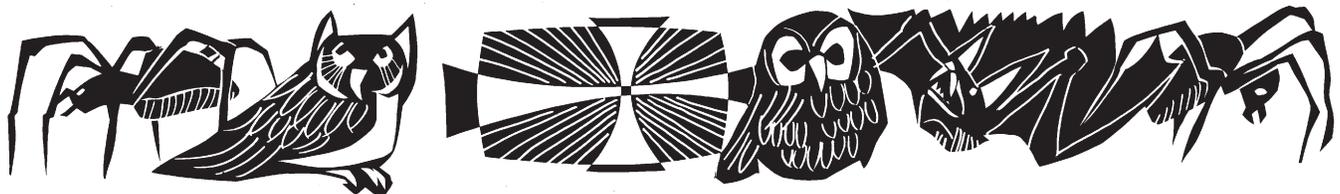
Please contact the church office if you would like to help with the reception. Blessings!



Halloween Carnival to be hosted by Youth Ministry Thursday, October 29

Please join Bobbi & Harriet and the Youth Ministry program families for a special Thursday evening Halloween Carnival!

We'll have games, food and fun activities for all ages. The festivities start at 6:30 pm, right here at Olympic View Church. Don't miss it!





November Outreach

Sharing the feast...

Fast approaching, whether we're ready or not, is the Holiday season. One of our most meaningful and productive outreach projects each year is our Thanksgiving Basket project. We're gearing up for it again, and will be accepting donations of these items to fill the orders:

- Turkeys (we've got a BIG freezer!)
- Frozen Pumpkin or Apple Pies
- Stuffing Mix
- Chicken Broth
- Gravy Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Cans of Green Beans and Corn
- Jello or Pudding Mix
- Hot Chocolate or Apple Cider Packets
- Holiday Napkins

Our special offering during the whole month of November will also be dedicated to funding this project. The money raised will go towards fresh produce like potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, apples & oranges for each family. We'll also purchase bread & butter, juice and whipped cream to top off the desserts, roasting pans for the turkeys, and more!

We'll be working again with Olympic View Elementary School, and hope to serve up to 70 families again this year (at least 30 from the OV community, and 30 from the Broadview Women's Shelter). Let's share the feast and our hearts, and make Thanksgiving a true blessing to our community!

The deadline for donations and contributions is Sunday, November 22—but the earlier the better so that we are able to coordinate our shopping trip with the Youth program to complete our baskets.

All funds and food donations that are not used for this project will be given to North Helpline, the food bank in Lake City. Last year we were able to give them over 100 lbs of food and a few hundred dollars to support the services they provide on a daily basis to our community. In giving towards this program, remember to include an extra gift with North Helpline in mind.

Questions can be directed to the office, and thank you for the amazing support always given to this project!



Save the Date!

Olympic View Community Church

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Saturday, November 21st

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Local artists welcome! \$20 reserves a table,
please call 206.525.8900 to sign up as a vendor!**

Fresh
from the
Word

Sharing God's Grace

Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

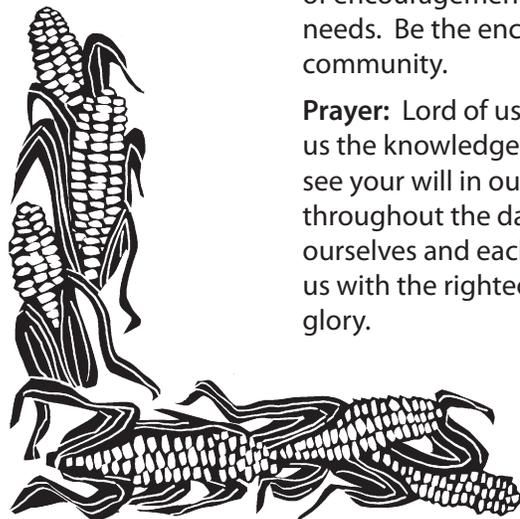
I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1.3-6 NIV).

Meditation: A community can make or break a person. Good community strengthens; bad community siphons. The community at Philippi is the good kind. This community supported Paul when he was in jail, through all his trials and tribulations, even when it seemed like there was no one by his side. And, as high and mighty as that sounds, that's what my church family does, too. Now, I haven't exactly been in jail, and maybe my trials and tribulations aren't quite biblical, but isn't that just the point? The Philippians were with Paul all the way, through the mundane and the magnificent, from the street to the stars. My church family is, too. That's the commitment we as a body of believers make every time someone joins the church. We agree to walk this journey together, even when it gets tough. We agree to make relationships and hold true to our promises. The Philippians were everything Paul needed in his time of exile. Loving through Christ can be easier said than done, but the rewards are endless.

For the day: It has been said that you never know how you're affecting the people around you. Sometimes a word of encouragement is just what someone needs. Be the encouragement today; be the community.

Prayer: Lord of us all, let your love grant us the knowledge and understanding to see your will in our interactions with others throughout the day. Let us see you in ourselves and each other; let your love fill us with the righteousness of Jesus to your glory.

—Cassidy McFadden



Sharing Together in Prayer

In Our Community:

- Thanks for **Roger Edmark's retirement!**
- For our **Youth Ministry team**, and for all those who participated in the AWESOME Youth Sunday worship on October 4!
- For **Jeff Schober**, recovering from a recent stroke; prayers for his healing, and for strength for he and his family.
- Thanks for the healthy birth of **Moses Philip Rieman**, born at 12:44 am on Sept. 24 and weighing in at 9 lbs. 4 oz, 20.75 inches. Congratulations **Kate, Ken & Marigold** on the arrival of your new son and brother!
- Thanks for the **donation from a neighbor** in gratitude for the ministry of our church bells!
- Traveling mercies and prayers abound for the **Miller Rieman family** as they journey across the country to start their new chapter in Vienna, VA!

In Our State, Nation, and World:

- For the **Smith Derksen family**, prayers that they are able to raise funds and make final plans for their upcoming mission work in South Africa!
- For the **girls of Chibok, Nigeria**, kidnapped last year by Boko Haram, and especially for **Luggwa Sanda**, continued prayers that violence will cease in the region.

Secretary's Schedule, Part II

From the desk of Jessica Quiroz...

With an new Interim Pastor in the office, and my students with their routines in check, I've made some minor changes to my office hours. This gives Pastor Jeff and I the most collaborative time in the office each week, and we are getting a lot of work done towards our ministries! Here is what my schedule looks like going forward during the month of October and beyond:

Tues/Wed/Thur:

In the OV Office, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
206.525.8900

Mon/Fri:

Telecommuting, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
206.683.6252 (cell)

On the days when I am working from home, church voice mail and email will be checked frequently throughout the day; you can also reach me anytime on my cell phone! Thanks for your support, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.