

# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent – Hanging of the Greens

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Love Was Born at Christmas”

Chancel Choir

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Lee Wise

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God

We are reminded anew of God’s vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. John Check

THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE

Rev. John Check

LESSONS OF CHRISTMAS

Rev. John Check

\*PRAISE

“No. 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Resounding Praise

THE SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

John Wescott

\*PRAISE

“No. 245 the First Noel” (vs 1-3)

Resounding Praise

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

John Wescott

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHRISMON ORNAMENTS

Kathy Seawell & Janice Tillett

THE PARAMENTS AND ADVENT COLORS

Kathy Seawell

ANTHEM

“Rejoice”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Drew Peyton

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*The Legend of the Poinsettia*

Tina Hodgson

THE ADVENT WREATH

Tina Hodgson

THE NATIVITY

Drew Peyton

## This Week at Mount Olivet ~ November 29 – December 5, 2015

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

Sun	Nov. 29	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Combined Hanging of The Greens Service
		4:00 PM	Rehearsal for Christmas musical - <i>The Loaned Manger</i>
		5:00 PM	SURGE
		5:00 PM	Sunday Night Youth
		7:00 PM	Youth Praise
Mon	Nov. 30	6:30 AM	Men’s Reunion Group meets in Room “C”
		7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Tues	Dec. 1	9:00 AM	<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</b>
Wed	Dec. 2	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting in Sanctuary
		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Cantata Rehearsal</b>
		<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>
		8:00 PM	High School Bible Study
Thurs	Dec. 3	7:00 AM	Youth Breakfast
		6:00 PM	Resounding Praise

### Weekly Additions

Tuesday

**UMC Giving Tuesday – more information in the office!**

You are invited to come together with thousands of United Methodists to support the work of Advance projects and missionaries on UMC #GivingTuesday. And every gift made online through The Advance at [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give) on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> will be matched up to \$1 million.

Wednesday

**10:00 AM**

**Christmas Readings – Mount Olivet Sanctuary**

More information in the bulletin

Friday

**6:00 PM**

**Downtown Manteo Christmas Celebration**

### Looking Ahead

**December 13**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Adult Christmas Cantata ~ *Christmas in HIS Presence*

5:00 PM Children’s Musical~ *The Loaned Manger* followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus

**December 20**

**Christmas Sweater Sunday – Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater to church!**

6:00 PM Church wide Christmas Caroling



**Attendance and Offerings for Sunday, November 22, 2015**

Sunday School: 126    Sunday Services: 245

Budget for 2015 .....	\$604,798.81
Amount Needed Weekly .....	\$11,630.75
<b>Amount Received November 22, 2015</b> .....	\$13,310.00
Amount Needed to date.....	\$546,645.25
Amount Received to date .....	\$516,060.14
Year to date <b>Budget Deficit</b> .....	\$30,585.11

**Amounts Received into Activities Accounts November 22, 2015**

Missions .....	\$310.50	Roanoke Island Food Pantry .....	\$570.00
Church Van/Bus.....	\$5.00	United Methodist Men .....	\$2.00
Capital Improvements Reserve .....	\$20.00	Choir Fund .....	\$5.00
Koinonia Class .....	\$7.00	God's House Repairs .....	\$455.00
Pastor's Discretionary .....	\$175.00	Memorial Facilities Trust Income .....	\$788.93
Preschool Gift .....	\$100.00	Nannie Midgett Circle.....	\$183.00
Discussion Class .....	\$18.00	The Cove Snacks.....	\$5.00
Covenant Class.....	\$7.00	Youth Mission Team Child Sponsorship ..	\$7.02
Shoebox Ministry .....	\$500.00	Youth Ministry .....	\$35.00
Roland & Irma Sawyer Memorial Facilities Trust Income .....	\$1,538.99		

**Nov. Ushers:** 8:30 AM – Bill & Suzanne Godley 11:00 AM – Clint Hepler  
Greeter: Amy Redford

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Brown, Chair; Cheryl Byrum, Martha Howell, Laura Long

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

**November 30:** Zoe Fawcett, George Miller **December 1:** Carl A. Boles, Jenna Frank

**2:** Karen White Walker, Gena Sadler Terry, Casey Howell, Olivia Gainey

**3:** Lindsay Burrus Mitchell, Chuck Edwards Jr., Tess Jordanna Harrell, Elizabeth Hodgson

**4:** Kenneth Wells, Chris Edwards, Sarah Blake Pritchard **5:** Horace Midgett, Zack Hodges

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Dec. 5 -** Kenneth & Maggie Sexton – 17 yrs.

**GIVING OPTIONS**

Through your apple or android devices with the push of a button, **Using The Joyfully2umc**

**Giving App**, support your local church from your phone in three simple steps

- Download the app (Joyfully2umc)
- Find your church (**Mount Olivet UMC**)
- Give

Additional giving options include visiting [mountolivetumc.org](http://mountolivetumc.org) and giving online or by using your smartphone QR code reader.



# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

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

Shon Ballance Lee – Director of Preschool,

Scarlett Clarke – Preschool, Afterschool &

Afterschool & Seasonal Summer Day Camp

Seasonal Summer Day Camp Assistant

**This Week's Nursery**

**9:00 AM: Charlotte White    10:30 AM: Valerie Wheeler**

**Today's Nursery**

8:30 AM: Michelle Barnes    9:45 AM: Dana Thomason    11:00 AM: Brenda Davis

**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.

**Notices**

Several members of the Chancel Choir as well as Manteo's Tshombe Selby will be participating with area singers and musicians performing *Handel's Messiah* **this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM at Holy Redeemer by the Sea Church**, 301 West Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk. The concert, presented by the Eastern Carolina Concert Society, is being directed by John Buford, music director with Dare County Schools. A full string orchestra will accompany the performance.

Outer Banks Presbyterian church will hold their **Eighth Annual Choir and Orchestra Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.** The community is cordially invited to come out and celebrate the birthday of our Savior!



*“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, begins this Wednesday December 2, 2015**

Meeting each Wednesday thru December 23<sup>rd</sup>, **10:00-11:00am 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC                    “He Made A Way In A Manger”                    Resounding Praise

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS                    John Wescott

\*PRAISE                    “No. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 1, 2, 4)                    Resounding Praise

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS                    Rev. John Check

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIPPING WITH GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory                    “The Holly and The Ivy”                    Tommy Midgett

\*Doxology                    No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

SPECIAL MUSIC                    “He Shall Reign Forevermore”                    Youth Praise

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING                    Rev. John Check

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—

For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.**

**We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.**

**We will go forth from this place in hope.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                    “Emmanuel”                    Resounding Praise

**THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD**

\*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

**The Rosebud On The Altar** is given to the glory of God and in honor of the new life of **Jolene Bea Burkhardt**, daughter of Heath & Erica Burkhardt of Manns Harbor, NC. Proud older siblings are Waylon & Heidi Burkhardt. Maternal grandparents are Bonnie Strawser of Manteo, and Chris & Marilyn Strawser of Glen Rock, PA. Paternal grandparents are Jon & Vicki Smith of Knightdale, NC and the late Brent Bodie Burkhardt.

## Children's Ministries

Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

252-472-2089 Ext. 29

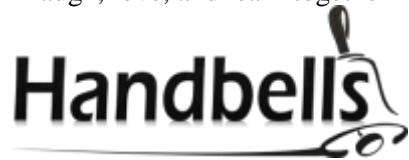
[olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org)

**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 meet Sundays from 5:00-7:00 PM. Come hangout with your friends as we live, laugh, love, and learn together in His word!



### Children's Handbells

Next performance is Sunday, December 6, 2015.

#### *THE LOANED MANGER*

Cast will meet this evening at 4:00 PM in the choir room. If you are interested in singing with us, come and join. We will be presenting this Christmas musical on December 13 at 5:00 PM



### *Children's Ministry*

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|---------------------------|---------|--|
| November 29 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00 PM | <b>Rehearsal for Loaned Manger</b>   |
|                           | 5:00 PM | Final SURGE gathering for 2015<br>Come celebrate with us an awesome year and welcome the holiday season! |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:00 PM | Dress Rehearsal for Loaned Manger Christmas Musical  |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30PM  | 8:30 FINAL Dress Rehearsal for Loaned Manger Christmas Musical with meal at 6:30 PM                      |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup> | 5:00 PM | Christmas Musical Performance – Come Celebrate!  |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup> |         | Christmas Sweater Sunday   |
|                           | 6:00 PM | Church wide Christmas Caroling   |

## 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, 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.

**Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 8:00 - 9:00 PM at Drew's House.** This Bible study is open to all 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 the fellowship halls inside the main church building.

Yes!  
Sign me up!

Signup sheets for Winter Retreat are now available in the church office. That trip will take place at a beach house in Nags Head, and will be separated between middle school and high school students. **The middle school retreat will be from January 15th-17th and the high school retreat will be from the 17th-19th. This trip will cost \$25 per student.** There is limited spacing available for this trip, so sign up soon to secure your spot! This signup sheet will also be available at youth group for the next few weeks.

## Music Ministries

252-473-2089 Ext. 24

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

**CHANCEL CHOIR** will meet Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM.



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSAL** will meet Wednesday night at **7:00 PM.** Come and be a part of our Christmas Cantata: *Christmas in HIS Presence.* The Cantata will be presented on December 13 at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

**RESOUNDING PRAISE** will meet this Thursday at 6:00 PM.

**YOUTH PRAISE TEAM** will meet tonight at **7:00 PM.**

**THE LOANED MANGER** cast will meet this evening at 4:00 PM. If you are interested in singing with us, come and join. We will be presenting this Christmas musical on December 13 at 5:00 PM.

