

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

December 25, 2016 ~ Christmas Day

*As you prepare for worship, enter the Sanctuary in reverence, worship in the spirit of humility.
And leave it not without a prayer to God for yourself, for those who minister, and for those who worship here.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Nathan & Mariah Schierer

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Luke 2:7 pg. 884

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths,
and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

*PRAISE "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Nathan & the Directors
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Crystal Hale

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING "He Made a Way in a Manger" Nathan & the Directors

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CAROL SING Choose from Hymns 216 - 255

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:6-7 pg. 884

SERMON *INN Crowd or STABLE Crowd?* John Dutton

CLOSING SONG "Emmanuel" Nathan & the Directors

*BENEDICTION

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD

*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

Short Summary:

As Christmas begins, we are invited once again to journey with Joseph and Mary, and ponder the awesome mystery of God's choice to enter our world through the gift of Jesus – Emmanuel, God-with-us. Like many before us, God calls us to choose to follow this Promised One, and to embrace God's ongoing work of fulfilling promises.

1. What differences exist between the INN crowd and the STABLE crowds?
2. Which crowd will we choose to be part of today?

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church ~ December 25 - 31, 2016

Mount Olivet Preschool & Afterschool ~ Closed for the Christmas Season

Sun	Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Family Worship Service MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Mon	Dec. 26	Church Office Closed 6:30 AM	Men's Reunion Group meets in Room "C"
Tue	Dec. 27		
Wed	Dec. 28	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting <u>in the Church Library</u> High School Bible Study
Thurs	Dec. 29	7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous – ends 9:00 PM
Fri	Dec. 30	9:00 AM	Students & leaders leave for Winterfest return around 5:00 pm on Sunday, January 1st

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE POINSETTIAS that have been placed in honor or memorial may be picked up today.

NURSERY is offered during today's services and is located on the first floor. Need some help finding our nursery? Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Your Christmas card may be waiting for you! Please check the mailboxes outside the church office.



Attendance and Offering for Sunday, December 18, 2016

Sunday School: 109 Church Services: 243

Budget for 2016	\$615,883.73
Amount Needed Weekly	\$11,843.92
Amount Received December 18, 2016	\$8,001.50
Amount Needed to date.....	\$604,039.92
Amount Received to date.....	\$559,157.86
Year to date Budget Deficit	\$44,882.06
88 Capital Campaign Pledges to Date.....	\$249,646.00

Amounts Received into Activities Accounts December 18, 2016

Missions	\$352.50	Roanoke Island Food Pantry	\$5,720.00
The Cove Snacks.....	\$30.00	Book Fund.....	\$5.00
UMYF Mission Team (Canada)	\$600.00	#S00176 Christmas Offering.....	\$150.00
Koinonia Class	\$14.00	Nannie Midgett Circle.....	\$100.00
Discussion Class	\$14.00	God’s House Repairs	\$80.00
Pastor’s Discretionary	\$157.00	Local Emergency Relief.....	\$180.00
Richard Coles Evans Scholarship	\$20.00		
Forward in Faith Capital Campaign.....	\$852.50		

December Ushers:

8:30 AM – Bobby & Deloris Harrell 11:00 AM – Malcolm & Susan Fearing

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: December 26 - Chris Basnight, Clarence Skinner, Alex Updike

27 – Kim Hunt, Wendy Kelly, Coy Tillett **28 -** Jeff Bliven, Aaron Hopkins, Rex Tillett

29 – Metta Austin, Kaley Gallop, Peg Landreth, Caleb Noone, Peyton Shell

30 – Judith Fearing, Jen Meekins, Traci Nissley, Jennifer Warth

31—Kathryn Bore, Alex Martin, William Spence, Anna Strawser

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: December 28: Edison & Reda Midgett, 68 yrs.

December 29: Buddy & Erin McCown, 15 yrs.

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- (Mount Olivet UMC) –Give
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