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For three years twelve men worked, walked, ate, prayed, and shared life with Jesus. They left jobs, homes, families to be with this special man. There are many times when the

Gospel writers let us know, despite three years with Jesus, "They didn't understand" what was going on around them.

Have you ever felt that way? I have! There are times when I begin to wonder, "Lord, do you know where you're taking me, because I haven't the foggiest idea where we are or what we are doing?"

And then I remember the words Jesus shared with those twelve as he was preparing them for his death and resurrection saying (John 14), "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?... "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."

Because of our relationship with Jesus, we don't have to be in control of the where, why, when, or how of our lives. The Spirit of God is at work in and through us. The Spirit of the living God is living with us,

There's an old story of the boy who stood on a sidewalk, waiting on a bus. A man walking by spotted the boy, and gave him some gentle instruction. "Son," he said, "if you're waiting on the bus, you need to move to the street corner. That's where the bus stops for passengers."

"It's OK," said the boy. "I'll just wait right here, and the bus will stop for me."

The man repeated his argument, but the boy never

moved. Just then, the bus appeared. Amazingly, the bus pulled over to where the boy stood, and the child hopped on. The man on the sidewalk stood speechless. The boy turned around in the doorway and said, "Mister, I knew the bus would stop here, because the bus driver is my dad!"

When you have a family relationship with the bus driver, you don't need a bus stop. If you've given your heart to the King of Kings, you're in a royal family of unspeakable proportions. (Story by Fred Markes <http://www.sermoncentral.com/illustrations/sermon-illustration-sermon-central-staff-stories-easterpalmsunday-81353.asp>, accessed 3/22/17)

As the disciples waited behind locked doors on the night of Resurrection Day, they were afraid, "SCARED", of what awaited them in an unknown future. Then Jesus came and stood among them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

We, as his other disciples, have a relationship with the "bus driver." He comes to us with comfort, guidance, and power. We have a relationship with the one who holds the future within His hands. "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." May every Sunday, in fact every day, be a day of resurrection for each of us. Happy Easter!

Dr. John



In Memory....

The Trustees and Finance Committee wish to thank the late Moncie L. Daniels Jr. and family for the generous trusts that have been presented to Mount Olivet UMC.

The Moncie L. Daniels Jr. and Muriel Green Daniels Memorial Fund and the Moncie L. Daniels and Belva Midgett Daniels Memorial Fund will both benefit the Mount Olivet Building Fund.

Contributions may be given to these funds to continue their growth.

Missions

LENT is in full swing and this year we are proudly supporting our own folks going on Mission Trips this summer - our Youth are going to Canada and we have a group returning to STRONG MISSIONS in Costa Rica for a second year. This year we are very excited to have our Pastor and his wife Patt joining this group. We are grateful God has us partnering our Mt Olivet home folks to reach out and share Christ to others around the world.

We wish to thank RITA SHAFER for her work on our Lenten Devotional this year. What a blessing it is to have someone take on such a big task and we know how important prayer is so it's nice to have a template to pray specifically for our Mission needs across the board.

Fundraisers for both Mission groups will be on the immediate horizon so keep your eyes peeled and we hope you will help out with these fundraisers any way that you can. They say it takes a village to get anything worthwhile done and we know Mt Olivet is just that village.

May God bless you during this time of Lent and bring you to a closer relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.



April Events

Please find below the Easter Worship Services Schedule. We hope you will join us during this time of celebration.

- Sunday, April 9th, Palm Sunday, "A Living Hope", the Easter Cantata, will be presented at a combined Worship service at 10:00 AM. Sunday School will be held at 8:45 AM.

- A special Maundy Thursday service, "A Living Lord's Supper," in which Jesus and a disciple will be serving Communion, will be held April 13th at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

- On Easter Sunday, April 16th, there will be a Community Sunrise Service at 6:15 am on the waterfront by the playground, followed by a community breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

- The Easter Contemporary Service will be held at 8:30 and the Traditional Service at 11:00 AM.

PLEASE NOTE that if you have any fresh flowers from your yard, please bring to the church on Sat., April 15th. There will be buckets of water on the Fellowship Hall porch to hold your flowers. These flowers will be used to decorate the outside wooden cross on Easter morning.



BAKE GOODS NEEDED

The Costa Rica Mission team is in need of volunteers who will bake their specialty for our EASTER BAKE SALE scheduled at GRITS GRILL on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 8 am. This is an awesome opportunity for us to raise major funds for the Mission God has us participating in with Strong Missions in August. We would love to have cakes; whole and half, and pies as well as breads. These things seem to sell well to our vacationers here with their families. We will have sign up sheets in the Sunday School classes and on the bulletin board near the office. We thank you in advance for partnering with us on this event.



April is an exciting month as we look ahead to the celebration of Easter, a wonderful reminder of all that Jesus did for us in His perfect life, substitutionary death, and miraculous resurrection from the dead. This beautiful story is at the core of our faith, and it gives us a reason to celebrate Who God is and what He has done. This month, I encourage you to read Ephesians 2:1-10 and reflect on the transformation that God has provided for you if you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ. He offers hope where there was only despair, purpose where there was only confusion, and life where there was only death. We serve a powerful, Holy, and loving God, and He is good!

Below you will find information about upcoming trips and special events, service projects, and mission trip fundraisers for the Cove Student Ministry. Please contact Drew if you have any questions.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, April 16th due to Easter. Please enjoy the time with family and friends as we celebrate the glorious truth that He is risen!

TRIPS/ SPECIAL EVENTS:

College for a Weekend at Liberty University- April 6th-9th- This trip is open to all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The cost for the trip is \$50 per student. We will leave soon after school gets out on Thursday, April 6th, and will return on the afternoon of Sunday, April 9th. The deadline to sign up is March 26th.

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Saturday, April 8th- Town of Manteo Litter Pick-Up Day- Meet at the Roanoke Island Maritime Museum on the Manteo waterfront at 8:45 AM for donuts and coffee. We will begin picking up litter at 9:00 and will return to the Maritime Museum by 11:00 for pizza. This is a great opportunity for our students to serve their community in a very tangible way. No sign-up required, I hope to see you there!



Saturday, April 22nd- Camp SALT- Students, join us for this morning-early afternoon event as we help paint picnic tables and do some yard work around the climbing tower at Camp SALT. Specific times and more information will become available as the date gets closer. The sign-up sheet will be available at youth group each week.



CANADA MISSION TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Yard Sale Fundraiser- Saturday, May 6th- This event will start in the morning and will end by 1:00 PM. If you have items that you would like to donate to our yard sale, please contact Drew.

*Happy Easter,
Drew Peyton*

Worship



April Altar Guild: Donna Presgrave, Chm;
Loretta Fertal, Donna Tillett, Edna Black.

Ushers will be announced in Bulletin. We need volunteers to usher at both services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the education building for details.

We also need volunteers in the sanctuary immediately following 8:30 service and 11:00 service to pick up bulletins, papers, etc. Please see Lynda to volunteer.

Happy Easter from the Worship Committee!

Sarah Wise & Kathy Seawell, Worship Committee

Music Ministry



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 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Contact me for more information or stop by a rehearsal to join.



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 Sunday, April 23 (the 4th Sunday). We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Each and every day I am reminded of Gods love in many ways. Through kind words, new growth on the earth, and smiling faces around me. As we once again enter into this Easter season I would encourage you to think about the ways that Gods love is shown to you each day and has been shown in the past.

Heath Balltzglier penned a fantastic song called Love Come Down. The verses speak of Gods love, how we were shackled by sin and God heard our cry for help. How Jesus rescued us through His grace and death on the cross. And, how because of an empty grave we are free from the bondage of sin and death. Amidst all of these reminders of God's love streams the chorus which reads:

I will sing forever of Your love come down

With my hands to heaven, shout Your praises loud

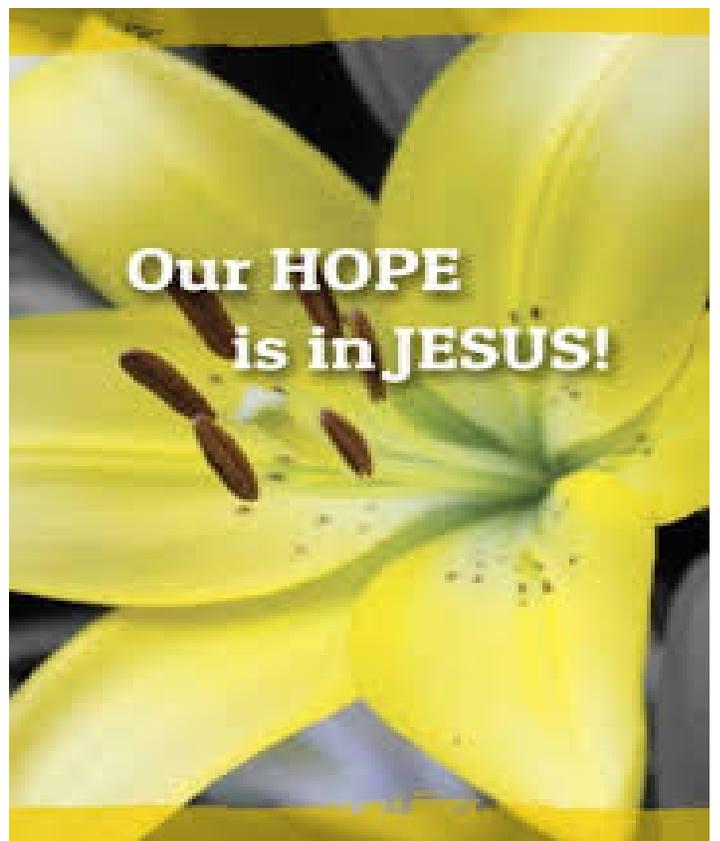
I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out

I will sing forever of Your love come down.

Take a moment to praise the Lord for the marvelous things he has done in your life.

Join us on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10:00 AM as the Chancel Choir presents the Easter Cantata: A Living Hope. You will enjoy familiar tunes and lyrics as we celebrate the power of the cross. Christ triumphed over death, and through His resurrection, those who follow Him have a new and Living Hope!

Nathan Schierer, Director of Music



Children's Ministry

I love the story of Easter. It has all the drama and emotions such as joy, confusion, drama, sadness and overwhelming happiness. The story of Easter for me starts with the praise of Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. It continues with the Last Supper where the disciples do not understand Jesus. It becomes very sad with the arrest, trial, and ultimately the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. But oh the joy of Easter Day when the tomb is empty and He has risen!!! This is the story all kids should know. There are books, YouTube videos, Resurrection Eggs, and websites that have this beautiful story just for young people. Get on your phone or computer and google "Easter Story for kids". Search and find one to read/ show to your child/grandchild and let them feel the love of God in this special story for this special season.

Patty Dutton



Mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School

July 10 - 14, 2017

9:00AM - Noon

SURGE

(Students United, Reaching, Guiding, Each other in Christ)

Sunday 5:00 – 7:00, 3rd – 5th grades

SURGE kids have studied to grow in their faith and now they will be showing their faith through missions. They will be learning what "mission" means and begin a mission by being a Pen Pal. We have super kids who come to learn about Christ and how it applies to their lives. Our great volunteers, Kim Head and Sarah Gregory, have a love for Christ and a love for children.

** NO SURGE on April 9 and April 16!!! Have a great Spring Break!



Worship Bags

Worship Bags are available for kids to use during the 8:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday morning. They have small books, coloring pages, word searches, pencils, crayons etc. in each bag as well as a Prayer Bear. The Prayer Bear is there so your child can share a prayer request with our children's ministry team. You can write on the paper provided and put the bear back in the bag/basket. Please return the bags at the end of the service. See an usher if you need assistance.

OPPORTUNITIES

Mount Olivet has many ways for you to share your love of Christ to kids. We have children's moments, children church, SURGE, and VBS (Vacation Bible School). You will get so much joy and love working with these kids. No special requirement is needed except your willingness to serve and spread God's love. If you would like to know more about how you can help please email Patty Dutton at olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org or call 252-473-2089.





April Birthdays

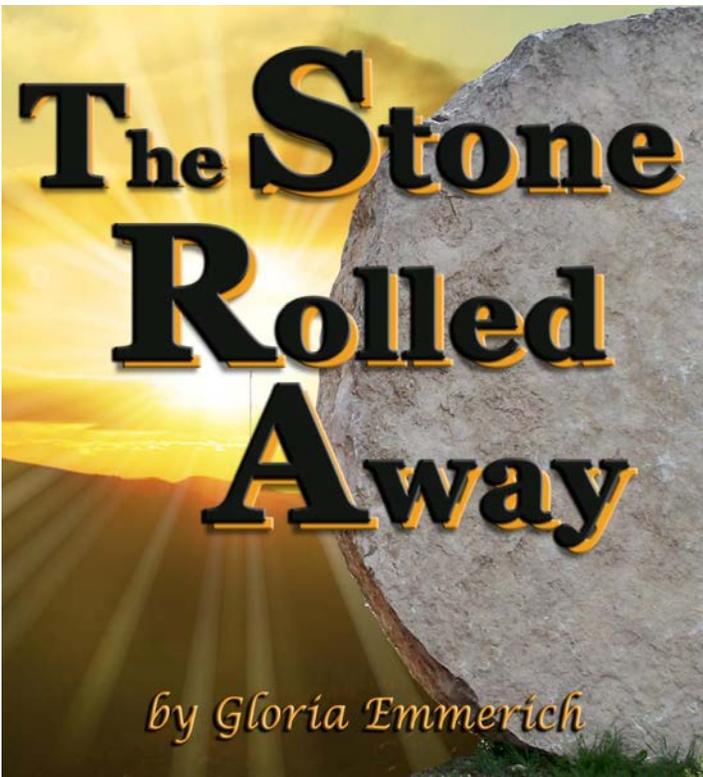
- 1 Barbara Keller, Clara Pierce Smith, Amanda Songer, Patsy Zoll
- 2 Janet Daley, Josie Fry, Martha Howell, Allison Martin
- 3 Barbara Brown, Estelle Midgett, Christine Skinner, Deborah Williford, Finley Belton
- 4 Cole Basnight, Walt Davis
- 5 Tylor Ballew, Rodney Benson, Nan Brown, Samatha Steiner, Hunt Thomas, Jim Trefny, Leo Woodard
- 6 Bill Kebschull
- 7 Barbara Holton, Ashley Jones
- 8 Jesse Cheesman, Leah Cribb, Ronnie Davis, Todd Davis, Tara Horne
- 9 April Hawkins Ball, Gabrielle Gregory, Keegan Lee, Ryan White, Rob Williams
- 10 Jo Jane Korbach, Trip Phillips, Adam Reed, Susan Storey, Charles Winstead, Robin York
- 11 Kevin Goudy, Kendelle Petty
- 12 Bodan Harrington, Jon Presgrave, Emma Weatherly
- 13 Jay Austin, S. C. Basnight, Kristin Buckalew, Lin Gaskill
- 14 Cathy Boyce, David Creef, Jeff Landreth
- 15 Robert Braine, Ayden O=Neal, Jean Payne, Anna Barrett Smith, Ramona Midgett,
- 16 Sophie Bennewitz, John Wescott
- 17 Seth Hash
- 18 Kevin Nissley, Angie Sellers, Meredith Skinner
- 19 Helen Farrow, Carly Osmon
- 20 Byron Sawyer, Noah Wescott
- 21 Skylor Burke, Amy Noffsinger

- 22 Suzie Tedrick, Bill Zottoli
- 23 Daniel Fauth, Janice O=Neal, Caroline Snapp, Charlotte White
- 24 Hannah Davenport, Ryan McOwen, Mike Meekins, Patrick Pritchard, Christan Stroud, Mariah Wilson
- 25 Buddy Creef, Michael Keller, R. V. Owens, Trent Phillips, Melissa Rock
- 26 Skip Lange, Kevin Wescott, Kenya Whittington
- 27 Daniel Davis, Bettie Kellogg
- 28 Crystal Cox, Jennifer Gamiel
- 29 Benjamin Ezra Fauth, Cedric Grgurich, Sydney Pearce, Stephen Stetson
- 30 Nancy Austin, Brenda Spake Brent, Keith Martin,



- 4 Jim & Linda Boyd - 14 yrs.
- 5 Scott & LeeAnn Finicum - 23 yrs.
- 8 Paul & Estelle Midgett - 56 yrs.
- 9 Gene & Charlene Dever - 75 yrs.
- 11 Mark & Traci France - 25 yrs.
- 17 Gene & Kim Grissom - 24 yrs.
- 17 Stanley & Paula Oliver - 46 yrs.
- 18 Tom & Janice Krauss - 30 yrs.
- 19 Robert & Charlene Heroux - 37 yrs.
- 19 Troy & Lyuda Sluder - 13 yrs.
- 19 Edward & Penny Williams - 37 yrs.
- 26 Drew & Sarah Peyton - 3 yr.
- 28 Bob & Janet Daley - 38 yrs.
- 28 Gib & Pam Harrison - 27 yrs.
- 30 Joseph & Amelia Rozmus - 6 yrs.

Evangelism



As you are reading this, we have had a successful Singspiration Concert with 14 talented groups bringing us a night of musical testimony. Thank you all for your support.

Our next event is a biggy. Hold onto your seats! The Rocky Hock Playhouse actors will be coming to Mt. Olivet UMC on April 29th to perform their Easter show “The Stone Rolled Away”. We will have a covered dish dinner at 5:30 PM with the performance beginning at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We are truly blessed to have these talented people to perform for us. Please get the word out into the community. Bring your friends, family, believers, and non-believers for a night you will remember for a long time.

Mrs. Cromley’s Famous Homemade Peanut Clusters, CD’s and DVD’s of the musicals will be sold in the lobby of the Educational Building during intermission and directly after the show. I vouch that the Peanut Clusters are absolutely wonderful. A love offering will also be taken.

The Stone Rolled Away - “Hosanna, what a Savior! The earth rejoiced when Jesus was born and wept at his death. But, because the stone was rolled away, we’re singing again today. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus will come alive to you in this new musical by Gloria Emmerich”.

We are praying you will support the Evangelism Committee, the church, and the community, by coming out on April 29th for a great dinner and play.

*Hosanna,
what a
Savior!*



April Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
April 2	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484		Joyce Edwards 473-3845
April 9	8:45 am Sunday School Valerie Wheeler 473-5595		10am Combined Service Martha Howell 475-1117
April 16	Rita Shaffer 489-1847		Melva Garrison 473-3399
April 23	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310		Lisa Fry 475-1717
April 30	Carly Hernly 305-8288		Brenda Davis 305-8393 Allison Martin 473-8596

Thank you all for your dedication and service in the nursery this year. This is such an important ministry to our young families.

You may have seen in the bulletin that Mount Olivet is looking for an assistant Nursery Attendant. This is a paid, hourly position for the services when Dana is not available. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the church office for more information.

Elizabeth

Thanks