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# GOOD NEWS

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FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



*What makes  
us happy?*

Yes, it happened! Just last week, I found a convenient store between Manteo and the river that has Diet Sun Drop. To make me even happier, it was two for the price of one! So I grabbed a couple and rode on to the river. While water is always my “happy place”, to be able to get Diet Sun Drop on the way “made my day.” Guess it doesn’t really take a lot to make me happy.

What makes you happy? A good day at work or school, watching a child play a sport he/she loves, gathering with family and friends, going on a picnic, singing songs with others that love to sing, getting home from a long day of work or school to relax, being with someone you love, reading a good or not so good book, putting the headphones on as you head out on a run, sitting back in your favorite chair... the list can go on forever.

In the chaos of our living, we seek happiness. But what is happiness? Happiness comes from two words meaning “pleasant and contented mental state,” has been defined as “delighted, pleased, or glad, as over a particular thing” (dictionary.com accessed 10/20/2016). It is that last phrase “as over a particular thing” that catches my attention. Is my happiness dependent on the particular moments of my living? Am I only happy when my contented mental state coincides with a particular thing? Is this really the essence of life and existence I have been searching for my whole life?

In UMYF, we sang many songs based on Scripture. One in particular has stayed with me over the years, “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King” (Psalm 48:1-2 KJV). I love to sing this song. Each time I do, a warm fuzzy (go back to your UMYF days for that reference) flows over my

whole body. A “contented mental state” reaches into my heart, warming me from the inside out. I think it is more than happiness!

I believe that is the message of the psalmist:

· *Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:*  
The Westminster Catechism states our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

· *in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness:* as we enter into God’s presence, into his holiness, we experience that glory anew.

· *Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth:* it was the 18th Century preacher and bible scholar John Gill who helped me see that phrase Beautiful for situation is declaring that from every angle, every situation, God’s presence is a sight to behold. It is that presence which is the joy of the whole earth.

While we talk about happiness, Jesus spoke of something else for us. Something that could become part of who we are and the ways we look and work with the world. Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full (John 15:11 RSV). Joy is not dependent upon situations, it depends upon relationship... relationship with Jesus, with the Lord who is “great and greatly to be praised.”

May this Thanksgiving be Happy but even more, may it be JOY, celebrating the relationship with Jesus that goes with us in and through every situation.

*Dr. John*





On behalf of the Bryant's and the Sawyer's, I want to thank our church family for reaching out to each of us as we were coping with Scott's death. It has been tremendously hard and I have many unanswered questions; yet I know God is faithful and He will see me thru this.

I often say that I don't know what people do without a relationship with Jesus when they are thrown for a loop and I am grateful I don't have to find out. Many in our church family have been Jesus to my family and I through your cards, donations, delicious food, your hospitality, attending the Celebration of Life service and especially your kind words.

Scott loved this church and the people here.... he loved the Outer Banks but it wasn't enough.... Addiction is no joke, and we all need to realize it's impact on our community. It knows no limits of age, race, or socioeconomic boundary. As Christians, we need to be part of the solution of this growing epidemic. Please keep this issue in your everyday prayers and THANK YOU again, for your kindness during this very difficult season of my life.

~Marcia S Bryant



### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



The Worship Committee will be decorating Mount Olivet with red poinsettias for The Advent Season. The **Poinsettias will cost \$10.00** and we will be ordering enough to decorate the Sanctuary. After deducting the cost of the poinsettias, the remaining funds will be donated to the **Roanoke Island Food Pantry**.

Please complete the order form below and enclose \$10.00 for each person honored or memorialized.

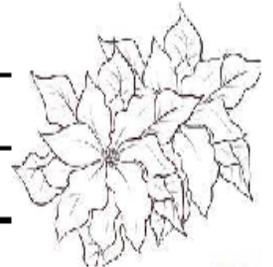
**DEADLINE** for placing your order is Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Please Make Your Check Payable To  
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church. Memo: Poinsettias

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In this article you will find information about special events and trips that are coming up at the Cove, as well as information about our weekly schedule. I am also excited to announce that we have begun a new format for our Sunday night Youth Group meeting to include discussion groups. This gives students the opportunity to discuss the Bible lesson in a smaller group of students based on their grade levels. We have one middle school group and one high school group at this time, both of which have been a great success so far. God is ever-faithful as our students grow in their love of Him and experience His love for us.

### **Special Time: Marathon Sunday**

Youth Group on November 13th will take place from 5:00-6:00 PM. Students are encouraged to come to Mount Olivet United Methodist Church's 4:00 PM service on this date.

### **Winterfest Information**

“Winterfest” is a Christian concert-based event at Liberty University from December 30th- January 1st. This event will take place at Liberty University on December 30th and 31st, with concerts taking place from 6:30 pm-midnight both of those nights, which includes ringing in the New Year at the second concert. Our group will be spending time together on campus at LU until the concert starts on the 31st, with potential activities such as ice skating, using Snowflex (an artificial ski slope), or using the student union center gymnasium and other amenities.

The concerts include performances by Newsboys, For King and Country, Crowder, RED, Andy Mineo, and more. There will also be speakers including David Nasser and Rich Wilkerson, Jr. This is a fantastic lineup that the students will really enjoy hearing. Please be in prayer for the Spiritual growth of our students at this event. We still have a few open spots for this trip, students can sign up in the church office.

### **Summer Mission Trip: The Cove is Going to Canada!**

We are excited to announce our 2017 summer mission trip: We will be partnering with Long Lake Camp in Nova Scotia to help lead a week-long camp. This is a place that is near and dear to Sarah's heart, as she spent two summers working there as a counselor. We are so excited to see what the Lord has in store for our mission to some of the children in Nova Scotia. Drew and Sarah have been praying for months, and had the opportunity to meet with the director of the board at the camp while they were in Nova Scotia in September and spent time praying and talking together for this mission. We ask that you would

join us in prayer now as we prepare and as we start fundraising. The total cost of this trip for each student will be \$1,000, so we look forward to seeing how God provides this money for our team. This is a larger trip than the past few years and we are excited with great anticipation, knowing that the Lord's timing is perfect and He has laid the ground work for this trip already! There will be a parent/student informational meeting about this trip on November 6th at 4:00 PM at the Cove.

*Drew Peyton*



### **2016 Fall 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 Manteo Middle School and Manteo High School after breakfast. This event meets in “Room B” 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 food, playing games, and studying Scripture together.

Sunday school will continue to meet as previously scheduled. (9:30-10:30)

# Music Ministry



## Chancel Choir

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

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 Thursday evenings in the choir room. Join us as we rehearse for our Christmas Cantata from 7:00 – 8:00PM and Chancel Choir from 8:00 – 8:30PM.



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.

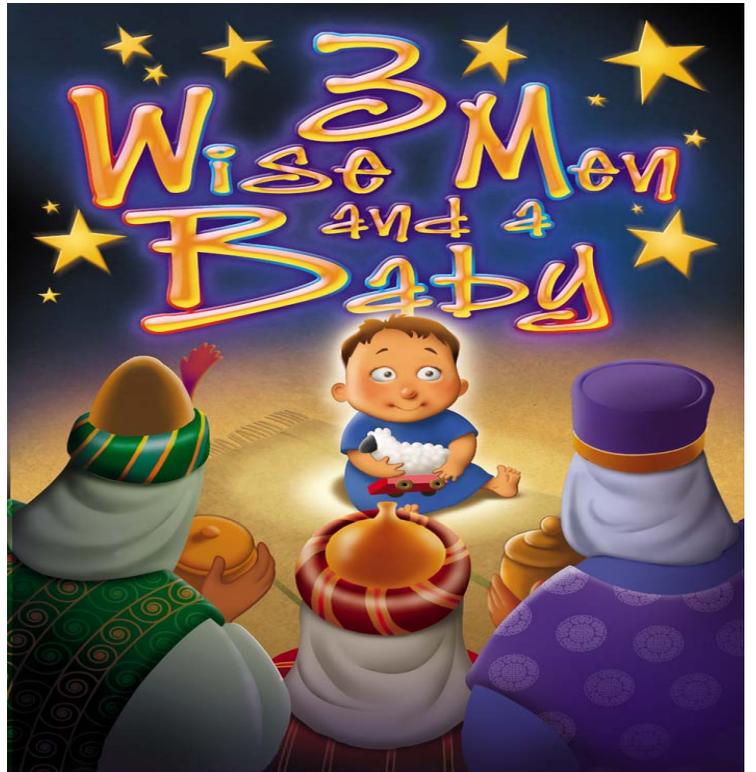


If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers and prepare to lead, then come and join us. Youth Praise meets on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. We will be leading worship this month on November 20. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

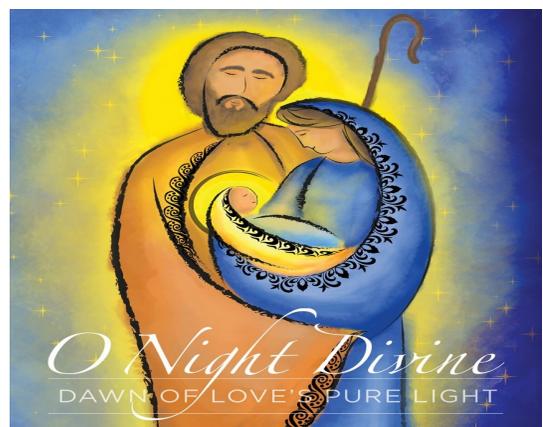
*Philippians 4:4-7*

As we enter this time of Thanksgiving I would encourage you to rejoice in the Lord with all your heart. We have so many things to be thankful for. Truly, if we were to delve in and get to the heart of our thankfulness, it would take a long time to run out of things we can be thankful for. As you go through each day, find time to thank God for the provisions he has given. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.



Our children have been hard at work on the Christmas musical **3 Wise Men and a Baby!** We will be presenting the musical on December 4 at 5:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through this musical presentation.

This year we will be presenting our Christmas cantata **O Night Divine** on December 11 at 10:00am. If you are interested in singing with us, there is still time! Join us for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the choir room.

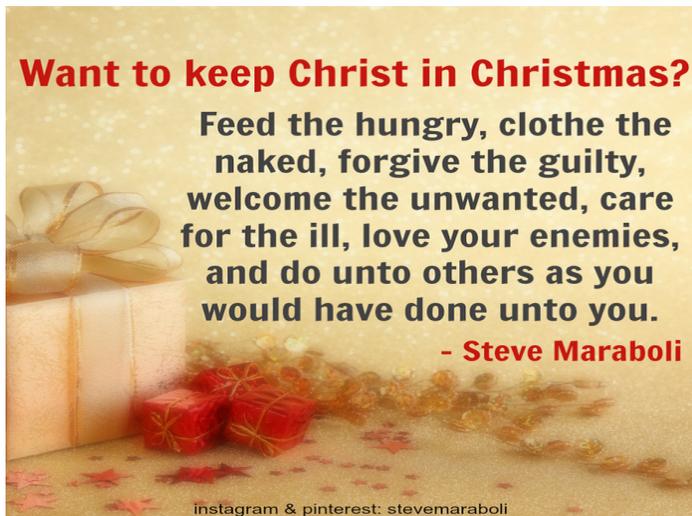


# Missions

Exciting things in Missions.....

Please note our new bulletin board that will have a different Mission focus each month and anything pertaining to Missions on it. Thank you Rhonda Bethea for agreeing to help with this informational opportunity.

We also plan to do "Mission Moments" again during worship services letting you know what Missions is doing and how we are being good stewards of your donations. We thank Janice O'Neal for sharing about FOOD FOR THOUGHT on Sunday, October 16.



1. We will be passing out ADVENT FOOD BAGS at the services on Nov 20, and a follow-up opportunity to get one on Nov 27. We are doing an ADVENT FOOD DRIVE where each day you read a devotional (that will be provided in your bag,) and you add a much needed food item to your Bag. By the time you come to Christmas Eve Service or Christmas Day service; the Roanoke Island Food Pantry will have many bags of food; you will have fed your soul through the devotionals and the Hungry will have food during the Winter Months! You are worried you won't get the right stuff? Have no fear; you will also receive a suggested food list to shop by.

This is an opportunity to really focus on the abundance we have in our lives while taking an opportunity to to learn more about the struggles of others and be able to help them with basic food needs.



2. We will also have an opportunity to provide for family members of those who have made a choice to let God help them end their addictions. Many times the people who are in the Rehabilitation Centers do not have money to purchase gifts for their children or spouses or their parents. Being able to come along

side of them and offer them this opportunity helps them perhaps mend fences with their families or just helps them feel better and more of a participant in the family Christmas gatherings. Many families are sacrificing at home in order for their loved one to be away getting clean and clear of their addictions.

We will have a tree up with specific needs by Dec 4 and will need all gifts back to Mount Olivet by Dec 18 in order to have time to distribute before Christmas. More information will be available closer to the time of startup which again is Dec 4.

*Missions Committee*

## Nannie Midgett Circle

The Nannie Midgett Circle will meet on Monday, November 21, at 1 PM, at the home of Nita Hepler.

*Thank you,  
Toni*

### Evangelism

*Marathon Sunday - Nov 13*

*Christmas Caroling - Dec 18*

*Christmas Tree Lighting*

*- Serving Brunswick Stew - Dec 2*

### Worship



November 2016

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers for November:

8:30 John & Sherry Wescott 473-2831

11:00 See Bulletin

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

*Sarah Wise, Worship*

# November Birthdays

- 1 Ben Barbee, Noah Gross, Daylen O'Neal, Kristin Selby
- 2 June Dixon, Mark Spence
- 3 Bill Krauss, Blake LaRose, Jeffrey Midgett, Jr., Mary Pool, Zachary Tillett
- 4 Julia Burrus, Jan Culpepper, James Ray Davis, Jennifer Dixon
- 5 Bill Daniels, Ashley Grissom, Katie Lee, Shannon Owens, Joanna Stickley, Kyle Stickley
- 6 Tom Blanchard IV
- 7 Caroline Atkinson, Tom Krauss, Kristen McCown, Chris Moore, Bob Turney, Hunter Wright
- 8 Evan Davis, Richard K. Wright
- 9 Mary Claire Axford, Zoe Basnight, Bryanne DeHart, Dianne Jones, Leslie Reed, Gary Setzer
- 10 Karla Farquharson, Corie Ann Hodges, Holly Presgrave, Meredith Wells, Nevin Wescott
- 11 Anna Cribb, Grace Deichler, Erin McCown, Jennifer McLemore
- 12 Barbara Dare Hartwig, Tucker Rozmus
- 13 Emily Gamiel, Jonathan Reed
- 14 Elizabeth Gallop, Mary Kathryn Gore, Troy Tugwell
- 15 Caroline Adams, Kara Lyn Beatty, Chris Roberts, Sallie Clarke Roberts
- 16 Katie Cheeseman, Gib Harrison, Carlee Paramore, Jenn Phillips, Cody Watts
- 17 Steve Howell, Christian Staton Martin
- 18 Linda Cheeseman
- 19 Jean P. Basnight, Christina Bradley, Michael Davenport, Cynthia Gregory, Keaton Wescott
- 20 Rusty Campbell, Nancy Gmitter, Sierra Marie Nissley, Buddy Twiford
- 22 Margaret Orr
- 23 Martha Allen, Jolene Burkhart, Laura Szilvagy
- 24 Jennifer Bridgers
- 25 Sheena Berry, David Holton
- 26 Ryder Austin, Mariah Schierer, Penny Williams
- 27 Sunshine Scarborough
- 29 Wil Reed
- 30 George Miller

TO: CHURCH FAMILY, PASTOR JOHN DUTTON, FORMER PASTORS, JOHN CHECK AND JERRY CRIBB

For 19 months you have prayed constantly for my husband, Eugene "Gene" Snead and family as he suffered with a total laryngectomy and later struggled with that dreadful ALS disease. There are no words to express our appreciation. He prayed for peace and asked God to let him go easy as he knew there was no cure. He had asked all his hospice nurses, doctor and aides to pray he would go soon and have peace. On September 17, 2016 God granted that peace and called him home.

Your prayers, cards calls, visits and other expressions of love are so appreciated by all of us. The Prayer Blanket was a special gift to him. Thank you!

Without you and God's love, we could not have dealt with this as well as we did. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

May God bless each of you throughout your years.

*With love,  
Peggy, Scott (Kim), Kevin (friend Sarah)  
Colton, Kathryn, William and Lynley*



## November Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30-Service	Sunday-School	11:00-Service
November-6	Jackie-Hart 473-6579 Liz-Brown 473-9892	Millicent-Duprey 473-6079	Lynnette-Crews 473-3295 Wynne-Hopkins 475-1006
November-13	4-PM	Service-Only	Valerie-Wheeler 473-5595
November-20	Elizabeth-Gallop 423-0484		Allison-Martin 473-8596
November-27	Rita-Shaffer 473-6630	Erica-Burkhart 423-0989	Melva-Garrison 473-3399

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*

# More Thanks!

Dear Friends,

Perhaps some of you may wonder if I had dropped off the edge of the earth. Well not quite – But I was indisposed for all of August and September. And for those of you who send cards and notes, I thank you, as they were heartily received. I owe you an explanation.

In early August I went to Raleigh to consult with my cardiologist about a TAVR (trans-arterial aortic valve replacement) procedure. While they were giving me a “work up” in his offices they said “we can’t give you a TAVR now, because we have discovered something more ominous – you have an aortic aneurysm in the abdominal region, and that must be fixed first and now because it can kill you.” I went into Rex Hospital and had the operation. It was successful, and in 2/3 days, they released me to go to my condo in Raleigh.

Three mornings later, while I was having breakfast, suddenly and without warning I found myself lying on the floor beside my dining chair. Fortunately, Celia and the security man on duty that morning were able to get an ambulance quickly – then in the Rex Hospital Emergency room they informed me. “You have had a stroke” (in the right side of the brain). The stroke was not related to the operation, but rather to the sick valve which we want to replace.

The neurologists believe that the most obvious damage was to my left peripheral vision – and I agree.

The team of doctors attending me felt that the best treatment in my case would be to admit me to the Rex Rehabilitation and Nursing Home Center for 2 weeks of therapy. But the 2 weeks turned into 8 weeks, and about 15 September, I was released to go home.

All of my bodily parts are working as they should, and I am completely ambulatory – walking anywhere I want to go on my own two legs. I do notice some decline in my left peripheral vision. So I am very lucky that my case is a mild one. Celia has stepped in and is doing all of the driving for now. When I become more confident with my vision, I will help with that once again. I do have some problem when using the computer because my fingers do not always hit the intended keys due to faulty near vision. Therefore, I am having this note typed for me by my cousin, friend and computer advisor, Tammy Jennings.

Thank you all for your concerns and interest in my welfare, and I promise to communicate as I can once again. Celia and I are back and forth between Manteo and Raleigh constantly – so we may be found in either place. Manteo phone: 252-473-5288; Raleigh phone: 919-594-6556

Best of everything to all of you, and hope we will meet again soon.

Roger Meekins

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- 1 Les & Becky Austin, 19 yrs.
- 3 Charles & Cynthia Davis, 27 yrs.
- 4 Bill & Ina Evans Ernst, 10 yrs.
- 8 Rob & Michelle Petty, 13 yrs.
- 11 Mac & Mary Basnight, 21 yrs.
- 13 Jim & Anne Davis, 54 yrs.
- 16 Paul & Melissa Rock, 30 yrs.
- 18 Brian & Charlotte White, 21 yrs.
- 22 Ralph & Pam Jones, 55 yrs.
- 22 Todd & Kristy Kretzschmar, 13 yrs.
- 22 Jonathan & Leslie Reed, 21 yrs.
- 23 Mark & Jennifer Gamiel, 20 yrs.
- 24 Jay & Kathy Burrus, 37 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Dee Wheeler, 67 yrs.
- 27 Jon & Donna Presgrave, 52 yrs.



## 2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE IN

Each year fewer families are using the Church envelopes for their gifts and tithes to our Church. This is for a variety of reasons including the use of online giving, choosing to not use envelopes, or some that may not know that envelopes are available. If you would like a set of giving offering envelopes for 2017, please e-mail [agoudy@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:agoudy@mountolivetumc.org) or call the church office at 252-473-2089.