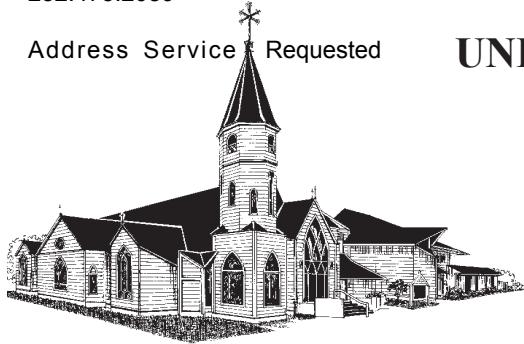


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GOOD NEWS from MOUNT OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

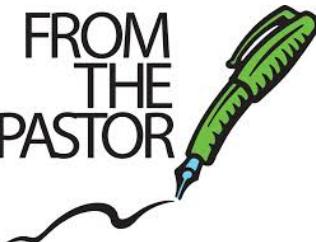


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FROM THE PASTOR



The start of a school year has always been for me the essence of “new beginning” in my life. Sure we talk about January 1 and “New Year’s Day” but for most of us, starting a new grade, starting a new class in college or starting a new job has always been our “new beginning.”

I was 30 when I began teaching in public school. Harnett County chose to be involved in as many pilot programs as possible to encourage state funding to the county and to be part of setting precedent for new ideas in teaching programs. Therefore when I began teaching in Harnett County, I was part of two pilot programs. The first program mandated that all teachers in the county use a six-point lesson plan and have three full observations by the principal. The second program, for new teachers, included a team of four observers from around our county who came in for four more full observations and reviews during the year. As a new teacher, I had to do six-point lesson plans and have seven full observations a year for my first three years. The experienced teachers thought it was crazy having to do detailed six-point lesson plans and have three full observation by the principal. Even in the years following my involvement in those pilot programs, I continued to do six-point lesson plans for my classes because it felt like the correct way to prepare to teach class. We are creatures of habit!

Church can be that way too! In and around Manteo we have some wonderfully different churches. The Source is original in its taking of an existing structure and making it something new and creative. Manteo Baptist finishing up a season of pastoral search and visioning. Manteo First Assembly with its fantastic worship and meeting spaces. Roanoke Island Presbyterian with its beautiful facility nestled within the trees. Each one so different. Each one powerful in presentation and experience. Each one touching hearts and lives differently. It can be tempting for people to say, “I preferred this style or this way of doing worship.” or “I think this is the right way to worship.” But that misses the point.

Worship is not about me. Worship is about God.

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Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God’s action. We exist to passionately worship God! We worship God for who God is and what God has done, is doing, and will do in the future.

After all these years, I was hit with a new thought this summer. “Do I love Jesus enough to ...?” As in:

- 1) Do I love Jesus enough to do things differently?
- 2) Do I love Jesus enough to change?
- 3) Do I love Jesus enough to sing an old hymn because it helps a person’s heart soar to God?
- 4) Do I love Jesus enough to sing a contemporary song because it helps another’s heart get nearer God’s throne?
- 5) Do I love Jesus enough to NOT insist on my own way?

As an old teacher/preacher, a creature of habit, do I love Jesus enough to make everything about God? Just a few thoughts for our “new year.”

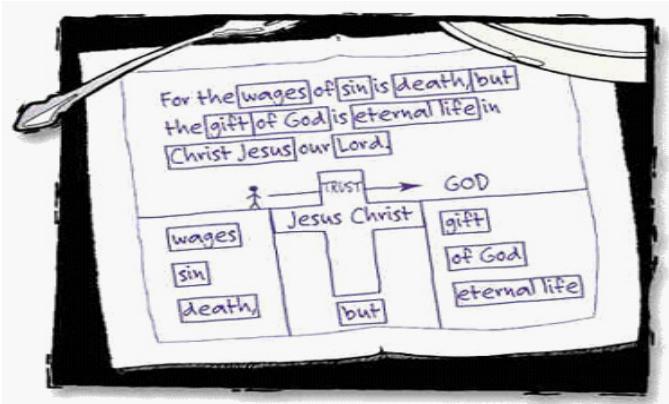
Dr. John



*In Memory
of Michael Steiner*

On Friday, October 21st, George Speake will be sharing a memorial service for Michael Steiner at 7:00 PM at Mount Olivet with a dessert & coffee reception following..

Evangelism



"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (NIV)
Romans 6:23

Wages-We earn "wages" from God for how we have lived our lives

Sin-Sin is more an attitude than an action. It can be either actively fighting God or as simple as excluding Him from our lives.

Death- Death in the Bible always means some kind of separation—in its most basic sense, separation from life. Because God is the author of life, a spiritual death simply means separation from Him.

BUT- A sharp contrast in ideas is coming. What we have just looked at is the bad news; what comes next is the good news.

Gift- Every gift is free for the person receiving it, someone still has to purchase it.

of God-The gift we are talking about is free. It is from God Himself. It's so special that no one else can give it.

Eternal Life-What is the opposite of separation from God? In the diagram above, it is the contrast of one side of the cliff being death, with the other side being eternal life; life everlasting.

Christ Jesus-Just as every gift has a unique giver, only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.

Trust-Admit that you are responsible for your sin—either of fighting against God or excluding Him from your life. Trusting Jesus means believing that He has the power to forgive us for rejecting God and that He will wash us clean from all that we have done wrong in life.

This simple illustration shows what God is like: Someone who really cares about people—especially YOU! Invite a friend or family member that doesn't know Christ, to read all about it in the Bible. The Gospel of John is a great place to start.

FALL REVIVAL
October 23rd – 26th
7:00 PM
Mt. Olivet UMC

Speaker
Rev. Dr. Tim Reeves of
Pine Valley UMC



Music by:
Kitty Hawk UMC Praise Team
Louie Basnight & Linda Tillett
Ken Mann's Band
Mt. Olivet UMC Praise Team

Want to help us Evangelize? Want to make a difference in someone's life? Come and join us at the following events.

Oct 23 -26 – Fall Revival – Invite someone to come with you.

Tim Reeves as speaker –

Pastor Tim has served as Lead Pastor at Pine Valley UMC since 2012. His passions are preaching and seeing people experience healing and wholeness through the transforming power of Jesus Christ. He is an accomplished pianist and dynamic speaker. He earned a Masters in Divinity from Duke Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry from Hood Theological Seminary. He enjoys eating with family and friends and spending time with his wife Tina, his two daughters, Alena and Trinity, and their dog named Cotton.

Nov 13 – Marathon Sunday – Join us downtown next to Poor Richard's to sing songs of praise & worship, play games/face painting with the children, and to pray with the runner's and observers.

Dec 2 – Christmas Tree Lighting and handing out Brunswick Stew to all in attendance

Dec 18 – Christmas Caroling to the sick and shut-in's

Make
Disciples
of all men



Our Fall Retreat to Camp Willow Run was a great success! We are blessed that the weather did not deter our trip, and that God provided us with safe travels even as Hermine approached the Outer Banks. This was an even greater blessing because it turned out to be a fantastic weekend for our group. The students who attended the trip had a great time for fellowship, discipleship, and growth as a group as we studied Hebrews 12:1-2 and learned more about what it means to run after Jesus in our lives. Students were also given the opportunity to climb a rock wall and go for a ride on the giant swing. It was an amazing retreat, and I am ever amazed at God's grace and faithfulness to us on our trips. Thank you to those of you who prayed for and gave financially in support of the Fall Retreat.

The Cove's Fall Schedule is now in full swing. Our weekly High school Bible study is going through the book of Job together this Fall. This is a great opportunity to go deeper into a powerful story of human suffering and God's sovereignty and discuss the real life applications there within. The Cove Sunday school class is going through a DVD series on Creation that is entitled "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis", which has thus far proven to be both informative and interesting for our students. Sunday night Youth Group meetings this fall will include an additional discussion component as we begin a series in which I will be teaching through different topics of the students' choosing. Youth breakfast will pick up where it left off with various guest speakers and worship leaders. You will find more details about the Cove Fall Schedule below.

Drew Peyton



CALLING ALL YOUTH

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.

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. We could use a few more men! Join us as we rehearse for our Christmas Cantata from 7:00 – 8:00PM and Chancel Choir from 8:00 – 8:30PM.

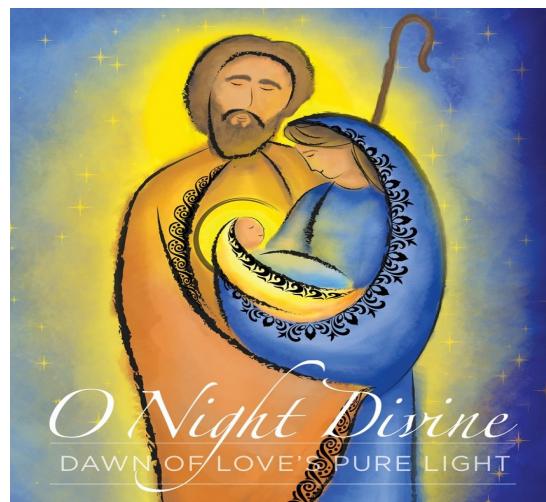


The Resounding Praise team leads worship for the 8:30 AM service each Sunday. If you are interested in joining, then stop in at a rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM or contact me for more information. We would love to see you there.

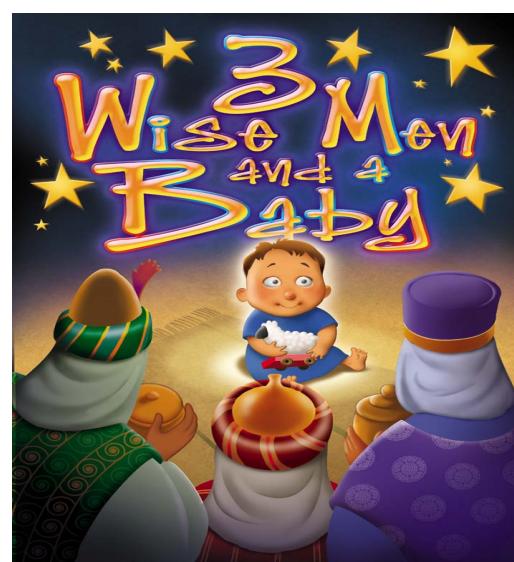


If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers and prepare to lead, then come and join us. Youth Praise meets on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. We will be leading worship this month on October 9. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Christmas is just around the corner and we have some exciting events coming up. Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata have started! This year we will be presenting O Night Divine on December 11. Please join us for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the choir room. If you would like more information feel free to send me an email: nschierer@mountolivetumc.org.



We have also started rehearsals for our children's musical this year called 3 Wise Men & a Baby! Anyone ages 4 to 18 is welcome to join us. Just come on Sunday evenings from 4:00 – 5:00PM as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through this creative approach to the Christmas story. It helps teach us that the best gift is giving ourselves to Christ. We will be presenting the musical on December 4 at 5:00 PM.



I am also excited that we have begun to incorporate music into our SURGE time. If your children are interested in singing, handbells, and learning about worship please have them join us at SURGE. We meet on Sundays from 5:00-7:00 PM. In addition to music your children will be learning more about God, missions, and helping others. They will also have a great time with their peers. S.U.R.G.E. Students United, Reaching, Guiding, Each other in Christ is for students Grade 3-5. Come hangout with your friends as we live laugh love and learn together in His word!

Missions

Mount Olivet has always been committed to Missions and we try very hard to spread our monies and our focus Locally, Nationally, and Internationally. We try to partner with established ministries to help the influence and work go as far as possible yet we also try to partner with individuals who may be going on personal mission trips as well. We encourage each member of our congregations to be involved in Mission both personally and with your church family and if you hear of needs or Mission opportunities that you think we need to be involved in; please let us know.

We are ever so grateful for the leadership and guiding of our FOOD PANTRY coordinators; Bob and Angela Noffsinger. They do an outstanding job with organization as well as recruiting and keeping a great bunch of volunteers. Roanoke Island Food Pantry has been blessed with the long-standing partnership with Mount Olivet that is for sure.

Please be aware as the colder months come upon us, there are greater needs in our community. If you know of needs, please refer people to the Food Pantry and if there are emergency needs, please refer those needs to the Pastor or Kathy Seawell to be assisted through our Local Emergency Relief fund.

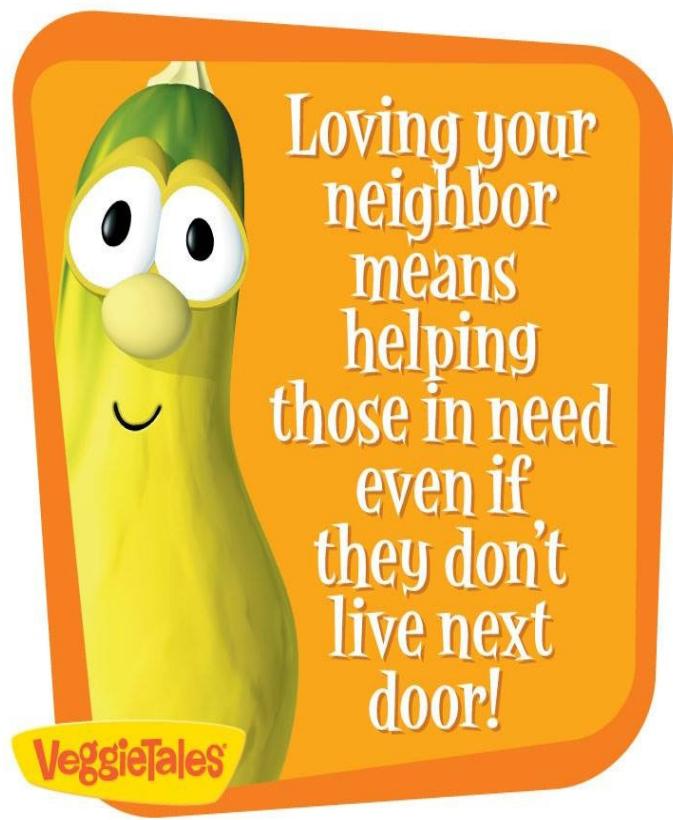
Missions Committee



Nannie Midgett Circle

Monday, Oct. 17, Nannie Midgett Circle Lunch Meeting, time and place TBD.

*Thank you,
Toni*



Worship



Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers for October

8:30 Byron & Sandra Sawyer 473-5342

11:00 Jim & Linda Boyd 480-6560

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Worship

October Birthdays

- 1 Randy Hodges, Jacob Williams, David Woody
- 2 Quentin Bell, Charlene Dever, Vick Keith, Ted Wescott, Jimmy Wescott
- 3 Mary Temple Mullis
- 4 Toni Franklin, Louise Gray, Kay Sawyer
- 5 Sandy Christine Basnight, Tiffany Vrablic Martin, C. J. Midgett, Hailey Rock
- 6 Ernestine Hall, "Will" Harrison, Erika Midgett
- 7 Bonny Bonner, Matthew Cabana, Abigail Rose
- 8 Charles D. Evans, "Wally" McCown, Georgeanna Wescott
- 9 Davis Austin, "Liz" Brown, Teri Carmichael, Lisa Davis, Chris Gaskill
- 10 "Skip" Dixon, Sam Horne, Paul Midgett, Kanan Strawser
- 11 Griffin Glover, Ryan Heroux, Alex Tine
- 12 Brenda Yates Davis, Roy Phillips, Sr., Chris Seawell, Jonathan Thomas
- 13 Madison Kebschull, Jack Tine
- 14 Kimberly Combs, Tom Edwards, Kevin Lee, Lib Miller, Robin Sawyer
- 15 Sandy Atkinson, Heath Burhart, Sherry Wescott
- 16 Joshua Cheesman
- 17 Sarah Katherine Davis, Martha Pitts, Dennis Rose
- 18 Roy Gray, Jr., Beth Wilcox
- 19 Bevin Barnes, William Brown, Lisa Fry
- 20 Jack Burrus, Michael Swithers
- 21 Steven Gibbs, Nancy Marty, Troy Sluder, Michael Steiner
- 22 Patricia Cheesman, Ronnie Meekins
- 24 Steve Gwaltney
- 25 Deloris Harrell, Linda McCown
- 26 Ruth Lewis, Fisher Midgett, Becky Morrill, John Shannon, Marietta Hooper
- 28 Brandy Foreman, Madison McLawhorn
- 29 Casey Ballew, Bella Bartell, Lee Swain Petty
- 30 Dock Sawyer, Allison Snapp
- 31 Misty Burke, Megan Murray, Shirley Shannon, Cole Spencer

*Many thanks to Stuart
and Ramona Wescott for
the 2 dolphin cruises
for our older adults.
A good time was had by
all!*

*-Older Adult
Enrichment Program*

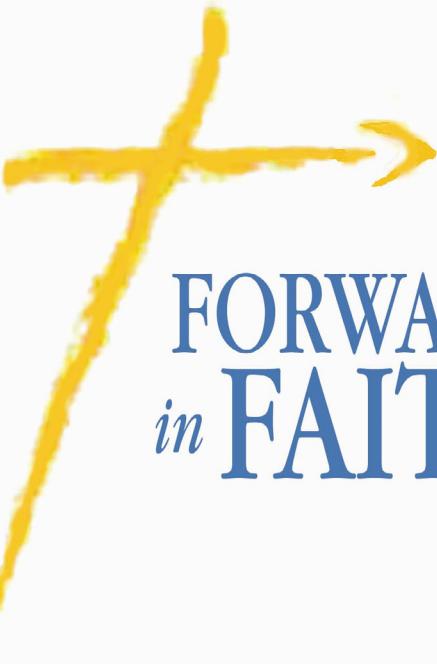


October Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
October 2	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484		Lisa Fry 475-1717
October 9	Becky Austin 473-5694 Pam Harrison 473-1414	Erica Burkhart 423-0989	Brenda Davis 305-8393 Paula Donaghy 480-1844
October 16	Paula Oliver 473-2944		Jennifer Phillips 473-5269
October 23	Joyce Edwards 473-3845		Martha Howell 475-1117
October 30	Carly Hernly 305-8288		Kathy Seawell 473-2056

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*



FORWARD *in* FAITH

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Shelton &
Linda Ott-- 25 yrs.
- 5 Jamie & Abbey
Reibel – 20 yrs.
- 6 Michael &
Jennifer Evans – 37 yrs.
- 7 Bryan & Jenna Erpelding – 16 yrs.
- 10 Josh & Laura Horne – 6 yrs.
- 12 Tom & Lynette Crews – 31 yrs.
- 12 Mark & Christine Skinner – 20 yrs.
- 15 Scott & Dawn Buckalew – 33 yrs.
- 16 Hank & Teresa Griffin – 6 yrs.
- 16 Travis & Hillary Jones – 12 yrs.
- 17 Paul & Pat Lester – 35 yrs.
- 18 Quentin & June Bell – 36 yrs.
- 18 George & Linda Cheeseman – 41 yrs.
- 20 Stephen & Sara Beth Belton – 9 yrs.
- 20 Kevin & Kimberly Jo Combs – 15 yrs.
- 20 Hughes & Janice Tillett – 58 yrs.
- 22 Vick & Samantha Keith – 5 yrs.
- 24 Paul & Whitney Tine – 18 yrs.
- 30 Jay & Renee Austin – 25 yrs.
- 30 Bobby & Deloris Harrell – 33 yrs.
- 30 Donald & Dianne Jones -- 40 yrs.



Trustee Report - Update

- 1.Carpeting of sanctuary is complete..
 - 2.A new sound board has been installed to reduce cable clutter around altar
 - 3.Two receptacles eliminated near altar . One receptacle was added near the Baby Grand.
 - 4.Next week the team starts addressing seat cushions
 5. the sound system does have some echo due to :Fine tuning new sound board,missing pew cushions .
 - 6.The sanctuary floor has been leveled and repaired in several places .
 - 7.The painting is complete except for a return touch up trip
- WE ASK THAT NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE BE CARRIED INTO THE SANCTUARY
8. Outside work on siding is ongoing yes we have more rot the we thought.
 - 9 Good news is the steeple looks like the structure is solid but needs siding repair etc.

Other notes

Thanks for Paul Lester's construction of new Creef fence panel due to fire from the power cables to the church.

Dominion Power is addressing the leaning power pole and what to do after 3 failures of the underground connection to the church

The Trustees

For
God
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.
JOHN 3:16