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We currently have $249,646.00 with 88 pledges turned in. This represents just over 71% of the total needed. If you have not stepped “Forward in Faith”, please pray about your role in this important Kingdom work.

Remember, July is the month we have pledged to begin paying our support for the capital improvements. But, if you have not yet pledged, it’s not too late!

Being a good steward is an important Kingdom role.
Missions

Mount O is always on the GO when it comes to Missions. You may not see us, but we are there like your location feature on your phone, working in the background. We had the opportunity to help sponsor the CROWDER concert at Festival Park - what a great night of praise and worship right here on our island! What an opportunity to partner with Evangelism and help bring wholesome, big name Christian talent to share with our community and our visitors.

We have also been able to “share a little love” with Tommy and Cyndy, as well as partner with some of our “old faithful” missions like sharing breakfast with orphan children on the streets of Lima, Peru; providing food and ministry to Syrian Refugees in camps along the Syrian border through FEED THE HUNGER. Locally we have supported Dare Challenge and Outer Banks Christian Radio, as well as sewn into the ministry of our local gal and her husband, Cindy Wescott Peterson. She and John work as CRU missionaries on College campuses in the Southeast equipping Professors and student leaders through discipleship.

We will continue to be the hands and feet of Christ as a committee because you, our church family, have entrusted us with your generous gifts. It is a blessing and an honor, and we NEVER get tired of thanking God by thanking you.

We wish to welcome a new “Pastor John” - John Dutton that is, and his wife Patty, to our church family. We know they will be an asset and look forward to them being part of our Missions Committee and bringing us their ideas. Some of us already know them, and it makes us all the more excited to begin a new chapter in life of our church and specifically in and through Missions.

Our team leaves for Costa Rica July 27, so please be in prayer for Rita Shaffer and her grandson, Anderson, Sandra Sawyer and her grandson Luke, Rhonda and Ed Bethea and their niece, Eleanor, Gib Harrison and daughter Keeli, Josiah Creef and friend Josh and Scott Bryant. God blessed this group with great fundraising and a heart for serving him in conjunction with Strong Missions. We look forward to their return and hearing their praises.

Welcome Dr. John and Patty Dutton

Welcome
Glad you’re here!

Worship

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers -

8:30 Hank & Teresa Griffin

11:00 Chip & Jennifer Phillips 473-5269

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chair
Youth Ministry

Summer Schedule:

Tuesday: Kayaking Trips, 2:00-4:00 PM
This event will give students an opportunity to go kayaking, weather permitting, under the supervision of leaders from the Cove. Students will need to sign up, as we will be able to take up to five students each week. The sign-up sheet will be available at the Cove Sunday night events.

Wednesday: High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 PM
This Bible study is open to all rising 9th-12th grade students, as well as 2016 high school graduates. We will be going through a DVD curriculum and the book that it is based off of, called “Follow Me” by David Platt.

Friday: Middle School Open Cove and Bible Study, 2:00-4:00 PM
This Bible study is open to all rising 6th-8th grade students. We will be going through a DVD curriculum and the book that it is based off of called “Not a Fan” by Kyle Idleman.

Sunday: Off-campus Trips
June 26th- Kiddie Pool Kickball
July 3rd- Lego Night- 6:00-8:00 PM.
July 10th- Pool Party and lunch @ the Wescotts 12:30pm- 4pm.

Lastly we announced 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. 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

Drew Peyton
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. We will be leading worship this month on July 10. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Blessings,
Nathan Schierer
**Children's Ministry**

**Playground Update**

Thank you to all who have been praying with the children’s ministry regarding updates for the playground. Our last update shared that with the blessing of a North Carolina Community Foundation Grant and congregational gifts we were able to repair the fence and purchase a new piece of equipment for the playground. We are excited to report that the equipment is here, has been assembled, and the children are enjoying it very much! What a blessing it is to be able to have such a place for the children and their families to enjoy!

**Mount Olivet UMC 2016 VBS Missions Moment**

Each year our VBS supports a mission for the week. We are excited to announce that this year our mission for VBS will be supporting The Roanoke Island Food Pantry! Each day the children will hear how The Roanoke Island Food Pantry serves the people of Dare County and how they can help by bringing in nonperishables and/or monetary donations during the week.

The Roanoke Island Food Pantry has been serving the hungry of Dare County since 1979.

We serve all who come to us in need of food with a two week supply of nonperishable food (canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, bread, cereal, rice, beans, pasta, flour etc.). Families that come to us with a referral from Social Services, Ministers of area Churches, Dept. of Public Health or Interfaith Community Outreach also receive a $20 food voucher for a local market in addition to the basic two week supply. The vouchers allow for purchase of perishables and/or additional food items.

We are totally supported by donations of food and funds from area Churches, Businesses, Community Organizations, and individuals. Mount Olivet United Methodist Church provides space for the Pantry, administrative support and logistical support at no charge. All of our staff are volunteers. This means that 100% of donated funds go directly for the purchase of food and food vouchers.

Over the last four years we have served an average of 631 families per year. We thank God that through His provision and through all who have supported the Pantry over the years, we have never had to turn anyone away. Help us to continue serving the hungry by:

- Donating food and/or funds
- Organizing a food/fund drive in your Church, neighborhood, business or organization
- Designating a memorial
- Praying for the Pantry and those we serve

**Telling others about the Pantry**

Food donations are our bread and butter, however monetary donations are critical. With cash we can quickly stock the shelves when demand increases and/or we find ourselves short on key items. With cash we can be better stewards and buy when and where the prices are low. For example one time this year we were able to purchase boxes of cereal from the Food Bank of the Albemarle (our Umbrella Organization) for around $0.25 a box. With cash in hand we can take good advantage of such bargains as they occur.

Our desire and goal is to serve everyone who comes to the Pantry not only with much needed food but also with the love, kindness, humility and grace that Christ demonstrates to all. Those who volunteer here remember times in the past when they needed help and have the compassion to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. No one knows what tomorrow may bring.

The Pantry is open from 9 am to 11 am Monday through Friday at Mount Olivet UMC, located at the corner of Ananias Dare St. and Essex St, Manteo, NC.

For more information or to make a donation contact Bob or Angela 252-473-3814 or Mount Olivet UMC at 252-473-2089.
July Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1. Stacy Bell, Karynna Culpepper, Jessica Hodges, Caroline Kebschull, Connie Rose, Anastasia Wescott
2. Tony Wilcox
3. Becky Austin, Griff Crews, Jimmy Hopkins, Clara Meiggs Jones, Doug Tillett
4. Stephen King, Bo Owens
5. Ezra Fauth, Jennifer Edwards Terry, Tracy Watts
6. Cameron McCown, Mark Skinner II
7. Hannah Renee Meekins, Waverly Reibel
8. Winborne Evans, O’Anna Rose, Steven Jones, Julie Ann Tillett, Dusty Sawyer White
10. Charles Petty, R. D. Sawyer, Jr.
11. Tom Crews, Donna Tillett
12. Edgar Barnes, Maggie Sexton, Stuart Wescott, David Wilcox
13. Caitlin Byrum
14. Carolyn Johnson, Gene Snead, Lynn Tugwell
15. Lindsey Fearing, Evan Frank, Tim Hartwig
16. Cristina Bope, Angela Pitts Rozmus,
17. Christian Goudy, Steven Lee McLawhorn, Terry Wheeler
19. Elanit Fauth Twilley, Sally Scarborough
20. Rodney Berry, Jackie Hart, Shelton Ott
22. Caitie Fauth, Marguerite Martin, Buddy McCown, Carl Payne, Keith Zilifro
23. David Via, Adlyn Wescott
24. Hannah Barnes, Philip Hale Foreman, Kiersten Hart
25. Jeanie Midgett, Larry Thomasson
26. Jim Brown, Jack “J.B.” Head, Jim Martin
27. Jed Dixon, Linda Ott, Sarah Wise
28. Meredith Gwaltney
29. George Bonner IV, Hunter Duprey
30. Atreyou Fauth, Russell Fleming
31. Chris Tedrick
32. Robert Walter Campbell, Jr., Sandra Murphy, Brian Myers

July Nursery Volunteers

Welcome to the church nursery.

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
Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for awarding me the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship. This Scholarship will help me pay for my last year of undergraduate school. I could not be more thankful for all the help this scholarship has provided me with throughout my schooling. Thank you all very much for your kindness and support.

Sincerely, Katelyn Monday

Dear Mount Olivet Church,

I want to thank you so much for the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship and the Helen Van Cleef Petty Memorial Scholarship. Both of these scholarships are going to help me so much and I truly appreciate the opportunity to continue my college career.

Thank you.
Kaitlin O’Dell

To the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship that will help me pay for my higher Education. I’m honored to have been selected to receive the Helen Van Cleef Petty Scholarship. I’m thrilled to see what awaits me at Appalachian State University.

Sincerely, Colby Fry

To the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship towards college, tuition and other expenses.

It is a great honor to have been chosen to receive the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Scholarship. I am looking forward to my future at Appalachian State University.

Sincerely, Colby Fry

Dear Mount Olivet,

I would like to thank you for awarding me with Helen Van Cleef Petty Memorial Scholarship. I am a single mother trying to get into nursing school and this scholarship is making my goal feasible. I would like to thank you again, your generosity is allowing me and other students pursue their dreams of continuing their education.

Thank you.
Brittany Copeland

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

Abigail Adams

Dear Mount Olivet United Methodist Church,

I am so grateful for your contribution to my future. I know college is difficult, and this scholarship helps to make the experience less burdensome. I’m proud of where I’ve come from and excited about where I’m going! Again, thanks for helping me pursue a higher education.

Carisa Rausch

Just Watch Them SOAR!!!
**Forward in Faith**  
--- June Report

6/28/16

**Inside Sanctuary**

1. Interviewed and showed 6 teams of painters the work to completely Paint the Sanctuary, Northex, and hallway to education wing.

2. Received 3 formal bids for the painting job.

3. Plan on selecting winning bidder for Trustee approval in next couple of weeks.

Plan on an open discussion on paint colors and later in July

**Carpet replacement**

1. Interview one carpet installer to review options for carpet

2. Currently looking at potential colors which will be complimentary to pews, knelling cushioning, etc

3. Sent carpeting specs out to potential bidders

Plan on meeting in late July to discuss carpet colors in open discussion

Current plan is to install carpet in August [about 3 weeks]. Then paint the Sanctuary. Time is still fluid at this point.

**Outside Siding**

Currently key contractor has been very busy but hope to get started very soon.

Every one needs to know there could be around a month when services can not be held in the Sanctuary

**The Parsonage**

Extensive repairs have be made to the Parsonage

1. Deck and trees have been removed due to an extensive Carpenter Ant infestation.

2. The roof over the sun room where it attached to the deck had rot and had to be repaired.

3. Electric cable under deck had to be spliced and buried.

4. Painting on interior has been completed.

5. Still have a few things to do around parsonage

6. Next project is to work on detached Garage. Roof and siding.

These needed repairs exceed the parsonage repair budget.

*The Trustees*

Aren’t Sundays AWESOME??