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# GOOD NEWS

from MOUNT OLIVET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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February certainly seems to be a month of opportunity. We find ourselves getting over Christmas and New Year's and wondering what is next.

We will beginning this journey of Lent with our Ash Wednesday services and having a Lenten service each Wednesday until Holy Week. We will have special speakers each week. The speakers will be ministers from local congregations.

February is also about love, as we celebrate Valentine's Day. Cupid is not the author of love; God is.

The Scriptures remind us that we love Him because He first loved us. We are called to share that love and can do so in many ways.

February is also about getting ready for our major capital improvements. As many of you know, the Trustees have been working on this diligently for 18 months.

We will be communicating the need in some fashion weekly. During February, our leadership team will begin its job of helping us move forward with this exciting opportunity.

The goal is for us to have some updates done and needed repairs completed this summer. You are a vital part of that as we look forward to the next 40 years. Our challenge is to prepare our church to serve the needs of Manteo for the next generation with the same diligence as those who came before us.

Truly we are blessed to be a part of this church and know God has great things in store for all of us.

*Sincerely,  
Pastor John*

*Celebrate the  
Season of Lent  
with us!*



#### Lenten Events:

Ash Wednesday Services: February 10 - 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Wednesday Night Lenten Fellowship Meals: February 17 thru March 23 ; 6:00 PM

"Lenten Readings" – a time of quiet: Each Wednesday morning March 2 thru March 23; 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Easter Outreach Event (more info coming soon) : March 19; 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Palm Sunday / Easter Cantata "My Savior's Love": March 20; 10:00 AM Combined Service

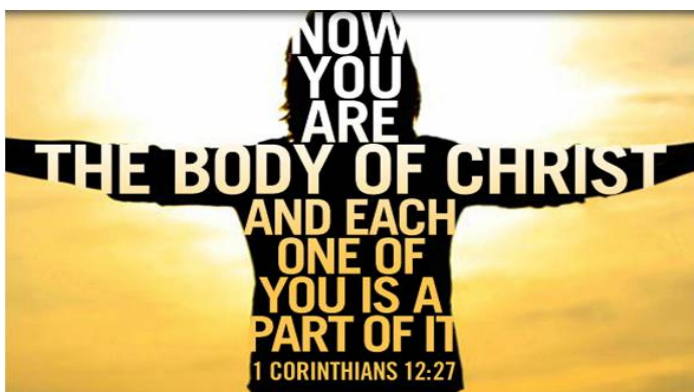
Good Friday Communion Service: March 25 ; 7:00 PM





January was a fantastic month at the Cove, as we celebrated the New Year in Lynchburg, VA at Winterfest with artists including For King and Country, Rend Collective, and Casting Crowns. Then we had our Middle School and High School winter retreats at a beautiful beach house in South Nags Head, where we studied the story of Esther and the cost of following Jesus. It was a great reminder for our students that God is always worth the cost of discipleship. He calls us to take up our cross and die to ourselves while He gives us new life, one that we get to live forever with Him. Praise be to God that because of the Jesus' death on the cross and subsequent resurrection we can always trust that He is worth it.

*Drew Peyton*



### 2016 Winter Schedule

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

Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 8:00-9:30 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. (9:30-10:30)

### February Scheduling Changes

Sunday, February 7th- Super Bowl Party at the Cove from 6:00- whenever the game is over. This event is open to families as well as students, and you are all invited if you would like to attend. Each student (or family) should bring one 2-Liter soda or a side dish to share. Pizza will be provided.

Sunday, February 14th- Youth group will meet at its normal time: 5:00-7:00, but we will not be meeting at the Cove due to Room in the Inn. Drew will be announcing the location for this night soon.

### Confirmation Class Announcement

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.

# Music Ministry



We have begun rehearsals for our Easter Cantata! Join us Wednesdays 7:00 PM as we practice our Easter Cantata - "My Savior's Love"

Our chancel choir leads worship each Sunday morning for the 11:00 AM service. We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. We can always use a few more men!



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

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. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.



*Blessings,  
Nathan Schierer*



We'll be having an Outreach Ministry on March 19 from 1-3 PM. Watch the bulletin for more information or give me a call?

*Tina Hodgson,  
Children's Director  
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Find us on Facebook at  
facebook.com/OlivetKidsManteo.*



## Missions

Mount Olivet is stretching its Mission to Costa Rica ... A trip is planned July 27-Aug 3 in conjunction with Strong Missions a United Methodist Advance Mission opportunity... If interested in being part of this opportunity, please see Ed or Rhonda Bethea and stay tuned for more info to come soon!

*Missions Committee*





## News From Preschool

Preschool has been busy! The month of December was a fun month! We did lots of fun Christmas crafts. The kids helped decorate our classroom Christmas tree. We baked and decorated Christmas cookies (and ATE them)! We also went on a field trip to Darrell's for pancakes and to "The Christmas Shop" to pick out a special Christmas ornament. Our class party was WONDERFUL! The parents brought in delicious food. The kids sang a few songs and we all ate and had good fellowship with all the parents and extended families before our 2 week Christmas break.

We also started our new LetterLand curriculum before Christmas. The kids are quickly picking up on all the songs and sounds of the letters! This will help them have a head start when they go to Kindergarten in the fall.

Thank you to all the parents and families for all of your love and support. We couldn't do it without you!

*Love and God Bless,  
Shon and Scarlet*

## preschool ministry



## January Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
February 7	Charlotte White 475-1864		Allison Martin 473-8596
February 14	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310 Pam Harrison 473-1414	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155 Judith Fearing 441-5487	Paula Donaghy 480-1844 Lisa Fry 475-1717
February 21	Michele Barnes 202-9396		Lynnette Crews 473-3295
February 28	Liz Brown 473-9892		Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

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*



Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers

8:30 Gib & Pam Harrison 473-1414

11:00 Chip & Jennifer Phillips 473-5269

The Worship Committee will soon be busy preparing for Easter. Thanks to everyone who help with Worship Committee activities.

*Sarah Wise, Chair*

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 LeeAnn Finicum
- 2 Austin Davis, Frazier Holden, Denise Pearce, Rufus Pritchard, Rita Shaffer, Maxine Thomasson
- 3 Ginger Midgett
- 4 Emma Foreman, Claudia Fry Harrington , Robert Lee Midgett, Jr.
- 5 Jessica Bope, Tommy Miguel Gomez, Kate Snapp
- 7 Bernie Austin, Sr., Josiah Creef, Sydney Putnam
- 8 Monika Berry, Nicole McLawhorn
- 9 Samuel Gray Davis, Sarah Peyton, Kylie Simmons, Paul Lester
- 10 Meredith Booth, Millicent Duprey, Holton Guenveur, Colby Moore
- 12 Cheryl Byrum, Darren Evans, Ashtyn Wescott
- 13 Mildred "Polly" Ballance, Dan Bottjen, Hallie Rose, Reganne Trevino
- 14 Ashley Basnight, Lou Crews, Megan Gray
- 15 Anna Gainey, Linda Krauss
- 16 Donna Steiner
- 17 Ina Evans Ernst, Miguel Gomez, Paula Oliver, Rob Petty, Wyatt Dewey Tillett
- 18 G. G. Bonner, III, Amelia Foti, Hank Griffin, Morgan McLawhorn, Jamie Reibel, Hughes Tillett, Jr., Mike Trevino
- 19 Brandi Midgett Morris
- 20 Laura Daniels, Devin Tillett
- 21 Sophia Beatty, Malcolm Fearing, Tim Morgan
- 22 Kilby Davis, Walter Holton, Brian White
- 23 Bart Garrison, Michael Jordan Gregory, Jon Presgrave, Kirby Sadler
- 24 Clair Brent, Marcia Bryant
- 25 Hannah Joy Fauth, Michelle Petty
- 26 Amy Gross, Dick Parker, Bob Spake
- 27 William Michael Brown, Jr., Staton Martin
- 27 Bruce Matthews, Dee Wheeler
- 28 Bill Wheeler

# THANKS



Thank you to my Mount Olivet family for your cards, calls, hugs and support during these last few weeks.

I am grateful for all the love that has been shown to myself and my family during our time of loss.

I am thankful for each and every one, you have been a true blessing.

Thank you,

*Aletia, Christian, & Kaleb Goudy*



# Happy Anniversary

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rac & Jeanie Midgett – 35 yrs.
- 2 Bruce & Mary Jo Matthews - 42 yrs.
- 11 Larry & Maxine Thomasson - 60 yrs.
- 12 John & Sherry Wescott – 32 yrs.
- 23 Chris & Suzie Tedrick – 8 yrs.
- 23 Saint & Bea Basnight – 19 yrs.
- 24 Elmer Reuben & Gail Midgett – 48 yrs.
- 26 David & Betsy Via – 46 yrs.
- 28 Tim & Patti Morgan – 34 yrs.

*Encounter: A Blueprint of the House of Prayer*  
Featuring: Terry Teykl

Saturday, May 14, 2016  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Edenton United Methodist Church  
225 Virginia Road  
Edenton, NC 27932

Registration begins at 9:30 am  
Lunch will be provided

*Sponsored by the Beacon District Prayer Ministry Team*

(See schedule on back)

### Schedule

9:30 am – 10:00 am – Registration  
10:00 am – 10:15 am – Worship  
10:15 am – 11:00 am – Session One  
11:00 am – 11:15 am – Break  
11:15 am – 12:00 pm – Session Two  
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm – Lunch  
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm – Session Three  
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm – Break  
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm – Session Four  
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm – Q and A and Closing

*Contact Ramona Wescott for More Information!*