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GOOD NEWS

from MOUNT OLIVET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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It's hard to believe summer is almost over. We've had a wonderful summer, perhaps a bit short.

Our vacation Bible school was an amazing success. Our summer SURGE program has done well.

Our teenagers had a wonderful mission trip that was life-changing for them and certainly for those to whom they ministered.

Our worship services have been filled with wonderful music from our music director and choir.

I have certainly enjoyed the praise band including the new piano in their music.

We have truly been blessed.

By the time you get this newsletter, our students will be back in school, and football be in full swing.

I certainly want to encourage everyone to be involved in a small group study. I will be teaching a new Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM. We will meet together to discuss what the topic will be.

During the fall, I will be preaching through the Apostle's Creed. Our doctrinal statement is certainly relevant, and I hope you plan on attending each week.

We will have a stewardship emphasis in November. Speaking of stewardship, I would encourage everyone to get their pledges up to date.

God bless you, and remember love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and your neighbor as yourself.

Grace and Truth,
John
252-474-8454

*Be sure to read all the way though
to the end...*

*Evangelism news on Page 6.
Special "Something to Think about"
on Page 7.*

*Exciting news from all our program
areas throughout!*



- Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, Pastor John Check will begin Tuesday morning Bible Studies 9:00 – 10:00 AM.
- Sunday, September 20th, we will have Sunday School at 9:00 AM followed by a combined worship service at 10:30 AM.

All are invited to attend the church picnic at the Old Swimming Hole next to the North Carolina Aquarium, Manteo from noon until 3:00PM.

Children's Ministries

Fall is in the air, kids are back in school, and our fall programs are all gearing up. Olivet Kids are very excited about this time of the year.

Some of the exciting things include a restructure to our Sunday School classes, and the teacher teams that have formed. S.U.R.G.E for third through fifth grade students will be meeting back at the church this week, and for the school year, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Also, we will have new monthly adventure trips for two different age groups. Be watching the bulletin for more information!

I feel the most exciting news for this fall has to be all of the new babies coming into our Nursery! We are so happy for the recent and upcoming birth of four of our newest church family members and several new friends who have joined us this year! The nursery team has been very busy getting the nursery ready for their arrival. There are new rockers, bouncy seats, a mother's privacy corner for feedings, and new bedding in the crib. There are some pictures here, but honestly you need to come and see it in person! Don't tell my husband, but I think I may have baby fever. Just kidding, but I am enjoying the opportunity God has given us to love on these families and babies!

Please contact Elizabeth Gallop, Nursery Coordinator at 252-423-0484 or Tina Hodgson, Children's Director at 252-473-2089 ext 29 if you would like to join the nursery team! You too could ease your baby fever by serving once a quarter!

*God bless,
Tina Hodgson,
Children's Director
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Find us on Facebook at
facebook.com/OlivetKidsManteo.*



Bring on the BABIES!!



Keep in Touch With God

In this digital age, we're constantly in touch with our family and friends. Likewise, through prayer we have the privilege of 24/7 access to the one true God—the one who created and saves us. Prayer is a powerful way to deepen our relationship with God and grow our faith.

Anyone can pray, even little children (see Matthew 19:14). But kids—and adults—can often use some pointers about connecting with God. Jesus' disciples needed help learning to pray, too!

Here are a few tips for helping your kids develop their prayer lives.

- Make prayer a regular part of your home life—and not just at meals and bedtime. Turn to prayer as the first resort, not the last. And let your kids hear you pray.
- Share with your kids how you see God at work through your prayers. Keep lists of answers you receive and other ways God speaks to you.
- Pray as a family, but also encourage your children to set aside time to pray on their own.
- Use acronyms as reminders of how to pray, such as PRAY (Praise, Repent, Ask, and Yield) or ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication).



Missions



Mount Olivet fits the definition of a MISSION MINDED Congregation.

* We are a church in love with Christ and no longer comfortable with the fleeting American Dream, rather we are driven by a vision to fulfill the Great Commission.

*We are a church passionate for the nations, living and giving generously - we are blessed to have a separate Missions committee that has its hands on the pulse of vibrant missions working locally, nationally and internationally actively working to fulfill the Great Commission. This committee is funded entirely by the gifts of our generous Congregation.

*We see our own sons and daughters going to the ends of the earth as short-term and career missionaries. Just this year, we have seen our Youth set forth to share the gospel nationally; Rhonda and Ed Bethea have been to Costa Rica working w/ UMVIM missionary Charlie Strong with Strong Missions and plan to return in October and are looking to get us all more involved with the Great Commission taking place there. We have been blessed by our own Brenda Spake Brent and her husband Michael and family serving Christ in Croatia. They work helping local Croatian college students in their walk with Christ and to equip them to lead others to Christ.

*We see members of our church empowered to fulfill a personal life mission in the world. Ask Dr. Mike Glover about his mission work in Haiti after the devastating earthquake. Speak with Bobby Harrell, Paul Creef, Byron Sawyer, and Coy Tillett about the blessing they received in building many churches in Haiti and the Bahamas. Speak with Lynn Tugwell and the Crews' about the many experiences of going to Biloxi after Katrina and being the hands and feet of Christ. You need to look no further than our scholarship funds and our Food Panty to see the dedication of our members to personally seeing a mission need and meeting it.

Where do you see you fitting in this world of Missions? There is a place for each of us.

Missions Committee



Nannie Midgett Circle

Nannie Midgett Circle, Monday, Sept. 21, 7:30 PM, Janice Tillett's home

Thanks! Toni



September Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
September 6	Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Brenda Davis 305-8393
September 13	Melinda Creef 473-2345		Lynn Tugwell 473-1338
September 20	Liz Brown 473-9892	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155	Melva Garrison 473-3399
September 27	Carly Hernly 305-8288		Lisa Fry 475-1717

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



As our students have started back to school, it has reminded me of the certainty of change in our lives. As time passes and the seasons and years change, so do our circumstances. The students are experiencing a plethora of new things now. They have new classes, new teachers, and new grade levels. Many of them also have new extra-curricular activities, new friends, new schools, etc. Often times, these changes can lead to anxiety and discomfort, as the students try to find their place amidst all of the transition. I am so thankful that we serve a God Who does not change, and who offers us stability even when everything else does.

Philippians 4:4-7 says “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Because of our relationship with God, we can rejoice even in the midst of our anxiety, because He is a never-changing source of peace. I am so thankful that He is always available to us through prayer, and it is my hope that our students will learn to go to Him with every problem that they have. Please pray for our students during this exciting and nerve-wracking time of starting a new school year.

Drew Peyton

FALL RETREAT INFORMATION:

Our trip to Camp Willow Run for Fall Retreat is almost here! There are 36 students and 8 leaders signed up to attend this trip, which will take place over Labor Day Weekend, from September 4th-6th. This will be a great time for fellowship, discipleship, and growth as a group as we study the Bible and have fun in a camp setting. I am so excited about all that God is going to do in the lives of our students through this experience. Please be in prayer for our group as we grow closer to God and to one another as we learn more about our topic for the weekend: “BOLD.” Please note that our 2015 Fall Cove Schedule will begin the week after we return from our Fall Retreat. Please let me know if you have any questions about this schedule, or anything that we are doing at the Cove.

2015 Fall Schedule

All events are open for students in the 6th-12th grade unless otherwise stated

Tuesday- Middle School Bible Study, 3:15-5:00 pm at the Cove. This Bible study is open to all 6th-8th grade students. We will meet at the Cove for a time of fellowship and Spiritual growth through Biblical teaching on a middle school level.

Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 8:00-9:00 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. (9:30-10:30)



Music

Ministry



“Praise the Lord”

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!”

Psalm 150:1-6

In the passage from Psalm that I posted above, it speaks about praising God. Plain and simple, it says “PRAISE THE LORD.” We all have different ways to express our praise to the Lord. Let your praise show in everything you do and say. Let the words you speak and your actions be an example of God’s love. Praise Him with your whole hearts and attitudes. Lift your voices to Him every day. Give praise in the good times and the difficult stretches of life. His is our rock and fortress so lift your voices in praise to the Lord.

Christmas is “just around the corner.” We will be having some exciting things happening this year! Keep an eye out in the bulletin for rehearsal times and dates for our children’s musical “The Loaned Manger.”!!! Also watch for information about our Christmas Cantata this year. We will start rehearsals at the end of September/beginning of October. We would love to have you join us this year.



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.

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 will meet on Sunday evenings starting Sunday, September 6. We will be singing for the 8:30 services on September 27, October 18, and November 15. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*



Worship

September 2015

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers/Greeter

8:30 John and Sherry Wescott 473-2831

11:00 Ushers will be announced in Bulletin

11:00 Greeters - Bill and Margaret Jean Daniels 473-3534

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chair



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Amy Hinnant, Amelia Rozmus
- 2 Karen Zillifro
- 3 Emily Brown, John Check, Jerald Craddock
Eugene Grissom
- 4 Flossie Tugwell
- 5 Luciano Zottoli
- 6 Jerri Hopkins
- 7 Frank Adams, Mari Beth LaRose
- 8 Mary Burrus Basnight, Brittanie Boone
- 9 Olin Davis, Alden Roberts, Daryl Watts
- 10 Stuart Bell, Wade Dowdy, Rose Skinner,
Donna Wells
- 11 Dana Gainey, Becca Meekins, Dylan Rock
- 12 Korie Sawyer, Bree Tillett
- 16 Christine Basnight, Vicki Holmes, Kayla
Martin, Alfred Wheeler, Lee Wise
- 17 Will Atkinson, Grayson Bell, Drew Brown
Emilio Gomez, Rebekahann Handran,
Brodyn Petty, Kim Snead, Taylor Wells
- 18 Mark Skinner
- 19 Alexa Bennewitz, Kari Haywood,
Sandra Holobagh, Kelly Zaytoun
- 20 Kenny Daniels, Sarah Presgrave
- 21 Mike Cox, Cindy Hathaway, Vickie White
Melissa Pekrun Woodard
- 22 Grace Gallop
- 23 Maureen Thompson
- 24 Mark Brinkley, Dotsy Davis, Jim Gmitter
Peggy Snead, Whitney Tine, Betsy Via
- 25 Ola Austin, Liz Creef, Jamie Hopkins,
Cassidy Sadler
- 26 Elissa Phillips
- 27 Jake Brown, Pat Burke, Lauren Daniels
- 28 Kyle Enochs, George Speake
- 29 Sara Lynn Phillips, Sandra Sawyer

- 1 Reuben & Jean Payne - 21 yrs.
- 5 Cam & Angie Sellers - 34 yrs.
- 11 Clint & Nita Hepler - 50 yrs.
- 13 Hannon & Lisa Fry -18 yrs.
- 14 Robert & Alice Turney - 47 yrs.
- 15 Charles & Joyce Edwards - 31 yrs.
- 15 Mike & Jen Meekins - 8 yrs.
- 15 Doug & Julie Tillett - 25 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Christine Basnight - 36 yrs.
- 20 Malcolm & Susan Fearing - 35 yrs.
- 23 Will & Sandy Atkinson - 31 yrs.
- 25 Pat & Misty Burke - 16 yrs.



Thank You!

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for the Richard Cole Evans Scholarship award. I am grateful for the help this gives me to be able to pursue my future goal to become a physical therapist.

*Sincerely,
Caitlyn Maher*

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for awarding me the Helen Van Cleef Petty Scholarship. This scholarship will be very helpful as I continue my education and work towards my goal of becoming an accountant.

*Sincerely,
Hannah Maher*

Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee has been working hard to bring you some exciting events and outreach programs. We are excited and hopeful each of you will be able to join us at each one.

We had a very successful Ice Cream Social that acknowledged the children who attended the Children's Mission Camp. The children presented to those in attendance, a slide show of their week in Mission Camp and several spoke on their endeavors in reaching out to the community and to those that needed to know they were loved and not forgotten. After the presentation we ended the evening with homemade ice cream. Thank you to all those ladies that took the time in making the delicious ice cream for all to enjoy.



The Organ Concert was a fabulous afternoon of music enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you for your support.

Now it is time to bring you the upcoming events and outreach endeavors. Mark your calendars as we want to see all your beautiful faces in attendance.



The Mount Olivet Family Picnic will be held at the Old Swimming Hole pavilion on Sunday 9/20 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Food, drinks, games and good fellowship is in store for everyone attending. There will be several baptisms at the Swimming Hole directly after church and before the picnic begins.

- We are asking each Sunday School class to supply sodas and water. If you are willing to help us, please see Jim Davis – Discussion Class and Deloris Harrell – K Class for more information. All other classes that can bring drinks should contact Reha Otte' (473-1883 or 320otter@gmail.com).

- We are also in need of big coolers for ice. If you can provide a cooler please contact Reha Otte'.

- Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish for everyone to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied.

Come out and see all your church family and have fun visiting, swimming and playing.

Our Fall Revival will be October 25 – October 28 with Chris Aylett of the Edenton UMC as speaker. Please read ~~the upcoming bulletins~~, watch for information on the bulletin boards, website and Facebook for more details as we get closer.

Project Sunday is being planned, and we are really excited. We are in the process of firming up a church-wide outreach within our community that we think will be beneficial and fun at the same time for all of us. We are working out the details and more information will be coming your way shortly. Look for details in the future media forums.

Elders in our church that are now shut-in's with little to no contact with our congregation members are often lonely and feel forgotten. We have started a program where Deloris Harrell has volunteered to send Birthday cards to these folks. We want to send words of encouragement, healing, and the love of Jesus Christ to each one of these wonderful brothers and sisters of Mt. Olivet. If you would like to also send cards of encouragement, love, and celebration, please contact Reha Otte' for the latest shut-in list.

We are still planning more events and activities for opportunities to reach upward to God and reach out to the community. Remember to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and encouragement, while we are in planning.

We wish you all a wonderful and fun month.

All are invited to attend our church picnic from noon to 3 p.m. at the Old Swimming Hole next to the North Carolina Aquarium, Manteo.

*God's Blessings,
Reha Otte' – Evangelism Chair*

Something to Think About...

I read an article recently about how we should treat guests in church. Here are 6 things to say to a new attender.



1. "Thank you for being here." It's just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told "thank you."

2. "Let me help you with that." If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.



3. "Please take my seat." I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member

to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.



4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.

5. "Can I show you where you need to go?" Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.



6. "Let me introduce you to _____." The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have

the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff and other members of the church.

7. "Would you join us for lunch?" I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.



WHAT DO YOU SAY? Let's DO LUNCH!!

Let's look at one example of breaking attendance barriers by saying the right things to guests. Presume your church has two first-time guests a week. Over the course of a year, the church would have 100 first-time guests. With most of the members being genuinely guest friendly, you could see half of those guests become active members. Attendance could thus increase by as much as 50 persons every year.

Good interaction with guests is a huge step toward breaking attendance barriers, but it is obviously not the only step. \copied

Contributed by Pastor Check