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GOOD NEWS

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As we know, April is a tremendous month of transition. We began to see the awakening

of flowers, the grass begins to grow, and weeds need to be cut.

When I think of weeds being cut, I think of re-prioritizing our lives. If we're not careful, weeds creep into our lives. We become more calloused toward the things of God. In the yard, we use a pre-emergent. Prevention is always best.

Each year around this time, I think of weed and feed.

We each need to feed our faith, and we just need to reevaluate our lives. Before long we will all see fruit from that endeavor.

The Methodist Church talks about spiritual disciplines; these are the feed. We practice holy disciplines. These disciplines include: prayer, Bible study, the sacraments, fasting, and worshiping together.

We deal with the weeds through confession and repentance. We focus on our need to grow in a healthy way. Weeds creep in. We turn to God and ask Him for mercy and grace.

Some of the weeds we all deal with include being harsh or expecting more from others than we require from ourselves. God gives us mercy, and we are to live mercifully.

God bless and less enjoy a great spring.

Grace and Peace,
John Check



A GIFT FOR MY NEIGHBOR

If my neighbor needed a cup of sugar,
I would give it to him;
But what if he needed a friend?

If my neighbor needed bread,
I would share with him;
But what if he needed love?

If my neighbor needed shoes,
I would provide them for him;
But what if he needed compassion?

If my neighbor needed water,
I would dig him a well;
But what if he needed God?

God grant me the wisdom
To give my neighbor
What he really needs!

God Grant me the Grace to give others what they need, and not what they deserve....

Just as you have given me what I have needed, and not what I have deserved.



Music Ministry



Ephesians 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,



Our chancel choir leads worship each Sunday morning for the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We could use a few more men!



“Unstoppable God”

Philippians 2:5-8 says: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

What an amazing God we serve. He is all powerful and unstoppable. Our youth praise team recently sang a song called Unstoppable God. It speaks about how nothing is impossible with God. He can heal our hurts and through our worship we can let Him know how much He means to us.

*Freedom conquered, all our chains undone
Sin defeated Jesus has overcome.*

*Mercy triumphed when the third day dawned
Darkness was denied when the stone was gone*

*Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done*

The Resounding Praise team leads worship for the 8:30 AM service each Sunday. If you are interested in joining then stop in at a rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM or contact me for more information. We would love to see you there.



If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers then come and join us. Youth Praise will meet on Sunday evenings starting Sunday, September 6. We will be singing for the 8:30 services on September 20, October 18, and November 15. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Blessings,

Nathan Schierer



The Trustees plan to use the process outlined below to accomplish and oversee the upgrades and renovations we are planning for the church. The fundraising campaign to support this much needed work is called Forward in Faith. You will be hearing more about the fundraiser soon. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the trustees about our plan. Basically, we plan to establish/designate three teams: Outside Renovations, Interior of Sanctuary, Miscellaneous Smaller projects.

More to follow as the we proceed...

Stanley Oliver Chair of Trustees
 Kathy Seawell, Janice Tillett, Bonnie Strawser
 ,Clint Hepler ,Rodney Benson, Clarence Skinner,
 Vick Keith and Charles Edwards..



The PLAN: Establish Three Teams for Church Renovations.

Guidelines: Each team will consist of at least five individuals including at least one trustee.

I. Team responsibility.

A. Decide on actual completed project deliverables.

1. Colors.
2. Commercial quality.
3. Methodist church compatibility.
4. Historic fit.
5. Time line.
6. Within agreed upon cost/budget.

B. Insure church member input before final selection.

1. Present options
2. Have at least one open meeting for discussion
3. Provide samples where appropriate (ex carpet, paint color, siding, etc.)
4. Provide pictures for temple talks before services.
5. Keep records as to opinions, concerns and vote for decisions.

C. Responsible to trustees for delivering results.

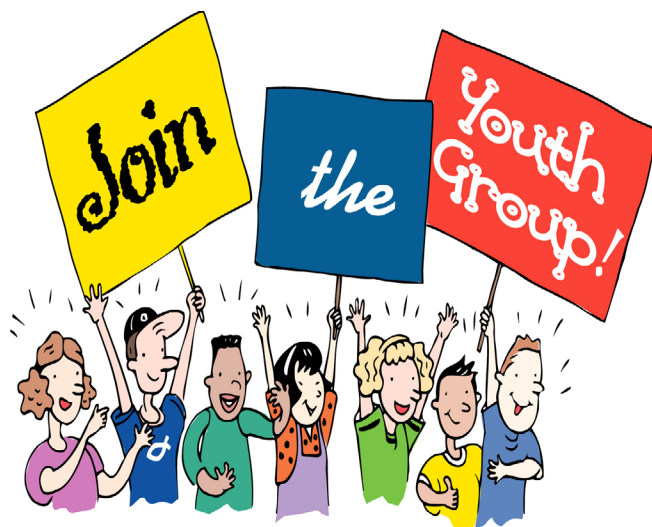
1. Any concerns which cannot be settled in team, Trustees will make decision.
2. Trustees will be responsible for final contract approval on all items.
3. Scheduling of renovations will be coordinated by trustees in best interest of overall project.
4. All potential bidders must be fully insured with workers compensation, damage and work completion insurance.
5. All work will have start and completion dates.



YM Youth Ministry

As we enter into April the Cove is preparing to leave for our Mission Trip to Wheelwright, Kentucky in just a few months. Please pray for us as we raise money, prepare to lead a Vacation Bible School, and serve Christ alongside one another. If you are able to support this trip financially as well as through your prayers, please be on the lookout for future announcements about fundraisers for this trip.

Below you will find more information about the first of these events, which is coming up soon. Thank you for your continued support of the Cove Student Ministry and the students within it.



2016 Spring Schedule

All events are open for students in the 6th-12th grade unless otherwise stated

Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm at Drew's House. This Bible study is open to all 9th-12th grade students. We will discuss topics that are of interest to our students, study the Scriptures and pray together.

Thursday morning youth breakfast, 7:00 -7:40 am each Thursday morning school is in session; come out for a great hot breakfast and a guest speaker each week. Transportation is provided to middle and high school after breakfast. This event meets in "Room A" inside the main church building.

Sunday night Youth Group 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This is a time for students to grow in their love for God and their love for one another as they fellowship through the sharing of heavy snacks, playing games, and studying Scripture together.

Sunday school will continue to meet as previously scheduled. (9:45-10:45)

April Mission Trip Fundraiser

On April 9th there will be a Bingo Night fundraiser for the Cove's summer mission trip to Wheelwright, Kentucky. Join us at the Hungry Pelican at 6:00 for an evening of fun, fellowship, delicious food, and the chance to win prizes. This event will cost \$20 per person, which will include 2 bingo sheets, a dinner of baked ziti, salad, garlic bread and a dessert with iced tea and coffee to drink. There are a limited number of tickets available, so get yours today in the church office or from a student who is attending our trip this summer.





April Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
April 3	Becky Austin 473-5694		Melva Garrison 473-3399
April 10	Charlotte White 475-1864	Sara Beth Belton 919-608-8913	Allison Martin 473-8596
April 17	Pam Harrison 473-1414		Paula Donaghy 480-1844
April 24	Michele Barnes 202-9396	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Lynnette Crews 473-3295

Thank you for volunteering to serve our children in the church nursery. Your time is appreciated! If you cannot serve during your scheduled time, please make arrangements to swap with someone on the schedule. The nursery can always use more volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact me!

Elizabeth Gallop elizabethgallop@yahoo.com 423-0484



April 2016

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers

8:30 Paul Creef 473-2345

11:00 Charlie & Lee Petty 423-0083

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chairman

Preschool News!

We have lots going on in Preschool within the next few months! We are doing spring crafts right now and getting ready to have our Preschool Easter Egg Hunt and luncheon. We bought sand buckets and put each child's name on it with vinyl lettering and a bunny rabbit and added a big beautiful bow, for them to collect Easter eggs in!



PRÉSCHOOOL

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser is coming up on April 14th. We are so excited, because this year we have decided to expand our Silent Auction table. We have lots of good things already donated. So come out and get you a great meal with a homemade dessert and bid on some great silent auction items!

We are going on a field trip to the Circus in April with Preschool. The kids (and parents) are getting excited about this little trip!

Last but not least, we are starting to prepare for our Preschool Graduation Ceremony on May 26th. The kids have been working hard and can't wait to show their parents what they've learned!

Thank you for all your love and support!

God Bless!

Shon and Scarlet

Confirmation Class Reminder

Confirmation Class- This class will start on April 3rd and end on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 15th. This class is open to 6th-8th grade students, and will take place at the Cove during the normal Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45). There will be a separate Sunday school class offered at the same time for any student who has already been through Confirmation or is not interested in doing so. If any high school students have not been confirmed and are interested in doing so, they should talk to Drew for more information.

Students will be expected to attend every session of the seven week course. In order to complete Confirmation, students may not miss more than two classes throughout the seven weeks, and they will need to make up the information from those classes that they missed. Additionally, at least one parent of each child that goes through the class will be required to attend a parent Confirmation class that Pastor John will teach during those weeks.

He will be going through the same curriculum in the parents class that we will be covering in the class for students, which will allow the parents to discuss the Confirmation class with their children. In the event that a parent is unable to attend Pastor John's class, a sponsor may go in their place. That class will also take place during the Sunday school hour, and will be open to any adults who would like to attend it, including those who do not have children that will be attending the Confirmation class.

This class will be a great opportunity for students to become more rooted in their faith as we discuss the core truths of Christianity and how these truths impact the life of a Christian. Please see Drew or Pastor John for more information about the Confirmation class.



Missions

The Costa Rica summer Mission trip is on! We officially have a team of 13 folks heading to Strong Missions the end of July. Our team ranges in ages from 13-74.

Please be on the lookout for a fundraiser or more between now and when the team leaves. They will need our prayers and our financial support. Your support of the Lenten-Easter offering was a real encouragement.

Missions Committee

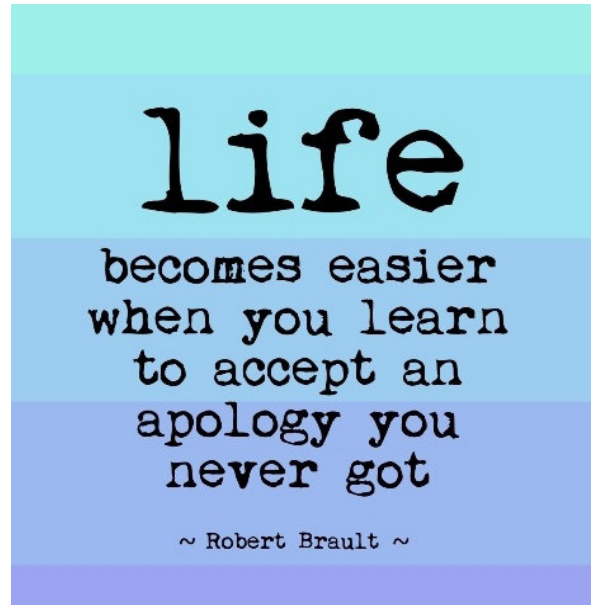


The Nannie Midgett Circle will have a lunch meeting on Monday, April 18, at 11:15 AM at the Hungry Pelican Deli on Budleigh Street in Manteo.

Thank you, Toni

*Spread the GOSPEL.
When necessary, USE WORDS!*

Children's Ministry



Rejoice in Forgiveness

When God created humans in his image, we were perfect. But after sin entered the world, we needed a Savior. The good news of Easter is that Jesus, God's Son, died on the cross for our sins and then rose again. Because of Jesus' victory, we can receive the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.

Jesus tells us, as forgiven people, to also extend forgiveness to others who wrong us. That isn't always easy, especially when an offender doesn't seem sorry. But Jesus helps us follow his example of offering love, compassion, and forgiveness—even to our enemies.

Writer Peter Ustinov called love "an act of endless forgiveness." A constant focus on forgiveness is especially important in families. Every day, hurt feelings, grudges, and slights interfere with our relationships with the people we love most.

Children need to experience the feeling of being forgiven to begin forgiving others. They also must learn that forgiveness is more than just accepting an apology. It also involves resisting the urge to retaliate, get even, or make someone pay for mistakes. We become vulnerable as we allow that person back into our lives—and that's also a big part of loving others.

As you help your children understand that Jesus forgives them and that they can forgive others, share the joy and freedom that comes from both experiences. Read on to learn practical ideas for exploring forgiveness as a family.



POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To show your family members the power of his forgiveness and mercy.
2. To forgive sins that have been weighing you down.
3. To help you forgive one another, just as God forgives you.

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

—Colossians 3:13



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Keller, Clara Smith, Amanda Songer, Patsy Zoll
- 2 Janet Daley, Josie Fry, Martha Howell, Allison Martin
- 3 Finley Belton, Barbara Brown, Estelle Midgett, Christine Skinner, Debbie Williford
- 4 Cole Basnight, Walt Davis, Jasmine Johnson
- 5 Tylor Ballew, Nan Brown, Samatha Steiner, Hunt Thomas, Jim Trefny, Leo Woodard
- 6 Bill Keschull
- 7 Barbara Holton
- 8 Leah Cribb, Todd Davis, Tara Horne
- 9 Keegan Lee, Gabrielle Gregory, Ryan White, Rob Williams
- 10 Jo Jane Korbach, Tripp Phillips, Adam Reed, Susan Story, Charles Winstead, Robin York
- 11 Kevin Goudy, Kendelle Petty
- 12 Bodan Harrington, Ben Presgrave, Emma Weatherly
- 13 Jay Austin, S.C. Basnight, Kristin Buckalew, Jeff Gaskill
- 14 Cathy Boyce, David Creef, Jeff Landreth
- 15 Bob Braine, Ayden O'Neal, Jean Payne, Anna Smith, Ramona Wescott
- 16 Sophie Bennewitz, John Wescott
- 17 Seth Hash
- 18 Kevin Nissley, Angie Sellers, Meredith Skinner
- 19 Helen Leigh Farrow
- 20 Byron Sawyer, Noah Wescott
- 21 Skylor Burke, Amy Noffsinger
- 22 Suzie Tedrick, Bill Zottoli
- 23 Daniel Fauth, Janice O'Neal, Caroline Snapp, Charlotte White
- 24 Hannah Davenport, Ryan McOwen, Mike Meekins, Patrick Pritchard, Christan Stroud, Mariah Wilson
- 25 Buddy Creef, R. V. Owens, Trent Phillips, Mellissa Rock
- 26 "Skip" Lange, Kevin Wescott, Kenya Whittington
- 27 Daniel Robert Davis, Bettie Kellogg

28 Crystal Cox, Jennifer Gamiel

29 Ezra Fauth, Cedric Grgurich, Sydney Pearce, Stephen Stetson

30 Nancy Austin, Brenda Spake Brent, "Ke-Ke" Martin, Donna Presgrave, Nikki Snapp



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Jim & Linda Boyd, 13 yrs.
- 5 Scott & LeeAnn Finicum, 22 yrs.
- 8 Paul & Estelle Midgett, 55 yrs.
- 9 Gene & Charlene Dever, 74 yrs.
- 11 Mark & Traci France, 24 yrs.
- 17 Gene & Kim Grissom, 23 yrs.
- 17 Stanley & Paula Oliver, 45 yrs.
- 18 Tom & Jan Krauss, 29 yrs.
- 19 Robert & Charlene Cahoon, 36 yrs.
- 19 Troy & Lyuda Sluder, 12 yrs.
- 19 Edward & Penny Williams, 36 yrs.
- 21 Mike & Denise Trevino, 15, yrs.
- 26 Drew & Sarah Peyton, 2 yrs.
- 28 Bob & Janet Daley, 37 yrs
- 28 Gib & Pam Harrison, 26 yrs.
- 30 Joseph & Amelia Pitts Rozmus, 5 yrs.