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# GOOD NEWS

from MOUNT OLIVET  
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FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



I was so thrilled to see our new member Sunday blossom into such a great day at Mt Olivet.

Our confirmands were such a delight to work with

and our new members are adding a great deal to our church.

Over the last 6 weeks Drew and I taught the confirmation material. I taught the parents and Drew taught the students. The parents reviewed the material during the week with their student. I met with half of the students to discuss their understanding of the gospel and the meaning of church membership. Drew met with the other half.

I must pause and tell you that I have never worked with a group of students that were better prepared. Kudos to Drew and to the students.

If your child is not involved in our youth program, please do not let this opportunity pass by you and your student.

By now most everyone knows that I am going to North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount North Carolina.

I will be working as a Senior Advisor to the president in charge of church relations and serving as an adjunct professor of religion.

This will be a monumental challenge for me and I know you will continue to pray for Sheryl and me as we take on this challenge.

Our time here in Manteo has been fruitful in many ways. I know the Lord used us and He certainly has used you in our lives.

We will forever be grateful to you and will always love you.

Additionally it has been a delight to work with the staff here and see them producing such great fruit.

You have responded well to the "Forward in Faith" campaign and I look forward to coming back to visit and seeing the completed project.

You're certainly in good hands and the future is bright at the church.

May God bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you.

*Pastor John*



We currently have 84 pledges for a total of \$236, 846.00. This represents just under 68% of the total needed. If you have not stepped "Forward in Faith", please pray about your role in this important Kingdom work?



Senior Sunday

Senior/Scholarship Sunday is June 5th at 8:30 Worship Service! We will recognize 2016 high school and college graduates and our Mt Olivet Scholarship recipients. Thanks!

*Kathy Seawell, Scholarship Committee*



May was an incredible month at the Cove, as we had 13 students complete Confirmation class and join Mount Olivet UMC, and 11 of them were baptized that same day. Throughout the course of the class, students learned Biblical principles about topics such as salvation, sanctification, the Holy Trinity, prayer, and the church. It is incredibly encouraging to me that at the completion of the class, each student could clearly and independently articulate the Gospel, and every one of them professed Christ as their Savior. This faith was made evident to the whole church through their joining of Mount Olivet UMC and/or their baptism. Thank you to all of the parents and church members who have been faithful to pray for these students, lead them in their understanding of Scripture, and celebrate with them as they professed their faith.

The Cove also had our final fundraiser in May for our upcoming Mission Trip. "Show and Tell" was a huge success, as many of our students worshiped God by displaying the talents that He has given them for all to enjoy. Others worshiped God through their behind-the-scenes service. I am proud of them all, and thankful for the many volunteers who made the event possible. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend this event and give generously toward our trip.

Our Mission Trip is finally here! It will be taking place the week of June 18th-24th, in Wheelwright, Kentucky. Our group's primary service project will be a VBS to children in the area, and we will also be helping to complete some minor home repair projects. This will be a great opportunity for our students to serve people in need, and I am looking forward to our trip! Please join me in praying for our students as they go to serve God, deepen their relationship with Him, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Below you will find information about Sunday nights throughout June. Please note that June 12th will be our Summer Schedule Kickoff event, which is open to all rising 6th-12th grade students and their parents, as well as 2016 high school graduates. The summer schedule will be announced in more detail at this event.

*Drew Peyton*

#### June Sundays Scheduling

June 5th- Youth group from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Cove.

June 12th- Summer Schedule Kickoff/ Meeting from 5:30-7:00 PM at the church. This event is open to all rising 6th- 12th grade students and their parents, and will include a meal.

June 19th- Youth group will not meet- Father's Day, students in Wheelwright, KY for Mission Trip.

June 26th- Slip-n-slide kickball combined event with Manteo Baptist Church, time TBA

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

### *Nannie Midgett Circle*

Nannie Midgett Breakfast Meeting

Monday, June 20, 9:30 AM, The Dunes

*Toni Franklin*

### *United Methodist Men*

In previous years, the Scholarships have been given in the name of past members who were leaders and servants in our church and community. Our past honorees were: Nevin Wescott, Sr, Charlie O'Neal, Edward Etheridge, Harry Tugwell, Sheldon O'Neal, and Roland Sawyer.

This year's Honoree is Rev. Adrian Brown Senior. He was a pastor here at Mount Olivet from 1933-1937. He worked in the community with the youth and headed up the promotion of the initial "Lost Colony" production in 1937.

His wife Hannah and two children, Adrian Jr. and Jimmy, both have been active in the affairs of Mount Olivet. Adrian Jr. and Jimmy retired in Manteo after careers in education and coaching.

The awards this year are given to Rebecca Boyce, Sydney Putnam, and C.J. Midgett.

*Mike Trevino, President UMM*

## Missions

The Costa Rica Mission group wishes to say a giant THANK YOU for the outpouring of support from our church family with our fundraisers. You were kind and generous to help us with baked goods at our Easter Weekend Bake Sale and then again baking pound cakes and buying Fried Chicken and BBQ for our most recent fundraiser. We sold over 450 plates! We also are so appreciative for the many donations as well as the Lenten/Easter offering. We do not take working for the Lord lightly and again, we are just grateful for your partnership with us.

By the time this newsletter is out, we will have purchased our airfare, and had our "safe Sanctuaries" training to be equipped to work with children. We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us.

Please keep us in your prayers that we will be in God's will, and that all team members will be safe and that we are able to be a help and blessing to those whom we travel to serve.

*Gratefully,  
Ed & Rhonda Bethea, Eleanor Bethea,  
Sandra Sawyer, Scott Bryant,  
Luke De Leon, Gib & Keeli Harrison,  
Josiah Creef, Josh Granger,  
Rita Shaffer, and Anderson Sessoms*

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## Forward In Faith -

### Exterior Work Team

Leader: Stanley Oliver, John Wescott, Clint Hepler, Rodney Benson

Budget: \_\$190,000. 00

Project Manager: Larry Franklin

Scope: Replace siding on sanctuary and steeple. Repair any rot and correct flashing around stained glass windows. The siding will be Dutch Lap like the current siding and same color. The siding material will be Boral composite for long durability using stainless to fasten to the church. During repairs, 2 church parking places where Bus and Vans are parked will be used to place the siding

Expected Start Date: \_\_\_\_ Expected Finish Date: \_\_\_\_

Open meeting to discuss materials to be used and colors:

Date to be announced: \_\_\_\_\_

## Worship

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers -

8:30 Bill & Suzanne Godley 473-6603

11:00 Clint Hepler 305-8194

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

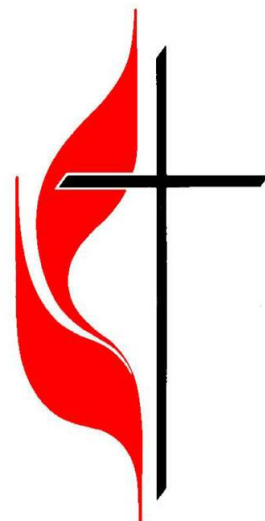
## Meet John and Patty Dutton

John Dutton was born in Gaston County hospital, growing up in countryside between Cramerton & Belmont, NC. Family moved to Sanford, NC when he was ten as his Dad, older John, opened a contracting business for designing and installing irrigation systems in golf courses. So from an early age, John, that me, learned to work the south end of a north bound shovel... digging ditches. While some have said it would be reason enough, it wasn't the reason that John, the son, became a pastor/preacher. Though I must say, Dad John and Mom Helen, Bookkeeper for A& P, lived their faith before their family so that all the kids are highly involved in churches. Maybe that shovel wasn't such a bad teaching tool after all.

After trying unsuccessfully to walk on NCSU's 1974 NCAA Basketball Championship team (it didn't take long to realize he wasn't good enough), he received his B.S. in Education from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College). John earned his M.Div. from Texas Christian (go Horn Frogs!) and Doctorate from Drew University (Madison, New Jersey).

On June 6, 1976, Patty Whitley showed she didn't have good sense when she said "I do" at their wedding. Patty and John have two children and seven grandchildren. Karen Adams, is the assistant Director of Reach, an agency helping coordinate health care for adult with developmental and emotional challenges, married to Caleb. They live in Radford, VA with their five girls (yes, I said, five! Glad I don't have to pay for five weddings!). Richard Dutton is a programmer with SMT (Sports Media Technology), did programming for NASCAR TV graphics, is married to Elise. They reside in Chapel Hill, NC with their two boys. Both Patty and John are tennis fanatics who love to play on league teams or whenever anyone says, "Let's go play!"

John's passion at church is helping people become the person God created them to be... For a former basketball player, he loves to cheer people on.



# Music Ministry



*“Breathe”*

*Alarm clock screaming bare feet hit the floor*

*It's off to the races everybody out the door*

*I'm feeling like I'm falling behind, it's a crazy life*

*Ninety miles an hour going fast as I can*

*Trying to push a little harder trying to get the upper hand*

*So much to do in so little time, it's a crazy life*

*It's ready, set, go it's another wild day*

*When the stress is on the rise in my heart I feel  
You say just*

*Breathe, just breathe*

*Come and rest at My feet*

*And be, just be*

*Chaos calls but all you really need*

*Is to take it in fill your lungs*

*The Peace of God that overcomes*

*Just breathe*

*Let your weary spirit rest*

*Lay down what's good and find what's best*

*Just breathe*

This song has been a great encouragement to me. It is a reminder that through every busy time, every full day, God's peace can overcome everything. It is a reminder that through all the stressful times, running around at "ninety miles an hour," and busy-ness of life to just breathe. I would encourage you to take time each day to reflect on God's Word. Pause every now and then in the running around, and take a moment to breathe.

*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.

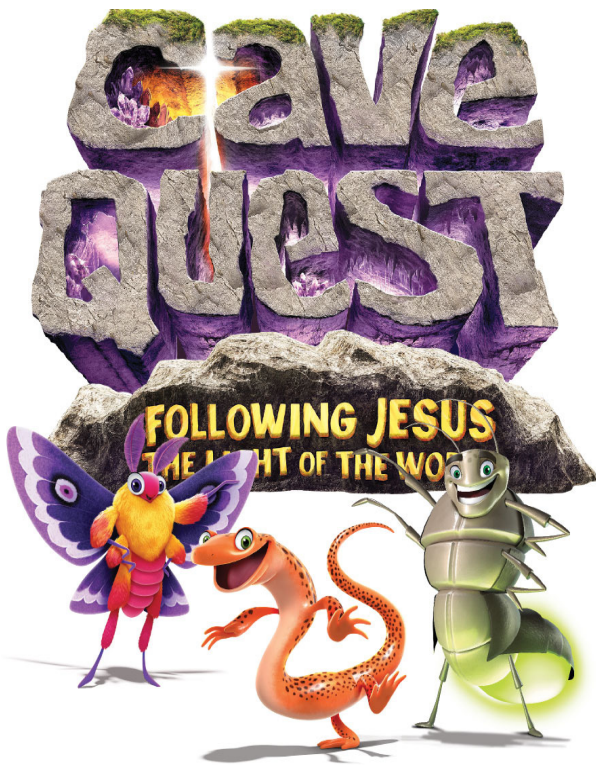
Keep an eye out for our summer rehearsal schedule.



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. We will be leading worship this month on June 12. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.



## June Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
June 5	Joyce Edwards 473-3845		Kathy Seawell 473-2056
June 12	Becky Austin 473-5694		Melva Garrison 473-3399
June 19	Charlotte White 475-1864		Allison Martin 473-8596
June 26	Pam Harrison 473-1414 Jackie Hart 473-6579	Sara Beth Belton 919-608-8913 Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484	Paula Donaghy 480-1844 Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484

## Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 2016

We are so very excited about VBS at Mount Olivet UMC this year. You all are so very faithful in supporting this great weeklong outreach event, and for that we offer our most sincere thanks! There is still time to be involved – listed below you will find volunteer opportunities, and please all of us, continue to PRAY! Pray for the children who are coming, their families, the volunteers, those who are donating monetarily, décor items, and their TIME. May God be glorified in all we do and say as we prepare and present VBS 2016!

### Team Members:

- Recreation Team Leader :

Looking for that special leader who is an outdoors enthusiast and who loves GAMES! The different VBS hiking teams will be on a rotating schedule to come to your camp for organized outside games. There is a leader's guide that offers a daily outside adventure that ties into our Bible Point for reinforcement! Call Children's Director, Tina Hodgson, at 252-473-2089 ext 29 for more details.

- Preschool Leaders:

Looking for team members who love the 4 -5 year old age group to be on second floor to ensure our hikers stay on the path with their team leaders. No teaching required, just smiles as you hang out with them and experience Mount Everest as we learn to conquer challenges with God's Mighty Power! Call me for more details!

*Tina Hodgson, Children's Director  
252-473-2089 ext 29*

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*



## Preschool News!

We have been very busy in Preschool this month! We are working hard on our preparations for graduation on May 26th. We have had two successful "End of the Year" parties with both classes. After a couple of rain outs, we finally got all of our preschool graduation pictures done and they turned out beautiful! We are finishing up all of our last minute details and working hard on everything. The kids are very excited and ready to graduate and head to kindergarten in the fall. As of today, we still have full and part time spots available for Summer Camp. Registration forms for next year's returning four year olds have been sent home.

*God Bless!  
Shon and Scarlet*

# June Birthdays

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Drew Presgrave, Stephen Thompson
- 2 Billy Daniels, Johnny Garrison, Suzanne Godley
- 3 Buddy Boyce, Jillian Fearing, Sarah Szilvagy  
Campbell
- 4 Earl Brinkley, Jamie Lynn Davenport, Terry Gore,  
Kristen Krauss, Tanya Langrell
- 5 Brett Heroux, Tom O'Neal, Valerie Wheeler
- 6 Nehemiah Horne, Stella Jones, David Parker, Phil  
Scarborough, Tom White, Jr.
- 8 Ava Nichole Allen, John Calvin Dixon, Bonnie  
Strawser
- 9 Robbie Atkinson, Mary Ann Hodges, Le Hook,  
Danielle Hortelano, Dolores Stallings,  
Christine Walker
- 11 Bea Basnight, Wanda Daniels, Wyatt Smith,  
Jana Underwood Peedin
- 12 Jackie Blair, Katherine Gomez, Isaac Moore,  
Emily Wilson
- 13 Graham Barnes, George Cheeseman, Eli Nissley
- 14 Ian Culpepper, Amy Dowdy, Tim Shearin
- 15 Lynn Basnight, Anne Davis, Stephanie Phillips,  
Dick Twiford, Steven Williams
- 16 Caroline Grace LaRose, Logan Hunter LaRose,  
Hunter Meekins, Mandy Pendry,
- 17 Beckie Boles, Natalie Lafferty, Reagan James  
Martin, Elmer Reuben Midgett,  
Wilma Gard Parks
- 18 Bob Daley, Joyce Etheridge, Malin Keschull
- 19 Amanda Gard, Andy Holton, Michael Evans
- 20 Kevin Combs
- 21 Kathleen Miller, Deanie Ward
- 22 Mac Basnight, Paula Donaghy
- 23 Bailey Marland, Beth Twyne
- 24 Adrian Brown, Tanner Holden, Amy Lane,  
Maddie Phillips, Kelsea Sexton
- 25 Sarah Benson, Kristy Kretschmar
- 26 Jackson Gregory, Abby Spence O'Neal
- 27 Carrie Vrablic
- 28 Cody Davis, Bill Godley, Rac Midgett
- 29 Edna Black, Nancy Hirsh Brown, Kelly Krauss,  
P. J. Miller, IV,
- 30 Renee Davenport, Cheryl Midgett, Barron Sluder



- 1 Steve & Karen King 53 yrs.
- 1 Robert & Joanne Braine - 51 yrs.
- 4 Tom & Janice O'Neal - 56 yrs.
- 5 Joe & Beverly Lafferty - 44 yrs.
- 10 Stuart & Stacy Bell - 21 yrs.
- 10 Philip & Brandy Foreman - 16 yrs.
- 11 Algie & Marilyn Campbell- 47 yrs.
- 12 Chris & Amy Adams - 17 yrs.
- 12 Rodney & Monika Berry -
- 13 Roy & Karen Phillips - 51 yrs.
- 14 S. C. & Jean Basnight - 58 yrs.
- 15 Paul & Melinda Creef - 31 yrs.
- 15 Spencer & Doris Gregory - 3 yrs.
- 16 John & Sheryl Check - 38 yrs.
- 17 Todd & Jackie Hart - 21 yrs.
- 19 Stephen & Maureen Thompson - 50 yrs.
- 20 Mark & Carrie Vrablic - 36 yrs.
- 20 Kelly & Brenda Zaytoun - 46 yrs.
- 21 Ken & Angie Brady Daniels - 29 yrs.
- 21 Mike & Renee Glover - 30 yrs.
- 21 Richard & Sandra Murphy - 25 yrs.
- 22 Robbie & Sissy Campbell - 19 yrs.
- 23 Randy & Mary Ann Hodges - 37 yrs.
- 23 Steward & Sandy Moore - 26 yrs.
- 23 Ross & Rita Shaffer - 43 yrs.
- 24 Steve & Ashley Basnight - 21 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Linda Kraus - 44 yrs.
- 25 Clarence & Rose Skinner - 65 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Barbara Dare Hartwig - 22 yrs.
- 27 Lance & Jan Culpepper - 18 yrs.
- 30 Blake & Mari Beth LaRose - 22 yrs.



## Prayers and Support Needed

Many of you have already heard that Tommy Midgett's house on Algonkian burned (total loss) recently. Tommy and Cyndy had just moved into the house and were beginning to get things put away and settled. There was no insurance. Please keep Tommy and Cyndy in your prayers. If you have items or funds to donate to help them out, please contact the church office.

# TO THE CONTRARY

( from Rev Rob Renfroe, Good News Magazine)

Contrary to what you might have heard, General Conference 2016 was a real success for traditional, evangelical United Methodists. Maybe because this was my sixth General Conference, I don't expect the Kingdom of God to come in all its glory every four years when United Methodists gather from all over the world. I don't expect all of our problems to be solved. I don't arrive, thinking that traditional UM Christians will win every vote. But we came pretty close in Portland.

I know that's not the perspective of many. Our office has heard from laypersons and pastors all over the country that they "have had enough," they "can't take it anymore," and they are "looking for a way out." If that's you, let me encourage you to take a breath and look at what really happened.

The big story is this: The evangelical-African coalition now clearly forms the majority viewpoint within the UM Church. All five persons elected to the Judicial Council and the four elected to the University Senate were supported by the coalition. With only one exception, all of A Third Way's "compromises," supported by progressives and "centrists" regarding sexuality and marriage, were defeated in committee – and defeated so soundly that those who wanted to liberalize our position thought it best that their proposed changes not be brought to the plenary floor.

Furthermore, the vote to completely disassociate the UM Church from any affiliation with the Religious Coalition for Re-productive Choice, a radical pro-abortion lobby, was approved overwhelmingly. We began trying to sever our ties to the group almost 25 years ago. But at this General Conference, that victory was finally won!

By the end of our time in Portland liberal bloggers were beside themselves. Several wondered, "What has happened to our church," and others bemoaned that The United Methodist Church's commitment to "a progressive understanding of social justice" was coming undone. For the first time, some progressive leaders stated that it was time to consider separation. The liberals got the message that many evangelicals may have missed: the progressive agenda no longer has the power or the hope to liberalize United Methodism's official stance on truly important social and theological issues, at least not legislatively.

With Methodism growing rapidly in Africa and declining in the United States, by General Conference 2020 there are likely to be more United Methodists living in Africa than in the U.S. Justifiably, the percentage of African delegates, who possess traditional, biblical views regarding sexuality, at the next General Conference will be even greater than it was in Portland.

The big story is that our denomination's most important and powerful administrative body, the Connectional Table, put forth what it believed to be a solution to our differences regarding sexuality and marriage. Presented as a compromise, the plan titled "A Third Way" would have allowed each pastor to decide whether he or she would perform same gender weddings and each Annual Conference would determine if it would ordain partnered gay persons. It was a proposal that was promoted by many of our best-known and most influential pastors who had been pushing a similar proposal for two years. And it failed. In fact, A Third Way failed so badly that it was one of its supporters that proposed that all Third Way legislation be tabled.

*Grace and Peace,  
John Check*