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The Sunday WORD



You belong at Olivet!

March 7, 2010

Welcome to Olivet...

a caring community that supports all people in finding new life in Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here! May God give you songs to sing and a joyful heart as you worship with us this day.

Today's Lessons...



The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness. The landowner's ultimatum is foreshadowed by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

Sundays and Seasons, pg.121

Olivet is now using gluten-free wafers for communion for the safety for those who are gluten intolerant.



BEYOND THE PANCAKES: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Lenten Study is focusing on "food for thought" during the Wilderness days. The foundation Scripture for all the gatherings will be Mark 1:9-15.

March 10th's topic is — A Time of Dependence. All are invited to attend.

The meal is dependent on the provisions of the participants. A food sign-up sheet is in the Simpson Room.



Today is the last day to RSVP for dinner and a movie to be held on Saturday, March 13, in the basement beginning at 5:30 PM. Ron and Kris Simms are hosting and would like to hear from

you today at 703-971-6671 or Krissy1212@verizon.net

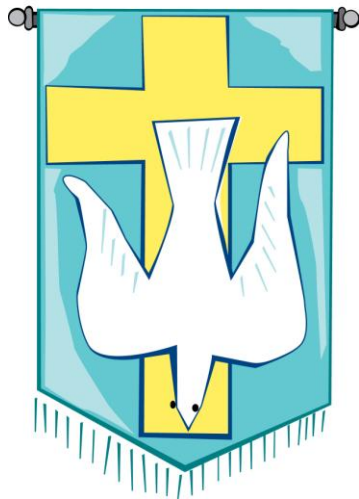
The Movie : Facing the Giants (rating PG)
Synopsis: A high school football coach, uses some unorthodox methods to motivate his team. A devoted Christian, the coach turns to God for inspiration with amazing results.

The Dinner and a Movie evenings are sponsored by the Fellowship Committee under Vestry Commissioner Diane Spittle. If you would like to host a future evening, contact Diane at stchrgirl@yahoo.com or call 703-360-7462.



Next Sunday, March 14, Daylight Saving Time begins! Set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, March 21, at 6:00 PM. Whether you were baptized as a baby, as a very young child, or as an adult, you are invited to make a public claim to the name of Christian for yourself. The classes will prepare you for your affirmation of faith to take place August 1 when the Right Reverend Bishop Shannon Johnston will make his episcopal visit to Olivet. Contact Donna Harper at 703-922-2809 or donna.harper1@verizon.net If you wish to participate.



Next Sunday, March 14, is Outreach Sunday with our offerings going to United Community Ministries of Alexandria which helps people in crisis meet basic needs and

learn about resources for long-term self-sufficiency.

Adult Ed.

Throughout Lent, the Sunday adult class is looking at lives touched by Jesus. All are invited to participate at 9:30 AM in the Simpson Room.

Following Easter, Barbara Basseuner, our seminarian, will do be leading the class in a study she calls "Hi God, I'm Ready!...Preparation to Meet God."

Caye Sarber will then take over leadership of the group looking at images of God in the Old Testament.



YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

There's a great opportunity on March 13 for our youth (grades 6 to 12) to participate in a diocesan-wide day of service.

The location is St. Christopher's in Springfield from 10 AM to 2 PM. Olivet will cover the \$15 fee, which includes lunch and supplies for the service project, of anyone wishing to participate. An adult is needed to attend with the youth.

The time will be spent discussing outreach, learning about service and

actually doing service for others in the world. The group will put together "Caregiver Kits" that will be sent to support AIDS caregivers in under-privileged countries. These packs will be filled with useful supplies, along with a personalized letter from the youth of the Diocese of Virginia.

You really have to hurry if you want to attend because the **deadline for registration is tomorrow, March 8.**

Please notify Therese Chaplin or Donna Harper if you wish to go.



The children of Olivet will be handing out Easter Eggs to all in attendance at services on Easter Day with the greeting, "The Lord is Risen." The proper response is "The Lord is risen indeed" or "He is risen indeed."

Folks are invited to return the eggs to Olivet on Easter 2 (the Sunday after Easter) filled with coins or bills. These donations will be used to support Heifer International.

Next Sunday's Lessons

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32 from BCP

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32