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*...though your
sins be as
scarlet, they
shall be white
as snow...
Isaiah 1:18*

Everyone knows that we have been experiencing a different kind of winter on the OBX. The snow has fallen for about 3 weeks in row. While the amount of snow can indeed hinder our regular routine i.e. school closings, missing days of work and make a driving a little hazardous, I had some thoughts from the scripture above. The weather is a funny thing. we cannot not control anything about when and how mother nature will do its thing.

The prophet Isaiah gives us something to think about when we consider the weather pattern that produces snow. This great servant of God reminds us what happens when the white stuff comes. A big snow covers the earth with its white blanket. It is a beautiful thing to watch and play in if you are dressed for the occasion.

God through his son Jesus Christ death on the cross reminds us that our pension for sin has been covered. Snow is beautiful for a while, but then as the days move on, it melts and gets dirty. At last it reveals what is underneath. We are reminded each day we too are pelted with the pressures and sins of life. But we can constantly confess our faults and we are covered by the blood of the lamb. When we confess he forgives. That is Grace.

*Grace and peace
Jerry*



Don't Miss these March Events!

March 4th - Shrove Tuesday free pancake and sausage dinner; Mount Olivet United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to walk-in between 5:30 & 7:00 pm and enjoy this family fellowship. Shrove Tuesday is named after the pre-Lenten shiving or granting absolution to those who made their confession to the priest. This day before Ash Wednesday is commonly known as "Fat Tuesday" from the custom of storing up fat in preparation for the Lenten fast.

March 5th - Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm

March 9-12 - REVIVAL (see page 3)

March 19th & 26th & April 2nd & 9th - 5:30 pm free soup and sandwiches Lenten Dinner Fellowships. Come be blessed by a weekly skit performed by the children and youth drama team; each week the skit will tell a continuing story that you will not want to miss.

New Sunday School Class!

When: Begins March 16, 2014

Where: meet upstairs in the "green room".

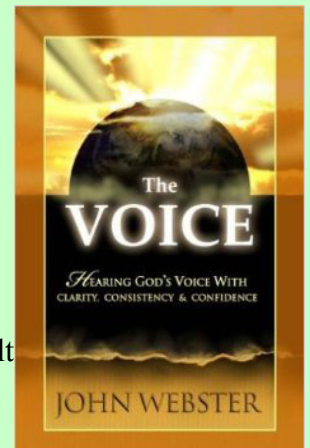
Who: 18 to "40 something" (We won't be turning anyone away!!!)

What: First topic will be "The Voice - Hearing God's Voice with Clarity, Consistency & Confidence" by John Webster.

Teacher: Alice Turney

There will be a sign outside the door to say "young adult class".

Please help us spread the word?



Children's Ministry

There are so many exciting things happening at Mount Olivet UMC. After being here five months, I am still hearing of different outreaches and missions that we are doing, and my heart is full. My prayer is that we remember why we do what we do.

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter, lasting for 40 days (not counting Sundays). We prepare for Easter by fasting and practicing spiritual discipline during this time - to reflect on His sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "spring cleaning" our lives while giving thanks to God and strengthening our relationship with Him.

In Matthew 13 Jesus talked about how good soil was key to a good harvest. A farmer who ignores the soil will have bad soil, but if he works to make the soil good, it will produce a great harvest.

When we pray, fast, and give, we're preparing the "soil" of our hearts.

We're aligning ourselves with God and his great work.

Think about ways your family can create soil-strengthening habits together.

- Find times to pray aside from meal-time and bedtime. The drive to school is a great chance to begin the day with prayer.
- Think of a way your family can bless another family. Maybe your family could entertain the kids while Mom and Dad go on a date. Or you could give a gift of home-baked goodies you've prepared together.

Again, this time of the year is perfect for us to do a spiritual spring clean, inventory, and to revive our hearts for worship. But, It is the cry of my heart for us to find ways to grow closer to Him everyday - and not just during certain times of the year. So let's be intentional with our choices and how we lead the children who are in our care each day.

*God bless.
Tina*



ATTENTION EMMAUS FOLKS!
Mount Olivet Emmaus Family...
did you know we keep a fund in
our Church activities account to
help us in Sponsoring folks for

future walks, helping feed team members who we host, and for gas for our bus? We have had over 100 people from Mt Olivet the Walk to Emmaus so it each person donated just \$10 to the fund - we would be in good shape for a while but if we donated more than that then we would be in GREAT shape. Pray about it and if God leads you to donate you can do so by putting EMMAUS in your memo.

NANNIE MIDGETT CIRCLE

Our February 17th meeting was hosted by Sharon Collins with twenty one members present. Devotion was "100 Ways to Simplify Your Life", followed later by a program entitled, "Bad Women in the Bible", specifically Delilah.

Our business consisted of providing food for Monday Night Live group; providing breakfast and lunch for the District Pastor's meeting to be held February 20 at the church and getting our cards to many church members and friends of the church.

Margaret Daniels will host our next meeting on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us at 113 Robert Bruce Drive for an evening of doing God's work while enjoying good fellowship and sharing our willingness to reach out and help where needed.

REMEMBER- COOKBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR \$18 ea. (They make great gifts! You can even purchase a gift certificate. if you prefer, and the person can stop by the church with certificate to pick up book. Call Peggy Snead at 473-2390 to purchase one today!)

Missions

Missions had their first meeting of 2014 on Feb 18. We welcome new members Rita Shaffer, Russell Fleming and Mary Jo Matthews.

We have an exciting opportunity coming our way in April...we get to host a STOP HUNGER NOW event where we will package approx 25,000 meals! WOW, that is a lot but we are assured that it is a very attainable goal. Our Beacon District is making STOP HUNGER NOW a focus this year so we are excited to be able to host this event April 26 and come together with other churches. Be on the lookout for upcoming news about this exciting opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in Manteo.

As we try to keep the congregation informed; You are reminded of how we take the pledged monies to Missions and use to partner with established ministries locally, nationally and internationally. We try hard to offer our support equally to all three areas. We do welcome your thoughts and ministry concerns...as things come and go there may be immediate needs that need to be met and if you share those with us we can see how we can possibly best meet those needs.

Our next meeting will be March 18 and we will be letting you all know which ministries we plan to offer as our Easter offering focus.

2014 Scholarships

The 2014 Mount Olivet Scholarship applications will be available online and in the Church office (printed out) for pick up on March 1st. The deadline for turning them back in is March 31st or postmarked March 31.

Scholarship interviews will take place Sunday afternoon, April 27 at the Church.

Kathy Seawell
Scholarship Chm.
252-473-2056

Community Choir

Come join us for a night of Praise and Worship with the Community Choir Praise & Worship Team, led by Peggy Daniels. This will be a joyous time worshipping with your King of Kings and Lord of Lord's. Bring your friends and family, and especially those that do not have a relationship with Jesus. This time of music will surely stir the heart and open them to the saving knowledge of our Lord. The time is 6:00 – 7:00 on March 23rd with desserts served after the program.

If you can provide a dessert for that night, please contact Reha Otte' on 443-271-4206 or by email otter@citi.com. Thank you for your service.



Nursery Volunteers

	8:30 am	Sunday School	11:00 am
March 2	Erica Burkhart 423-0989		
March 9	Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Brenda Davis 305-8393
March 16	Melinda Creef 473-2345	Ginger Midgett 473-3654	Lynn Tugwell 473-1338
March 23	Liz Brown 473-9892	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155	Melva Garrison 473-3399
March 30	Charlotte White 475-1864	Lisa Fry 475-1717	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

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

Evangelism

- Revival March 9-12; Charles Robl is the speaker.
- Covered dish Sunday night at 6
- Revival starts each night at 7
- Special music each night
- Nursery provided each night



Hold the date of MARCH 28th, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, for the next Parents' Night Out event! We will have games, crafts, dinner and a movie! Children birth through grade

5 are welcome to come out and have FUN while their parents get a night out! Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$20.00 per family. Call, children's director, Tina Hodgson at 473-2089 ext 29 for further details and to register attendees and/or servers!



Worship

March Altar Guild

Kathy Seawell, Chm; Bea Basnight, Moni Berry, Gloria Spence

Co-Chairs: Marguerite Martin - 473-5290
Margaret Daniels - 473-3534

Ushers/Greeters

8:30 - Bill and Suzanne Godley - 473-6603

11:00 - Tom O'neal - 473-1125 & Lynda Midgett - 473-7023

11:00 - Peggy Sned(Greeter) - 473-2390

Communion Stewards will be announced in Bulletin.

A special thanks to all who serve with Worship Committee activities.

Tri-Chairs,
Sarah Wise, Kathy Seawell, and Lynda Midgett

"Jesus Paid It All"

On Palm Sunday, April 13 at the 11:00 a.m. worship the Chancel Choir will present its special music for the Easter season entitled "Jesus Paid It All." As the title implies, it is based on the hymn by the same name. The words to the song Jesus Paid It All were written by Elvina Hall (1822-1889) in 1865. Elvina was a member of the Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. The Choir Director of the same church was John Thomas Grape (1835-1915). Unaware of Elvina's composition, Grape composed a tune he called All To Christ I Owe. The pastor of Monument Street Methodist Church, Rev. George W. Schreck heard the music written by Grape and immediately thought of the verse written by another of his parishioners, Elvina Hall. At the pastor's suggestion, Hall's lyrics and Grape's music were combined, and then sent to Professor Theodore Perkins, publisher of the periodical Sabbath Carols. The hymn quickly became a favorite and has been published in and sung from hymnals across America ever since.

Jesus Paid It All

I can hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small;

Child of weakness, watch and pray find in me thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

If you love to sing, you are invited to join the Chancel Choir on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. You will be blessed by the inspiring music and the fellowship of a wonderful group of dedicated Christians. See you on Wednesdays!

Also, just to remind the children of the church and their parents that Choir for the children will begin on Sunday, March 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. This is for ages 4 yr old through grade 5. At 5:30, the 3rd – 5th graders can go upstairs to meet with Miss Tina and SURGE. I plan to use the children in the Easter cantata with the Chancel Choir. Let your children come and make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord!'

Love, Peace and Alleluia!
Jim Lowder



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kenneth Meekins, Ellen Parker
- 2 Angie Brady-Daniels, Kathleen Snyder, Annabelle Walker, Yvonne Wescott
- 3 Dawn Davenport, Debra Wescott Parker, Ruth Stetson
- 4 Allen Berry, Rachel Cheesman, Brad Gainey
- 5 Jane Brinkley, Scott Buckalew, Hannon Fry, Timothy Wheeler
- 6 Marlowe Crews, Charles Edwards, Sr., David White, Jane Wright
- 7 Field Lee Scarborough, Sr.
- 8 Linda Boyd, Michael Campbell, Elisha Creef, Alison Henry
- 9 Shaun Adams, Logan Henry Bonner, Waylon Burkhart, Katie Harrell, Valerie Wright
- 11 Renee Austin, Lynette Crews, Elizabeth Gamiel, Nancy Opdyke, Caroline Pearce
- 12 Lauren Horne, Davis Pritchard, Daniel Reed, Van Smith, Alex Zillifro
- 14 Kaleb Goudy, Anita Twyne Gwaltney
- 15 Joyce Edwards, Keeli Harrison, Matt Lewis, Emma Meekins, Brianna Payne, Bailey Petty, Arturo Romero, Dawn Tillett, Zack Zottoli
- 16 Douglas Evans, Jordan LaRose
- 17 Brandon Gregory, Ryan Murphy, Mark Vrablic
- 18 Saint Basnight, Kathy Burrus, Tanner Payne
- 19 Julie Owens, Janice Tillett
- 20 Jason Brown, Ray Jones, Jr., Reha Otte'
- 22 John Collins, Dianne Gaskill, Randall "Joe" Holmes, Lovie Lee McCann, Emma Rogers, Gloria Seward
- 24 William Creef, Stephen Cribb, Katherine Kennedy
- 25 Mary Kate Cheesman, Sam Wright
- 26 Jerry Austin, Amanda Daniels, Bob Hewett, Colton Snead
- 27 Dustin Burk, Ryan Evans, Todd Hart, Wynne Hopkins, Belinda Keller Sukeena
- 28 Olivia Claire Martin, Gail Midgett, Ryan Davis Parker
- 29 Rosalyn Andrus, Kory Erpelding, Hannah Hunt, Ray Midgett
- 30 Jaidee Elliott, Brenda Zaytoun
- 31 Robert Anderson, Melinda Creef, Michele Kemp, Ross Shaffer



March is going to be a very busy month at the Cove, and I am excited to see all that God is going to do in the lives of our students as we serve others, grow together in fellowship with others, and grow deeper in relationship with God. One of our biggest trips of the year, Acquire the Fire is taking place at the end of this month. This will be a great time for our students to get away from the distractions of everyday life and spend time worshipping God. We also have another opportunity to offer the Cove as a place to stay for those in need throughout Dare County as a part of “Room in the Inn”. This means that the after school program WILL NOT meet on March 18th or March 20th. I am very much looking forward to all that we have on the schedule for March, please note all of the changes in time and opportunities that are listed below!

Drew Peyton

“Room in the Inn” Service Opportunities for the Cove Student Ministries Friday, March 14th- Meet at the Cove at 3:30 to help Drew move furniture around the Cove to set up for the guests.

Sunday, March 16th-Meet at the Cove at 12:15pm to help Drew move mattresses into the Cove.

Sunday, March 23rd- Meet at the Cove right after Sunday School to help Drew load the bus with the “Room in the Inn” mattresses.

Changes in Sunday Night Youth Group Meeting Times for March

Sunday, March 9th- Youth group will meet from 5:00-6:00pm on this date and will walk to the church together at 6:00 for the covered dish service and the revival service that follows.

Sunday, March 16th- Youth group will meet from 5:00-6:00pm on this date.

Sunday, March 23rd- Youth group will not meet on this date because we will be returning from our Acquire the Fire trip. Sunday School will still meet at it’s regular time

*Be on the lookout for an announcement regarding a combined time of worship with another youth group. Date, time, and other details TBA.

Upcoming Events

March 21st-March 23rd- Acquire the Fire presents “Epic Truth, Stronger Than Fiction”. This event features concerts, dramas, and messages that will cultivate Spiritual growth in the lives of the students at the Cove. You must register before March 5th!

Weekly Winter Schedule

All weekly events are open for students in the 6th-12th grade

Tuesday and Thursday- Cove Open Afterschool 3:00-5:00pm

Thursday- Youth breakfast 7:00 -7:45 am.

Sunday- Youth Group 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Keep up with the Cove on social media:

Facebook: CoVeministries Moumc

Twitter: @TheCoveOBX

Instagram: thecoveobx

Happy Anniversary

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Joe & Patsy Zoll - 32 yrs.
- 4 Jerry & Metta Austin - 36 yrs.
- 4 Kenneth & Donna Wells - 36 yrs.
- 10 Bert & Lara Snyder - 2 yrs.
- 14 Michael & Brenda Spake - 22 yrs
- 16 Larry & Marjorie Gutshall - 46 yrs.
- 18 George & Myra Speake - 37 yrs.
- 30 Keith & Karen Zillifro - 42 yrs.

