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GOOD NEWS

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FROM
THE
PASTOR



If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? In my case sneezes. I am really looking forward to the pollen going away, and I know you are as well.

Perhaps you're ready for the weather to warm up and stay warm. Maybe you're looking forward to vacation and school ending. Perhaps you're looking forward to company coming and friends visiting you.

What I've been describing are transitions, and they are an inevitable part of life. We go through transitions daily. Sometimes we're unaware of the transition. One transition we're aware of is aging. We look in the mirror and wonder how do we get old or in some cases older. Sometimes we say, "my, where did time go." We see small children, and overnight they are adults.

As you know by now, you will be receiving a new minister in July. I know that he is a wonderful person selected by the Lord and the cabinet to serve here. I would encourage you to do your best not to compare him to other pastors that have served here and to receive him with the grace and love that you received Sheryl and me.

Please remember God is always in charge just as last week special music reminded us from the book of Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything under the sun.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

God bless,
Pastor John



*We Have Our
First Leadership
Team!*

Interior Sanctuary Team

Leader: Janice Tillett

Team Members: Kathy Seawell, Bettie Blanchard, Suzanne Godley, Deloris Harrell

Their Task:

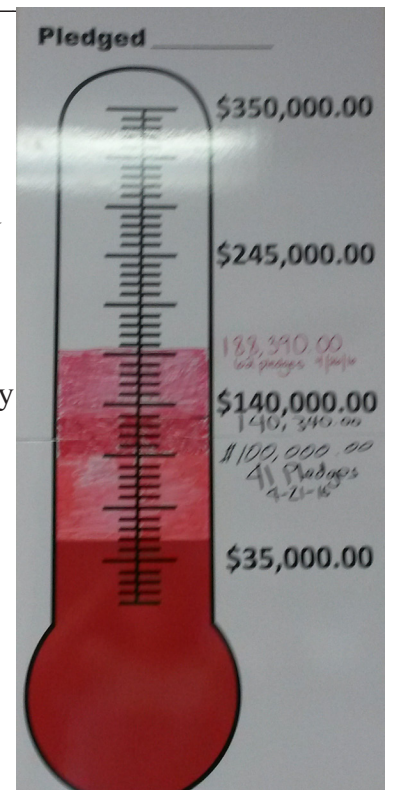
Budget: \$80,000.00

Scope: Repaint sanctuary; decide on paint or not to paint ceiling; re-carpet sanctuary; remove and reset pews.

Open Meeting to discuss colors, paint and carpet. Discuss any change from current "look".

Start Date:

Finish Date:



After Prom Party 2016

This year our fundraising goal for the AfterProm Party was \$1500. It is with great JOY that we can report we were able to send \$1700 to Coastal Family Church for this event. It was another great event and the students and community are grateful to all the churches who are so generous year after year. A good time was had by all!

Music Ministry



“Never Once”

Many songs that I hear on the radio speak to me in one way or another; “Good, Good Father,” “Breathe,” and many more. One that has recently stuck in my mind is a song called Never Once written by Matt Redman. I think that it expresses a feeling of hope and peace as it talks about how through all of our struggles God has always been with us. We will face hardships and tough times. We will go through periods of sorrow and conquer many personal battles. And, through all of the good and bad, God has always been with us. I pray that we will each worship God with the full knowledge that He is on our side and forever faithful.

Standing on this mountaintop

Looking just how far we’ve come

Knowing that for every step You were with us

Kneeling on this battle ground

Seeing just how much You’ve done

Knowing every victory was Your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way

But with joy our hearts can say

Yes, our hearts can say

Never once did we ever walk alone

Never once did You leave us on our own

You are faithful, God, You are faithful

Every step we are breathing in Your grace

Evermore we’ll be breathing out Your praise

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 Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We could use a few more men!



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 May 15. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Nannie Midgett Circle

Members of the Nannie Midgett Circle be on the lookout for our meeting announcement in the church bulletin.

Toni Franklin

Stephen Ministry Gathering

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church congregation has been invited to attend a gathering at Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church to hear more about Stephen Ministry. Kitty Hawk UMC has offered to partner with our congregation if we would like to train Stephen Ministers and prayerfully engage in this ministry.

The gathering will be hosted by Kitty Hawk UMC on Thursday, May 12th at 7PM. A reception with light refreshments will be held along with an overview and testimonies from their active Stephen Ministers. All are welcome.

Please contact Sarah Benson, 336 420-9227 or Aletia Goudy, 252 473-2089 if you are interested in attending.

KHUMC would like a tentative head count of those who may like to attend to hear more about this ministry.

Sarah L. Benson
336 420-9227



May Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
May 1	Liz Brown 473-9892 Rita Shaffer 473-6630	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484 Millicent Duprey 473-6079	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595 Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484
May 8	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310		Lisa Fry 475-1717
May 15	Paula Oliver 473-2944		Brenda Davis 305-8393
May 22	Carly Hernly 305-8288	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Jennifer Phillips 473-5269
May 29	Denise Trevino 305-8210		Martha Howell 475-1117

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



Vacation Bible School 2016 Needs You!

We are trying to get to all of you individually to see where you would like to serve this year, but please do not wait for the Children's Ministry to call or stop by. Call today to join the best VBS team on the planet. We need forty-five volunteers to be successful and as of Sunday, April 24th, we have twelve. Let's be the hands and feet of Christ this summer and tell all of the children in Manteo that He is really the Light of the World! VBS 2016 will be July 11 -15 from 9am-Noon. Call today, contact information is below.

Thanks and God bless,

Tina Hodgson, Children's Director
Mount Olivet UMC
252-305-4349 cell



May 2016

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers

8:30 Jim & Ann Davis 473-5687

11:00 Larry & Maxine Thomasson 473-2234

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chair



Thank you to all of you who supported the Cove's Bingo Night Fundraiser through buying tickets and donating prizes. I would like to give a special "thank you" to the Hungry Pelican for hosting the event and providing the delicious food. The fundraiser was a huge success, and all of the proceeds will go towards the cost of The Cove's upcoming mission trip to Wheelwright, Kentucky. Our students will be serving the community there by providing a VBS for children in the area. We will also be completing some home repair projects for some of the residents in Wheelwright. This is a great opportunity for our students to grow in their relationship with God as they serve other people. Please join with me in praying that God will use this trip to draw our students and the people who we will be serving closer to Him.

Drew Peyton



May Scheduling Changes

Please note that Sunday Night Youth Group will not meet on May 8th due to Mother's Day, I hope that you enjoy the time with your families. Students, plan to attend Youth Group at the Cove from 5:00-7:00 on the rest of the Sunday nights in May as we go through the book of 1 Thessalonians together.

May Mission Trip Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser for the Kentucky mission trip will be "Show and Tell", a talent show and explanation of our mission trip by our students. Please come to the church on Friday, May 20th at 7:00 pm to enjoy an evening of wonderful entertainment and fellowship as well as delicious desserts and coffee. You do not need to purchase tickets for this event, as we are simply asking those who attend to bring a monetary donation with them that night. Whatever amount that you are able to give will be a blessing to our students. This will likely be our last fundraiser before the trip, so please help us spread the word about this event.

Confirmation Class Reminder

Confirmation Class- This class started on April 3rd and will 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.

Students are 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 is 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 is 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.

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)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jep Adams, Jay Burrus, Arvin Midgett
- 2 David Buckalew, Makenna Gray, Laura Horne, John Pearce
- 3 Charlene Heroux
- 4 Stacey Gregory, Yuwon Kim, Margaret Lee Northrup, Andrew Wescott
- 5 Logan Prior, Joe Zoll
- 6 Kelsey Watts
- 7 Argent Spake
- 8 Tristan Adams, Ronnie Davis
- 9 Heidi Burkhart, Leslie Lafferty, Ted Martin, Anna Petty, Kevin Phillips, Ashlee Walker
- 10 Todd Daniels, Nettie Midgett
- 11 James Fauth, Tina Hodgson, Marjalene Thomas
- 13 Les Austin, Craig Fearing, Linda Holmes
- 14 Courtney Daniels, Melva Garrison, James Miller, Sean Paul Rock
- 16 Aletia Goudy, Amy Jones, Bob Tugwell
- 17 Alan Quentin Bell, Sarah Gregory, Bill Pearce
- 18 Alex Etheridge, Whitney Gallop
- 19 Jack Basnight, Sara Beth Belton, MaKenna Sexton, Daniel Tugwell
- 20 W. Kenneth Brown, Jr.
- 21 Wanda Croyle, Bobby Harrell
- 22 Teresa Griffin, Halle Hunt
- 23 Amy Etheridge, Tina Hadley, Morgan Midgett
- 24 Garrett Basnight, Ralph Jones, Jr., Thomas Mitchell, Adeline Trevino
- 25 Camryn DiLeonardo, Lily Martin, Pamela McClure
- 26 Jennifer Erpelding, Alex White, Lauren Whitfield
- 27 Jerry W. Cribb, Johnny Farrow, Pat Harrell, Kimberly Moore
- 28 Britney Anderson, Kadie Midgett
- 29 Bernie Austin, Jr., Sheryl Check, Susan Henry, Zachary Stell
- 30 Robert Heroux , Abbey Reibel

- 31 Griffin Glover, Edgar Wyatt Martin, Stanley Oliver, Scott Snead, Jenna Zottoli



*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

- 1 Roy & Louise Gray - 51 yrs.
- 1 Arvin & Lynda Midgett - 52 yrs.
- 1 Kevin & Traci Nissley - 17 yrs.
- 3 Tony & Bet Wilcox -13 yrs.
- 4 Ben & Holly Presgrave - 15 yrs.
- 5 Carlton & Shirley Shannon - 59 yrs.
- 6 George & Lib Miller - 55 yrs.
- 9 Rufus & Jerri Hopkins - 57 yrs.
- 10 Buddy & Cathy Boyce - 19 yrs.
- 11 Jerald & Darlene Craddock - 32 yrs.
- 12 Mike & Tina Hodgson – 14 yrs.
- 15 Tom & Colleen Blanchard - 12 yrs.
- 15 Jimmie & Wynne Hopkins - 17 yrs.
- 16 Ezra & Lesa Fauth - 32 yrs.
- 17 Skip & Charlotte Dixon - 47 yrs.
- 17 Terry & Valerie Wheeler - 33 yrs.
- 18 Miguel & Katherine Gomez - 14 yrs.
- 19 Nathan & Mariah Schierer – 4 yrs.
- 20 Richard & Jane Wright - 24 yrs.
- 21 Glen & Katherine Hopkins – 33 yrs.
- 22 Kevin & Millicent Duprey - 17 yrs.
- 23 Bill & Janet Zottoli - 29 yrs.
- 25 John & Sharon Collins - 48 yrs.
- 26 David & Brenda Y. Davis – 26 yrs.
- 27 Ray & Ginger Midgett - 38 yrs.
- 27 David & Betty Parker – 49 yrs.
- 28 Van & Anna Barrett Smith - 22 yrs.
- 31 Jed & Amy Dixon - 13 yrs.

Missions

Our Mount Olivet and Friends Mission team is meeting regularly and planning and praying for a God-led trip to Costa Rica in July. We have been fund raising and appreciate the support of our church family and community. We will be serving God and the people of Costa Rica through partnership with STRONG MISSIONS while there and we know God has great things in store for us. We ask that you pray for our team and pray that God will keep us healthy, he will open doors for us to share our testimonies, and that we can make a difference in the lives those we come in contact with while there.

We have another fundraiser coming up Thursday, May 12 - we hope you will support this as well as share it with your friends. We have made it as convenient as possible. Thank you in advance and remember: KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Tickets can be purchased at

Mollie Fearing and Associates, Mike Keller's Rope Shop,
RD SAWYER FORD, Mount Olivet Methodist Church
or call 252.305.3567 for delivery of ticket or for more details

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TAKE OUT ONLY



DRIVE THRU
TAKE OUT ONLY

Thursday, May 12
RD SAWYER FORD
4:30 - 7:00 pm



Mount Olivet and Friends
are going to COSTA RICA in JULY



We have a lot of things going on in Preschool this month. We are practicing every day for our preschool graduation ceremony, which will be on May 26th at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The kids are working very hard. We will also be going to visit the Elementary school tomorrow, April 28th, to show our upcoming kindergarteners the school and the teachers. They are very excited. We will also be going to the High school to present the ladies who made our wonderful spaghetti sauce, with gifts for their hard work.

Our spaghetti dinner fund raiser this month was the biggest success it has ever been! We are very excited to announce that we brought in \$9,028, and we still have a couple auction items that haven't been included in that total. We are thrilled about how well the event went and how well we did financially! The Silent Auction was also a huge success! It has been a great addition to the fund raiser, bringing in over \$900 of that \$9,028 profit!

We also had a great time with our parents and preschoolers at The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus a couple of weeks ago. The kids really enjoyed it!

We have a field trip and class party planned for later on in May to finish up our school year. It has been a GREAT year, and we look forward to a great summer!

Shon and Scarlet