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# GOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PASTOR



One of the wonderful things about being the “family’s preacher” is you go to some great places to do family weddings. My nephew and his wife, who live in Reno, Nevada, used

Lake Tahoe as their wedding site in 2007. We had a beautiful wedding close to the shore. Following the wedding, our whole family spent a few days in San Fran. As we arrived in San Francisco, we heard that a wildfire had started around South Lake Tahoe.

When we returned home the question on everyone’s mind at church seemed to be, “John, did you start that fire?” My only answer was, “Not that I know of.”

As we examine who we are, our history, we remember that in 1887 Rev. Joseph G. Lennon gathered together a group of people to start a fire called Mt. Olivet Methodist Church. That fire was part of a vision burning to reach out to the people of Eastern North Carolinas. From this fire, many preachers and laity have encouraged this wonderful fire to burn and transform into a people called Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. We have a great cloud of witnesses that have and continue to tend and build-up this fire that Jesus might be shared with each of us and beyond.

The fire that began burning in John Wesley’s heart was such that not only was “his heart strangely warmed” but he is credited with saving 18th Century England from going through the violent cultural/political ramifications that accompanied France and others into the Industrial Revolution. The burning spiritual transformation taking place in people’s hearts changed their attitudes toward one another and their culture.

What are we doing to let the fire burn in our hearts? I remember the story of a man visited by his pastor. The man had been away from church for a while and began to tell the pastor, “I can worship God just fine as I walk through natural surroundings.” The pastor listened intently but moved a hot coal from the fire onto the hearth, saying nothing. As the man continued to give his great reasons for not being in church, the

coal began to cool and turn ashen. Finally the pastor pushed the coal back into the fire and it blazed again. The man stopped his discussion simply saying, “I’ll see you in church on Sunday.”

What is God doing to light the fire of our hearts? The God who loves us so much “God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him,” (Eugene Peterson, *The Message*, Romans 5:8) chooses to place His fire within us. God chooses to pour out his Spirit upon us filling us with an overflowing blessing. God chooses to light our way with his presence.

While I hope never again to be around another wildfire in Lake Tahoe or anywhere else, we choose the level of our involvement in God’s world. Our choice is available every day as we choose to be the vessels of God’s fire and blessings. May we choose as Joshua chose, “As for me and my house....”

May the power of God (the fire that burns within) be with us always.

*Dr John*

## *Costa Rica Mission Trip*

Thank you SO MUCH to all of you who have had a part in supporting the Mission trip to Costa Rica. Your donations and support of our fundraisers far surpassed our expectations. Our Mission Team flew off into the sunlight on July 26 and expect to return Aug 3...we look forward to seeing how God used each of them while serving the people and needs of Strong Missions. We do wish to thank Ed and Rhonda Bethea for having and sharing their passion for Strong Missions and creating within us a bond with the Mission as well. In addition to Rhonda and Ed and their niece, we are grateful for Gib and Keeli Harrison, Sandra Sawyer and her grandson Luke, Rita Shafer and her grandson Anderson, Josiah Creef and his friend Josh from Wanchese for being the hands and feet of Christ to the good people of Costa Rica.

# Evangelism

## DATES TO REMEMBER!!

Mark your Calendars

Sunday 9/11/16 - Church Picnic at the Old Fishing Hole

10/23 - 10-26th Fall Revival - Tim Reeves will be the speaker

11/6/2016 - Marathon Sunday - Outreach to runners downtown

12/2/16 - Christmas Tree Lighting - Brunswick Stew

12/18/16 Christmas Caroling



*Don't forget, your pledges for Forward in Faith were due to begin in July!*



The Evangelism Committee has been at work putting together the Annual Church Picnic. It will be held on September 11th immediately after the church service. We will announce if there will be a combined service as we get closer to the event. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied. We are asking you to bring side dishes and/or desserts with the Sunday School classes donating drinks. Sunday School teachers look for a sign-up sheet in August.

Planning the Fall Revival is in full swing. Many of you requested, through the surveys sent out earlier in the year, for Tim Reeves to be the speaker. We are happy to announce Tim has graciously agreed to speak at this year's revival. Many of you have heard him speak previously at our church and know he is not only an exciting speaker but an accomplished piano player. We will also be bringing music from area churches along with our own music groups, each evening. Look for more information in our September newsletter and flyers on the bulletin board as we get closer to the date.

Mark your calendars with these dates and we prayfully hope to spend time with each of you at these wonderful events.

*The Evangelism Committee  
(Reha Otte', Lynda Midgett, Deloris Harrell,  
Paula Donahy, Gib Harrison, Jim Davis,  
Stephen Stetson, Doc Sawyer)*



## Worship

August 2016

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers -

8:30 Bob & Flossie Tugwell 473-5993

11:00 Tom O'Neal 473-1125

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

*Sarah Wise, Chair*



## Nannie Midgett Circle

Nannie Midgett Circle will hold its annual Fish Fry for members and husbands on Monday, August 22, at 6 PM at the home of Sandra and Byron Sawyer. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

This summer has been a great time of fun, fellowship, and growth for the students at the Cove. Our students had the opportunity to minister through others through a missions trip to Kentucky, grow in their knowledge and love for God through weekly Bible studies, and grow in their relationships with one another through awesome pool parties, slip-n-slide kickball games, and other great events. We only have one more month left in our summer schedule; students should make sure to sign up for a kayaking trip while there is still time to do so.

Don't forget about our upcoming Fall Retreat to Camp Willow Run, there is still time to sign up, but we have limited space. Sign up today, you don't want to miss out on this awesome trip! More information on Fall Retreat is listed below.

*Drew Peyton*

### SUMMER SCHEDULE:

(All events are open for students going into the 6th-12th grade as well as 2016 high school graduates)

Please note that the summer schedule will conclude once school starts back on August 29th. Fall programming will begin shortly after our 2016 Fall Retreat.

Tuesday: Kayaking, Meet 2:00 @ The Cove

Return 4:00 PM @ The Cove

Wednesday: High School Bible Study, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Friday: Middle School Open Cove/Bible Study, 2:00-4:00 pm @ The Cove (Let Drew know if you need a ride!)

Sunday School, 9:45 - 10:45 am @ The Cove

Sunday Night Events

(Dates and times TBA)

### SUNDAY NIGHTS IN AUGUST:

(Times and locations TBA unless otherwise stated)

August 7th – Karaoke Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

August 14th – “Mess Night”, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Cove

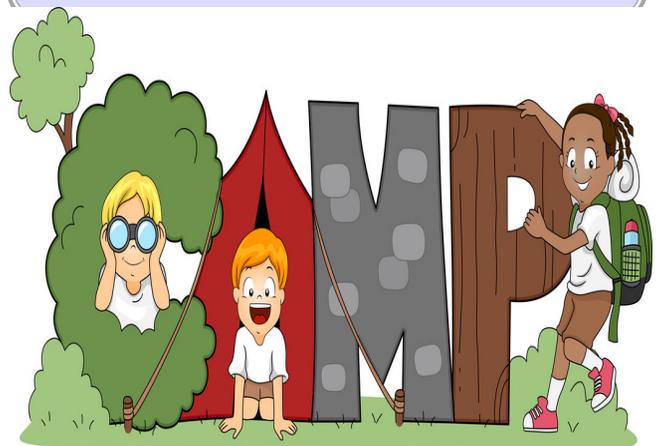
August 21st – TBA

August 28th – Bonfire/Cookout



### FALL RETREAT INFORMATION:

We will be going to Camp Willow Run from September 2nd (Right after school gets out for early dismissal) to September 4th. We will meet at the Cove at 1:30pm on September 2nd and return around 2:00pm on Sunday, September 4th. This will be a great time for fellowship, discipleship, and growth as a group as we study the Bible and have fun in a camp setting. There are 40 spots available, and the trip will be \$50 per student, as well as money for two meals (one on the way there and one on the way back). Register before August 21st by paying the \$50 trip fee and filling out the medical statement provided by the camp, as well as the “Mount Olivet Cove Youth Ministry Contact Information & Trip Permission” Form. We have copies of Camp Willow Run's medical release form in the church office, or you can find this online at the following link: [http://campwillowrun.org/formdownloads/cwr\\_medical\\_statement.pdf](http://campwillowrun.org/formdownloads/cwr_medical_statement.pdf)



# Music Ministry



“One True God”

I am daily reminded about our one true God’s grace and glory each day. The majesty and glory of his creation never ceases to astound me. This was brought closer to my attention on a recent trip. I got to see the differences between the flatlands of North Carolina, the hills of New York, the mountains of Vermont, and the lakes of Maine. The beauty of His creation surrounded me at every turn. It was amazing to experience all of the wonder of His creation

We serve a mighty God that no one else and nothing else can compare to. Jesus and His love for us never changes. It is always constant and surrounds us at every turn. Steven Curtis Chapman penned the words to the song “One True God.” This song helps me remember that above all else, through all trial, and in every tribulation, we serve one true God who reigns forever.

*“One voice in the dark,*

*A song that lights up the stars*

*One breath that gives life*

*One sovereign in power*

*Who speaks with thunder and fire*

*One Lord One King*

*There is no other that can compare to You*

*You are The one alone in greatness*

*The one who never changes*

*Jesus You are!*

*The One who rose in power*

*The One who reigns forever*

*Jesus the one true God!”*

*Blessings,  
Nathan Schierer*



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 Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Keep an eye out for our summer rehearsal schedule.



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 meets on Sunday evenings. Check the bulletin for weekly meeting times. We will be leading worship this month on August 21. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

# Children's Ministry

There have been only a few times in my life when I have been at a loss for words. Today is one of those times. I am finding it difficult to put into words the blessings I have received by having had the opportunity to be called the Children's Director of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church.

You are a very welcoming, loving, and supportive church family. Thank each of you for your love, support, and prayers that you have offered for the children's ministry, my family, and for me personally. Philippians 1:3 quickly comes to mind, I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...

May God's blessings continue to abound as we all grow into the next season He has planned for us. I'm excited to see where it is he leads, and again blessed by the many ministries of Mount Olivet UMC. I will see you soon!

*In Christ's Love,  
Tina Hodgson*



*Samantha Rae Hodgson, born 7/25,  
weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces says  
hello and thank you for all of the  
well wishes We are doing great and  
are so blessed!*



Hello  
Everyone,

*The time has  
come, the  
Walrus said,  
to talk of  
many things;  
Of shoes and  
ships and  
sealing wax,  
of cabbages  
and kings, and  
why the sea is  
boiling hot and  
whether pigs  
have wings. –  
Lewis Carroll*

God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

Our family has moved South Florida.

I have accepted a position at the South Florida Natural Resources Center, with Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks in Homestead, Florida effective July 5th.

Two quotes stand out in my mind. "Around here, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths". AND "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. Both of these are from Walt Disney.

God has his hand on this move and what plans HE has in store for us we will soon experience. God had his hand in our move here so that we may be able to seek him and grow both individually and as a family.

We thank everyone for your support and the knowledge that you shared with us.

We moved here in October of 2009 and became a part of your family December 2009 and have felt the agape love from the start. We have enjoyed being a part of this wonderful community and pray that God brings us back.

As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives. Being a part of your family, sharing the Word, doing good works, and leading others to Christ is our greatest honor.

We love you all. Our home is your home. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

*Michael, Denise, Reganne, and Adeline  
Trevino*

# August Birthdays

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Clarence Lewis
- 2 Charlotte Dixon, Henry Erick, Janice Gibbs  
Lucero, Roy "Chip" Phillips, Jr.
- 3 Courtney Hathaway, "Babs" Meekins
- 5 "Clint" Hepler, Lawson Lee, Brent Williams
- 6 Ben Gallop, Toni Keller Perrone, Joanne  
Williams
- 7 Cathryn Dale Daniels, Sarah Marshall Gallop,  
Elizabeth Hopkins
- 8 Elisa "Sissy" Campbell, Larry Franklin
- 9 Ana Nicole Brent, Parker Gregory, Reda Midgett
- 10 Todd Kretzschmar, Beverly Lafferty, Bill Ruffin,  
"Jackie" Shannon
- 11 Colby Fry, Mary Jo Matthews, Edison Midgett,  
Angell Wescott
- 12 Parker Midgett
- 13 June Bell, Lance Culpepper, Jack Dunn
- 15 Della Basnight, Jeffrey Garrison, Edward Lee  
Mann, Sr., Alice McChesney
- 16 Amy Elizabeth Dixon, Maizie Ann Stewart
- 17 Kevin Duprey, Kathryn Holton Stewart
- 19 Trenton Rogers, Brennan Wescott
- 20 Kim Grissom, Susan Holton, Lee Tugwell
- 21 Dolores Isenhour
- 22 Tina Phronjia Bradley, Scott Finicum, Glen  
Hopkins, Reuben E. Payne, Jr.,  
David White
- 23 "Joey" Belton, Joe Lafferty, Sarah Meekins,  
"Cam" Sellers, Thomas Tillett, Angela Twiford
- 24 James Brady Daniels, Pam Jones, Samatha  
Keith, Mackenzie Ulmer-Meekins
- 25 Kevin Brinkley, Butch Harrison, Adrian Pitts,  
"Gabe" Walker
- 26 John Burk, Terra Osmon, Noelle
- 27 "Buddy" Stell
- 28 Katherine Hopkins, Tyler Pendry, Kathryn  
Snead, Darnell Tillett
- 30 Jennifer Anderson, Sharon Collins, Morgan  
Davis
- 30 Nancy Murray
- 31 James Boyd



- 1 Pat & Carroll Harrell  
– 51 yrs.
- 2 John & Loretta Fertal  
– 47 yrs.
- 2 Jim & Nancy Gmitter  
—47 yrs.
- 2 Stuart & Ramona  
Wescott -46 yrs.
- 3 Jep & Carol Adams -42 yrs.
- 3 Brandon & Stacey Gregory-14 yrs.
- 3 Bill & Caroline Kebschull – 20 yrs.
- 3 Rufus & Roxie Pritchard-43 yrs.
- 3 Tucker & Christine Walker-20 yrs.
- 4 Steve & Martha Howell-37 yrs.
- 6 Heath & Erica Burkhart-11 yrs.
- 7 Dan & Katherine Bottjen-18 yrs.
- 7 Mike & Emily Wilson-12 yrs.
- 8 Carl & Ann Payne-29 yrs.
- 9 Chip & Jen Phillips-19 yrs.
- 10 Edgar & Michele Barnes-31 yrs.
- 10 Kevin & Stephanie Phillips-20 yrs.
- 11 John & Peggy Parker-43 yrs.
- 12 Russell & Susie Fleming-43 yrs.
- 15 Bill & Caroline Pearce-46 yrs.
- 15 Bob & Flossie Tugwell-46 yrs.
- 16 Jerry & Michele Cribb-36 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Kathy Seawell-46 yrs.
- 19 Erick & Susan Henry-21 yrs.
- 19 Jeff & Margaret Landreth-44 yrs.
- 24 Gene & Peggy Snead-58 yrs.



## August Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
<b>August 7</b>	Paula Oliver 473-2944 Pam Harrison 473-1414	Sara Beth Belton 919-608-8913 Erica Burkhart 423-0989	Brenda Davis 305-8393 Paula Donaghy 480-1844
<b>August 14</b>	Becky Austin 473-5694		Jennifer Phillips 473-5269
<b>August 21</b>	Carly Hernly 305-8288		Martha Howell 475-1117
<b>August 28</b>	Joyce Edwards 473-3845		Kathy Seawell 473-2056

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*

# THANK YOU

Dear Mt. Olivet Scholarship Committee and Church Members:

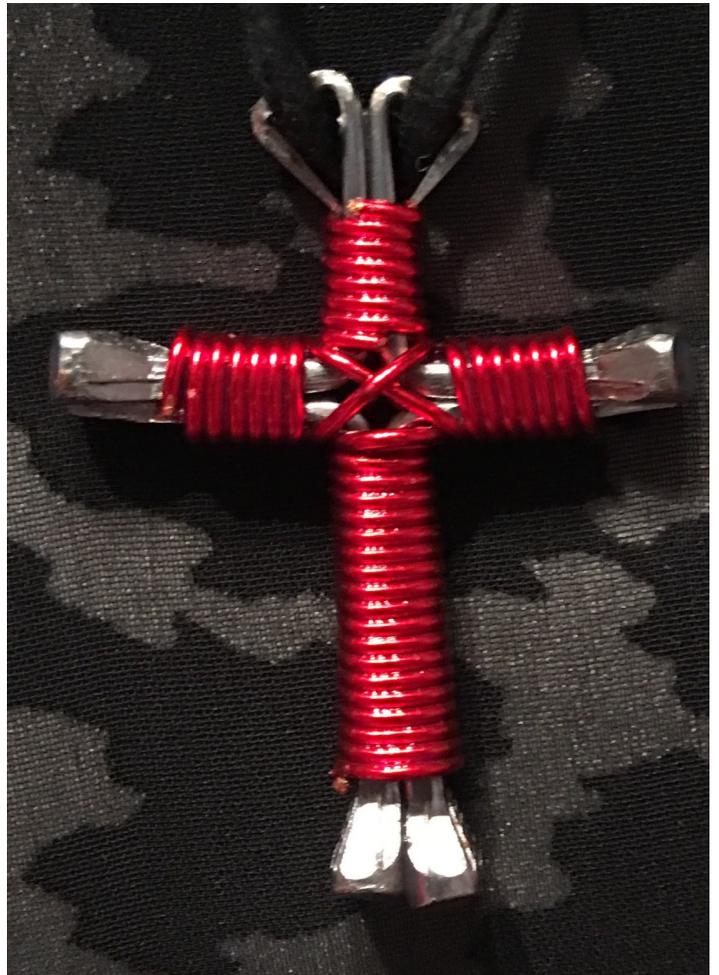
This is such an exciting time in my life and I'm so grateful for the faith Mt. Olivet has in me with my new adventure. I am so excited to attend Meredith College this fall. The scholarship money is most appreciated and will certainly help with my college expenses. I look forward to sharing with you my successes at Meredith.

*Love, Jillian Fearing*

Dear Mount Olivet Scholarship Committee,

As I approach a new school year I would like to thank you again for awarding me with the Louise Daniels Memorial Scholarship. I am so grateful for your contribution to my education and your commitment to the youth in our community.

*Sincerely, Kira Hicks*



# Making Disciples





## A Pastoral Letter From Bishop Ward

JULY 19, 2016

Dear United Methodist friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

The North Carolina Conference has embodied for the entire connection of United Methodist people the will and the capacity to navigate difficult and contentious issues. The overwhelming affirmation of the Plea for Unity at the 2014 Annual Conference is a highpoint in our life together, demonstrating our devotion to Jesus Christ, the Humble Servant and the Risen One, who draws us into profound community with one another.

The election in the Western Jurisdiction of a bishop who is openly gay places us in an unprecedented space. The South Central Jurisdiction has requested a Judicial Council ruling on the election. This process will unfold over the next several months. The Council of Bishops continues the process of creating a commission, "An Offering For A Way Forward," approved by the May, 2016, General Conference.

I hope that we all will be prayerfully patient as these processes unfold. Two letters have been released that will be helpful to you. The first was released by the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops on July 12, the day before Jurisdictional Conference convened. The second was released by Bishop Ough, the President of the Council of Bishops, on July 15, after the elections of bishops was completed.

I offer you my own commitment to join with other bishops in our ministry of shepherding all persons committed to our care, leading the church in mission, ordering the life of the church including administrative processes for handling complaints, and seeking unity in Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, partnership and witness in these days,

**Bishop Hope Morgan Ward**  
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Church family praying over prayer blanket for beloved member Gene Snead....

## *Trustees Update - Forward in Faith*

Work to start on church interior painting on Monday 8TH OF August.

Out side work has begun on siding of church.

The church will make the first drawing of funds from the bank the first week of August.

Services will not be held in the Sanctuary beginning after 11 o'clock service August 7th for approximately a month

Services will be held in education wing.

The comments from the informational meeting have been taken and reviewed with some changes incorporated in final plan.

There will be some need for help the first week of August and after church the 7th of August. Please join us at 2pm on August 2 with a cordless screwdriver, if you have one. Please let the church office know if you have a strong back and/or can use a wrench - to help remove the BOLTS holding the church pews.

It is our intent to make sure we have the highest quality of work during these very important renovations on the church.

*The Trustees*

