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I grew up in a planned neighborhood between two small towns. We were the 3rd house in a neighborhood that will eventually be in excess of 150 homes. Our house

facing the only golf course my Dad ever designed, set on the corner of two streets, with the South Fork Catawba River one house to the right, home-sites and woods to the back and left. My best friend Richard lived in the 4th house in the neighborhood, there on the left.

Looking back I now realize there were two portals into neighborhood life. There was the front porch, right there in front of the big picture window, where Mom, Dad, and neighbors sat or stood, chatting away of the things happening in their lives. But to us kids, we had that great tree in our back yard. Under that tree we'd play games including hide and seek, kick the can, to others we designed with infinite rules that would forgotten by the next day. We would scale the highest heights as we made our way up those branches. It was one of my proudest days when I sat in the top of that tree, looking out over our kingdom... I had gone where no one had dared to go before!

From those two portals, we knew our neighbors. We knew the celebrations of person in the neighborhood. We knew the rough spots that others were going through. It seemed that when something happened to one, it happened to us all. It was almost like if someone got chicken pox, Mom invited the whole neighborhood in to get them as well.

Author Peter Lovenheim asked the following questions in an opinion piece he wrote for The Washington Post: "Do you know your neighbors well enough to realize whether something horrible is happening in the house down the street? To call them if you need help? To trust that they'd put themselves at risk to help you?"

Patrick Scriven continued with this image of the "front porch" writing:

While we might be tempted to overlook the value of a front porch, where one spends their time

seems to make all the difference. The same thing is true for churches; each chooses, intentionally or unintentionally, a direction to orient its corporate life. Some churches spend their days lounging about on the front porch, developing a real awareness of, and becoming known by, their neighbors. Others spend their energy, almost exclusively, hosting weekly meals around the dinner table (worship) and the occasional social barbecue in the backyard (potlucks).

Does our church know our neighborhood well enough to know its urgent and persistent needs?

Scriven continues with "seven reasons your church may want to move toward ministry on the front porch." (<http://after.church/7-reasons-your-church-should-have-a-front-porch/>)

Front porch churches know their neighbors because they spend time out on the community.

Front porch churches chance upon social interaction.

Front porch churches are more ready to offer hospitality because they are familiar with, and unafraid of, their neighborhood's diversity.

Front porch churches welcome interruption.

Front porch churches offer safe transitional spaces to join.

Front porch churches aren't afraid to declare who they are and what they are about.

Front porch churches serve more lemonade while backyard churches host more potlucks.

As we spend time allowing God to show us His vision for Mt Olivet UMC, wonder if it includes a "front porch?"

Dr. John



Missions

Missions wishes to thank our congregation and our friends for a successful FRIED CHICKEN & BBQ fundraiser. We are so grateful for those of you who supported our partnership with STRONG MISSIONS in Costa Rica in this way. We just enjoyed seeing you all and later hearing your complimentary comments on the delicious food and our Drive Thru staff!

We simply are overwhelmed each time we have a fundraiser that get the continued support that we do.... we were able to sell 460 plates! We want to thank Dock and Robin and Byron of RD SAWYER FORD for letting us utilize their business as well...it's a large part of our success to have the ease of Driving thru that parking lot.

We ask now that you join us in prayer between now and August when we travel. We ask that you pray for the following for our trip:

1. for good health and safety for each person between now and our travel date
2. for us to be a blessing and a help to STRONG MISSIONS
3. for us to be willing to be stretched as God would see fit
4. for us to be Jesus to those we come in contact with



*Go forth
and
Make Disciples!*



Thank you to everyone at your church who donated to the ALS Association in Eugene Snead's honor. We were blown away by the outpouring of support we received! Thank you so much also to those who "walked" with us in spirit on the same day we walked in Raleigh. It was so special to know yall were walking around Manteo while we were doing the walk in Raleigh! I know Mrs. Peggy Snead has been so blessed by the support she has received from you all not only just for this event but in the months that have passed since Mr. Snead's death. Thank you for being such a picture of Christ's love in a real and meaningful way. Hopefully we all have helped to pave the way for research that will help find a cure or treatment for ALS! Thank you again!

Love, Kevin Snead & Sarah Stuckey

99 for the ONE

- a Virginia Beach based Mobile Mission to the Homeless is asking that we collect ADULT MEN & WOMEN'S Athletic shoes and flip flops as well as Backpacks and zippered totes. They provide clothes and toiletries etc to the homeless from their Mission Truck and often the folks they are ministering to do not have decent bags to keep their stuff in.

We will be collecting these items through the end of June - there will be a box set up in the lobby of the Educational building. Items can be new or gently used. Rachel & Jeremiah Fjeld, formerly of Manteo are the "Missionaries in charge" of this awesome outreach.





It is hard to believe that the summer is already upon us. I am thankful for another great school year of ministry at the Cove, as God has reminded our students of His power and His faithfulness. This year, students had the opportunity to learn about topics including worship, God's mercy, and unity. They studied books of the Bible in large-group settings and in more depth by attending "Discussion Groups" at Sunday Night Youth Group. We have gone on trips together, listening to Christian concerts, traveling to camp for a weekend, and getting to stay in a beautiful beach house. In all of these settings, students were given the opportunity to grow deeper in their love for Jesus Christ as they learned more about His love for them.

I am excited that as the school year comes to a close, the opportunities for Spiritual growth do not. We are only one month out from our Mission trip to Nova Scotia, Canada. The students who are attending that trip have worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds to go and serve the children in that community through Vacation Bible School and a Drama Camp. God is already molding, shaping, and preparing our team to do the work He has set before us for that trip. Thank you so much for the many people who have prayed for our team and given financially to support our trip. We could not do this without you.

Below you will find information about Sunday nights throughout June. Please note that June 11th will be our Summer Schedule Kickoff event, which is open to all rising 6th-12th grade students and their parents, as well as 2017 high school graduates. The summer schedule will be announced in more detail at this event.

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 4th- 5:00-7:00 at the Cove: Last Youth Group Meeting of the school year.

June 11th- 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 18th- Will not meet, Happy Father's Day

June 25th- First Sunday night Summer event, more details TBA at Summer Kickoff meeting



SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE

His Generation Concert- For King and Country: Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 PM. See Drew for more information and to sign up.

Drew Peyton



Worship



June Altar Guild: will be announced in the Bulletin.

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.

Thank you for your service!

Sarah Wise & Kathy Seawell, Worship Committee

Music Ministry



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 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 is taking a break for the summer and will start up again in late August. We would love to have you commit to share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.



NEEDTOBREATHE wrote a song called Multiplied. It uses imagery to compare God's love to diamonds. Precious, brilliant, sought-after, and treasured are all terms that come to mind when most people think about diamonds. We should treat the love of God the same way, as precious, brilliant, sought-after, and treasured. The chorus talks about God as our love when we surrender to His design, His master plan. It describes how we should sing His praise across the skies and spread the word of God by letting our praise be multiplied. I encourage you this summer to spread the love of God to all you come in contact with in the busy months ahead.

“Your love is like radiant diamonds

Bursting inside us we cannot contain

Your love will surely come find us

Like blazing wild fires singing Your name

God of mercy sweet love of mine

I have surrendered to Your design

May this offering stretch across the skies

And these Halleluiahs be multiplied”

We are also excited to be having our 2017 Vacation Bible School “Maker Fun Factory.” Dates are July 10 – 14. Join us for a great time of worship as we spread the word of our great maker.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*



Children's Ministry

We are planning some exciting adventures for Children's Ministry this summer. We hope you will join in the fun! We are currently working the details for VBS July 10-14 and our summer events schedule. We will announce the details in the church bulletin. Thank you for sharing your children with us as we grow our faith together.

*Blessings,
Elizabeth Gallop & Kimberly Head*

SURGE

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

Sunday 5:00 – 7:00 pm, 3rd – 5th grades

SURGE kids have been learning about growing their faith and will begin showing their faith through missions. They will continue learning what “missions” means to them and the pen pal program. We have super kids who come to learn about Christ and how it applies to their lives. They will be presenting their “Missions” book to the church and singing during both services on June 11th. Our last SURGE prior to summer is June 11th and we will be celebrating our time together that evening. Please come join the fun!

Sunday School

This summer we are going to a one room Sunday School classroom. Our curriculum will be “Summer of Seuss.” We hope to have a wonderful time with all of the children as we go on adventures together. We will still need Sunday School Teachers for the children in the Fall. If you are interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher please let us or Ms. Paula Oliver know.

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.

Family Worship and Communion Sunday

The first Sunday of each month we will enjoy Family Worship and Communion Sunday. We invite families

to worship together and take communion as a family. Children's Church will not be offered on Communion Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage of the worship bags at this time. Nursery will be available for children Birth-Preschool ages.

OPPORTUNITIES

Mount Olivet has many ways for you to share your love of Christ with kids. We have Children's Moments, Children's Church, SURGE, Sunday School, 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 Elizabeth Gallop or Kim Head at olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org or call 252-473-2089.



Mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School

July 10 - 14, 2017

9:00AM - Noon

*VBS registration is now
available on the Mount
Olivet UMC website.*



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

- 1 Steve & Karen King 54 yrs.
- 1 Robert & Joanne Braine – 52 yrs.
- 4 Tom & Janice O=Neal - 57 yrs.
- 5 Joe & Beverly Lafferty - 45 yrs.
- 10 Stuart & Stacy Bell - 22 yrs.
- 10 Philip & Brandy Foreman - 17 yrs.
- 11 Algie & Marilyn Campbell- 48 yrs.
- 12 Chris & Amy Adams - 18 yrs.
- 13 Roy & Karen Phillips - 52 yrs.
- 14 S. C. & Jean Basnight - 59 yrs.
- 15 Paul & Melinda Creef - 32 yrs.
- 15 Spencer & Doris Gregory – 4 yrs.
- 16 John & Sheryl Check – 39 yrs.
- 17 Todd & Jackie Hart - 22 yrs.
- 19 Stephen & Maureen Thompson - 51 yrs.
- 20 Mark & Carrie Vrablic - 37 yrs.
- 20 Kelly & Brenda Zaytoun - 47 yrs.
- 21 Ken & Angie Brady Daniels - 30 yrs.
- 21 Mike & Renee Glover – 31 yrs.
- 21 Richard & Sandra Murphy - 25 yrs.
- 22 Robbie & Sissy Campbell - 20 yrs.
- 23 Steward & Sandy Moore - 27 yrs.
- 23 Ross & Rita Shaffer - 44 yrs.
- 24 Steve & Ashley Basnight - 22 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Linda Kraus - 45 yrs.
- 25 Clarence & Rose Skinner - 66 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Barbara Dare Hartwig - 23 yrs.
- 27 Lance & Jan Culpepper - 19 yrs.
- 30 Blake & Mari Beth LaRose - 23 yrs.

We'll
miss you,

Drew
and
Sarah!



People of Mount Olivet UMC

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming transition in the Cove Student Ministry. At the end of July, after we get back from the mission trip to Canada, I will be stepping down as the Director of Youth Ministry for Mount Olivet UMC. After much prayer and thought, I have accepted a position as the Global Director of Student Ministry at Covenant Church in Winterville, NC. This is a difficult decision, and Sarah and I feel strongly that God is calling us to go.

I wish that I could sit down with each of you and personally express how much Mount Olivet means to Sarah and me. We have been accepted and loved incredibly well by this community, and we are forever grateful for the impact you continue to have on our lives. Thank you for all you have done to make Mount Olivet our home over the last four years.

Students, it is my hope and prayer that you would continue to chase after Jesus. As Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This transition hasn't caught Him off guard. He is still good, He is still in control, and He is still with you and for you. God has a plan for this change, and as He calls us away, He will call the right person to step in and lead you. I am confident that you will accept them and love them as much as you have me.

*Thank you,
Drew Peyton*



June Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
June 4	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484		Joyce Edwards 473-3845
June 11	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595 Jan Culpepper 757 373 4155	Jan Culpepper 757 373 4155	Martha Howell 475-1117 Charlotte White 475-1864
June 18	Rita Shaffer 489-1847		Melva Garrison 473-3399 Lynn Tugwell 202-3563
June 25	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310		Lisa Fry 475-1717 Tiffany Martin 423-2323

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