

# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE	“Away in A Manger”	Tommy Midgett
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	Chancel Choir
*HYMN	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”	No. 251
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE		Clarence & Rose Skinner
HANGING AN ORNAMENT		
SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM	Lily Gwen Martin****	parents Lee & Tiffany Martin

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT		
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Isaiah 9:6-9	
PASTORAL PRAYER		
*HYMN	“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”	No. 218
WORSHIPPING WITH GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS		
Offertory	“Mary Did You Know”	Kelsea Sexton & Alyse Stewart
*Doxology		No. 95
*Prayer of Dedication		
ANTHEM	“The First Noel”	Chancel Choir
SPECIAL MUSIC	“O Holy Night”	Mike Meekins

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*THE GOSPEL LESSON		
SERMON	“The Everlasting Father”	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Christmas Hallelujah”	Nathan Schierer

## SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	No. 204
*POSTLUDE	“We Three Kings”	Tommy Midgett

## THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD

\*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

## This Week at Mount Olivet ~ December 20 – December 26, 2015

Mount Olivet Preschool & Afterschool ~ 8:15- Noon ~ 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Sun	Dec. 20	7:30 AM	Resounding Praise Team Warm Up & Prayer for Services
		8:30 AM	Contemporary Service
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Service
Mon	Dec. 21	6:30 AM	Men’s Reunion Group meets in Room “C”
		7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Tues	Dec. 22	9:00 AM	<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</b>
Wed	Dec. 23	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting <b>in the Church Library</b>
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	Dec. 24		Christmas Eve Services – see below for times!

## Weekly Additions

Sunday – 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Cove Christmas Party & Caroling – ends 8:00 PM! <b>Church wide Christmas Caroling – Come join the fun!</b>
Wednesday – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Readings – Mount Olivet Sanctuary</b> More information in the bulletin

## Christmas Eve Services

	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
	<b>11:30 PM</b>	Late Night Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

## December 27th –

### One Combined Worship Service!

Church Worship Service Combined 10:00 am

**Sunday School time (9:00 or 11:00 am)**  
**by Teachers/Class Decision**



**On January 3** all the adult Sunday school classes will meet together in a combined Sunday school meeting in the fellowship hall. Brittany Brock, a Missionary with CREW (formerly Campus Crusade) will be speaking to us. She is a missionary to New York City working with college students at NYU.

**Attendance and Offerings for Sunday, December 6, 2015**

Sunday School: 135    Sunday Services: 267

Budget for 2015 .....	\$604,798.81
Amount Needed Weekly .....	\$11,630.75
<b>Amount Received December 13, 2015</b> .....	\$11,632.10
Amount Needed to date.....	\$581,537.50
Amount Received to date .....	\$553,499.27
Year to date <b>Budget Deficit</b> .....	\$28,038.23

**Amounts Received into Activities Accounts December 13, 2015**

Missions .....	\$575.00	Roanoke Island Food Pantry .....	\$549.50
Church Van/Bus .....	\$5.00	Christmas Joy Baskets .....	\$2,050.00
Choir Fund .....	\$75.00	Koinonia Class .....	\$24.00
Capital Improvements Reserve .....	\$20.00	Pastor's Discretionary .....	\$195.00
Discussion Class .....	\$8.00	The Cove Snacks.....	\$5.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$50.00	God's House Repairs .....	\$160.00
UMYF Mission Team .....	\$195.00	United Methodist Men .....	\$5.00
Richard & Helen Scarborough Memorial Facilities Funds.....	\$600.00		

**Dec. Ushers:** 8:30 AM – Hughes & Janice Tillett    11:00 AM – Tom O'Neal & Lynda Midgett

**Altar Guild:** Margaret Daniels, chair; Estelle Midgett; Paula Oliver; Mary Pool; Peggy Snead

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Dec. 13** - Denise Trevino, Paige Davis

**14** - Cindi Griffith, David W. Hook **15** - Samuel Elliott Midgett Jr, Rebecca Boyce

**16** - Dan Otte', Lauren Craddock Garza, Mya Erpelding **17** - Jim Davis, Ruby Whittington Beasley

**18** - Jan Krauss, Michele N. Barnes, Hillary Rock, Aaron Samuel Fauth, Sophia Farrow

**19** - Pam Harrison, Donald Wayne Jones, Travis Jones, Dana Davenport

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Dec. 15** – Gary & Carol Setzer – 26 yrs.

**Dec. 15** – Ronnie & Carol Meekins -58 yrs. **Dec. 18** – Olin & Dotsy Davis – 39 yrs.

**Mount Olivet United Methodist Church offers Online Giving Options**

- Go online to [mountolivetumc.org](http://mountolivetumc.org) – use the onlinegiving tab
- Download the app (Joyfully2umc) - Find your church (**Mount Olivet UMC**) – Give
- With your smartphone QR code reader



**Thank you for your gifts**

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Corner of Ananias Dare and Essex Streets  
Manteo, N. C. 27954



Established 1887

*As Disciples of Christ, we will passionately follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as we unite to promote and nurture spiritual growth among all God's Children.*

Church 473-2089

Website: [mountolivetumc.org](http://mountolivetumc.org)

Parsonage 473-2088

PO Box 787, Manteo NC 27954

John M. Check – Minister

Jean Basnight – Administrative Secretary

Aletia Goudy – Secretary

Tina Hodgson – Director of Children's Ministry

Drew Peyton – Director of Youth Ministry

Nathan Schierer – Director of Music

Tommy Midgett – Organist

Stephen Stetson – Technical Ministries

John Wescott – Custodian

Ann Payne – Church Treasurer

Dana Thomason - Nursery Attendant

Preschool, Afterschool & Seasonal Summer Day Camp

Shon Ballance Lee – Director

Scarlett Clarke – Assistant

De-Ann Bateman - Treasurer

**Today's Nursery**

**8:30 AM: Liz Brown**

**9:45 AM:**

**11:00 AM: Lisa Fry**

**Next Week's Nursery**

9:00 AM: Carly Hernly

10:00 AM: Melva Garrison

11:00 AM: Tina Hodgson

**Weekly Bible Study**

**Men's Bible Study meets at 7:00 PM Monday nights.** Please join us as we study the series on the New Testament from Acts through Revelation. The only book you need is the Bible and no sign up is required. Come explore God's Word with us!

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets each Tuesday in the church fellowship hall, 9 – 10 AM with Pastor John.

**Missions Opportunities**

**The Roanoke Island Food Pantry greatest needs for the month are Saltine Crackers, and Tuna/ Chicken skillet meals.** Thank you all for all of your support, Bob & Angela Noffsinger, coordinators.



**Food For Thought** is located off Airport Rd. Just travel past the NC Aquarium, through the gates to the airport, and the metal building is on the left. Look for the Food for Thought sign! **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help pack bags and your financial support is also, always, appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers and support, Janice O'Neal, Coordinator

**Looking for cute Christmas decor or a great gift idea?**

Drop by the church office to purchase a special handmade up-cycled item!  
**Donations support summer youth mission trip!**



**STEWARDSHIP**

**To date we have received \$298,714.00 in pledges for our upcoming 2016 budget.**

If you have not yet turned in your pledge or have misplaced your estimate of giving card, we have one available in the church office.

**Please turn in your pledge today.**

Thank you for prayerfully considering your 2016 commitment to continue Mount Olivet's ministry.

**8:30 AM**

*God's house shall be filled with music, with song, with praise and prayer, and the burdens of life shall be lifted from all who enter here.*

WELCOME

PRAISE

Youth Praise

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Kara Beatty & Maggie Sexton

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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READING OF THE WORD

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

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BENEDICTION

PRAISE SONG

Resounding Praise

\*\* Prayer at the Chancel Rail: If you would like the pastor to join you at the chancel rail, please use the rail on the right side of the chancel. We also have lay prayer partners available to pray with you, as well.

11:00 AM infant baptism celebration - **Lily Gwen Martin**, daughter of Lee & Tiffany Martin of Wanchese. Grandparents are Mark & Carrie Vrablic of Wanchese, Karen Basnight Martin of Manteo, and Edward Lee Martin of Penhook, VA.

## Children's Ministries

Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

252-472-2089 Ext. 29

[olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org)

**NURSERY** is offered during all service times including Sunday School and is located on the first floor. **Need help finding our nursery?** Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is offered upstairs in the purple room '200' during the 8:30 AM service and in Fellowship Hall A on the first floor during the 11:00 AM service. Children's Church is where children Preschool – 3rd grade are invited to worship God on their level. (or by parent's decision, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are always welcome)

**S.U.R.G.E.** Students United, Reaching, Guiding, Each other in Christ: **Third – Fifth grade** students are on holiday, and we will resume meeting in January.

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## The Cove Youth Ministries

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

336-215-1051

[thecoveobx@gmail.com](mailto:thecoveobx@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE COVE FOR 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE!!**

Join us and bring your Bibles as we dig deep into God's word.

**Sunday Night Youth Group will pick back up after the first of the year.** Come enjoy our Cove Christmas party and caroling from 4:00-8:00 pm. Don't forget to bring enough of your favorite Christmas cookie to share! Wear a tacky Christmas outfit for the chance to win a prize.

**Thursday morning youth breakfast and high school Bible study** will return after Christmas break.

**The sign-up sheets for our upcoming Winter Retreats are in the church office.** The **middle school retreat** will take place from **January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** and the **high school retreat** will be from the **17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>**. Both retreats will take place at a beach house in South Nags Head, and both will cost \$25. **See Drew for more details.**

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## Music Ministries

252-473-2089 Ext. 24

[nschierer@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:nschierer@mountolivetumc.org)

**CHANCEL CHOIR** will meet Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

**RESOUNDING PRAISE** will not meet this Thursday for practice.

**YOUTH PRAISE TEAM** will meet next on January 10 at 7:00 PM



*"In each heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where we must ultimately answer whether there is room or not...." (Ann Weems)*

To pause in this Advent season and listen for the voice of God speaking through Scripture just may be a way to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

**Join us for "Christmas Readings" – a time of quiet, Each Wednesday thru December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Mount Olivet Sanctuary**

Share this time to explore the stories of Christmas, reading in a quiet, prayerful space, listening together. No preparation is needed, just come with an open heart.

Led by Sarah and Rodney Benson

*"This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem and find our kneeling places."*

**All are welcome.**

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**Today - December 20**

**1:30 – 4:30 PM: Missions Joy Baskets**

Packing and distribution

**6:00 PM – Christmas Caroling** – "Sing a Joyful Song unto the Lord!"

Come out and join the fun of Christmas Caroling within our community!

**We will be meeting at the church at 6:00 pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> to divide into groups.**

We will use vans and cars to cover our caroling route or if you like to walk, there will be a group caroling by foot around town. Let's spread the good news of Jesus's birth through song!

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served at the church after caroling.



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**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3 Christmas Eve Services**



**4:00 PM**

Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

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