

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

December 18, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

*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.*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Tommy Midgett

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Jonathan & Leslie Reed,
Adam, Wil, Daniel, & Zachary

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:8 pg. 619

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

CALL TO WORSHIP "We Worship Thee, O Lord" Chancel Choir

*HYMN "The First Noel" No. 245

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Crystal Hale

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIPPING WITH GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "From a Distant Home"

*Doxology No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM "Mary, Did You Know" Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-6 pg. 619 & 842

SERMON "The King's Highway" John Dutton

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 204

*POSTLUDE "When Christmas Morn Is Dawning" Tommy Midgett

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD

*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church ~ December 18 -24, 2016

Mount Olivet Preschool & Afterschool ~ Closed for the Christmas Season

Sun Dec. 18	7:30 AM	Resounding Praise Warm Up & Prayer for Services
	8:30 AM	Contemporary Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Traditional Service
	12:30 PM	Cantata/Chancel/Resounding Christmas Party
	4:00 PM	Youth Christmas Party
	5:00 PM	S.U.R.G.E. Christmas Party
	6:00 PM	Christmas Caroling – Everyone come out & join us!
Mon Dec. 19	6:30 AM	Men's Reunion Group meets in Room "C"
	6:00 PM	Nannie Midgett Christmas Party @ the home of Wanda Daniels
	6:30 PM	Girl Scout Christmas gathering in Room "C"
Tue Dec. 20	6:00 PM	Discussion Class Christmas Party – all fellowship halls
Wed Dec. 21	10:00 AM	Prayer Blanket Warriors – all are invited!
	10:00 AM	Christmas Scripture Readings
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting <u>in the Church Library</u>
Thurs Dec. 22	6:00 PM	Resounding Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous – ends 9:00 PM
Fri Dec. 23		
Sat Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Open Communion – ends 5:00 PM
	6:00 PM	Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
	11:30 PM	Late Night Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion



**Christmas morning please join us for a
10:00 AM family worship service**

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, December 11, 2016

Sunday School: 110 Church Services: 234

Budget for 2016	\$615,883.73
Amount Needed Weekly	\$11,843.92
Amount Received December 11, 2016	\$18,597.51
Amount Needed to date.....	\$592,196.00
Amount Received to date.....	\$551,156.36
Year to date Budget Deficit	\$41,039.64
88 Capital Campaign Pledges to Date.....	\$249,646.00

Amounts Received into Activities Accounts December 11, 2016

Missions	\$1,202.50	Roanoke Island Food Pantry	\$912.00
The Cove Snacks.....	\$30.00	Every Nations Ministry	\$30.00
UMYF Mission Team (Canada)	\$800.00	#S00176 Christmas Offering.....	\$75.00
Covenant Class.....	\$2.00	Helping Hands.....	\$200.00
Koinonia Class	\$4.00	United Methodist Men	\$10.00
Discussion Class	\$21.25	Hatteras Hymnals.....	\$460.00
Pastor’s Discretionary	\$182.00	Local Emergency Relief.....	\$100.00
Roland & Irma Sawyer Memorial Facilities Fund			\$412.16
Lucetta Willis Trust Income for Mission			\$9,963.98
Richard Coles Evans Scholarship			\$25.00
Forward in Faith Capital Campaign.....			\$1,080.00

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 18 - Michelle Barnes, Sophia Farrow, Aaron Fauth, Hillary Harrison, Jan Krauss

19 - Dana Davenport, Pam Harrison, Donald Jones **20** - Mabel Clupper

21 - Ann Payne, Paul Rock, Lee Stell

23 - Joanne Braine, Meris Duprey Carroll Harrell, Kathy Seawell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: December 18: Olin & Dotsy Davis, 40 yrs.

December 22: Jim & Barbara Brown, 60 yrs., Walter & Barbara Holton, 45 yrs.

December 23: Clarence & Ruth Lewis, 42 yrs.

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church offers Online Giving Options

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



Today's Nursery

8:30 AM: Paula Oliver 9:45 AM: Dana Thomasson 11:00 AM: Jennifer Phillips

Next Week's Nursery December 25th

10:00 AM Family Service

Weekly Bible Study

Men's Bible Study resumes Monday, January 2nd; please have a wonderful Christmas season.

Join us for "Christmas Scripture Readings" – a time of quiet Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 am in the 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.

Missions Opportunities



The Roanoke Island Food Pantry is blessed to serve those in need of food in our community. As the winter months continue the number of guests begins to grow. At this time we would appreciate donations of Paper Bags to serve our guests. Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry.

We are thankful daily for the dedicated, loving, kind and faithful volunteers of the Roanoke Island Food Pantry. Their service to the hungry of our community is inspired by their love of their Lord and Savior and their fellowman. They understand His call to feed the hungry, both spiritually and physically, and their response is to honor Him and help their neighbors in need. We would like to specifically recognize our Wednesday volunteers: Paula Donaghy, Ken and Sandy McCrickard, Marguerite Martin and Angie Sellers. God bless these faithful, loving servants. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement for each of them and the next time you see them let them know you appreciate their servant heart.

The Nannie Midgett Christmas Dinner will be this Monday, December 19th, at 6:00 PM, at the home of Wanda Daniels. Please bring a food item to share and a \$10-\$15 gift for the gift exchange.

Mount Olivet UMC is seeking an hourly assistant nursery attendant. Responsibilities include caring for children ages Birth-5 years old on Sunday mornings and at other times when nursery is offered. Interested persons can apply in the church office 252.473.2089.

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

ADVENT READING

David & Jessica Twiford,
Ragen and Spencer

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:8

pg. 619

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it will be for those who walk on that Way.

PRAISE

Youth Praise

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

OFFERING

Youth Praise

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAISE

Youth Praise

READING OF THE WORD

Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-6

pg. 619 & 842

SERMON

"The King's Highway"

John Dutton

CLOSING SONG

Youth Praise

BENEDICTION

**Prayer: If you would like someone to pray with you, feel free to come to the front during the closing song. Our pastor and lay prayer partners will appreciate the opportunity to join with you in prayer.*

Short Sermon Summary:

When God comes to save, no one gets left behind.

1. In Isaiah, the barren places of creation gush with the waters of new life. The psalmist and Mary rejoice in God, who lifts up the vulnerable.
2. John's wondering of "are you the one?" finds an answer in a litany of Jesus' saving actions. Where there appears to be no way forward, God makes a highway homeward.

Children's Ministries

Birth – 5th grade

252-472-2089 Ext. 29

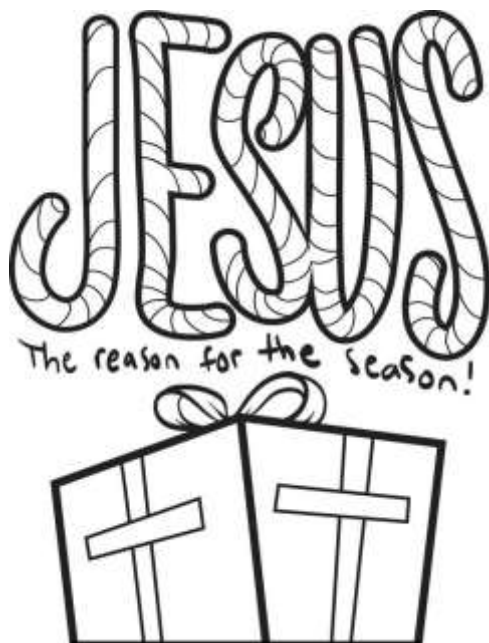
olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org

NURSERY is offered today 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 service today. Children's Church is where children Preschool – 3rd grade are invited to worship God on their level. (4th and 5th graders are always welcome, by parent's decision.)

S.U.R.G.E. Students United, Reaching, Guiding, Each other in Christ: Third – Fifth grade will be holding their Christmas Party from 5: 00 – 6:00 pm. Each child should bring a \$5 gift for the White Elephant Christmas Exchange. We will be going caroling directly after the party. Parents, if you are able to join us for caroling, please do so!



Christmas Day we will have a casual family worship service at 10:00 AM!

The Cove Youth Ministries

6th – 12th grade

336-215-1051

thecoveobx@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE COVE FOR 6th - 12th GRADE!!
Join us and bring your Bibles as we dig deep into God's word.

Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 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. We will be beginning our new study this week, a DVD series called "Relate(able)".

Thursday morning Youth Breakfast

We will pick back up with youth breakfast in the New Year, enjoy Christmas Break!

Sunday night Youth Group

Tonight is our annual Cove Christmas party from 4:00-6:00 PM, followed by Christmas caroling with the rest of the church from 6:00-8:00 pm. The party will consist of dinner, Christmas games, and a tacky Christmas outfit contest. **Middle school students, please bring a drink to share. High school students, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** Don't forget to wear a tacky Christmas outfit to this event for a chance to win a prize!

Fundraisers for the Mission Trip

Cove Cash for Canada: Do you have yardwork, housework, or any other kind of work needs to be done? If so, please consider hiring our students through our "Cove Cash for Canada" fundraising program to complete the work for you. See Drew for more details, or pick up a card at the table in the educational narthex to sign up.

Music Ministries

252-473-2089 Ext. 24

nschierer@mountolivetumc.org

CHANCEL CHOIR will meet this week at 7:00 PM.

RESOUNDING PRAISE will meet this week at 6:00 PM.

YOUTH PRAISE TEAM will not meet again until January 8, 2017. Merry Christmas

Make A Joyful Noise
Silent Night Joy To The World

Christmas
CAROLING

**Tonight
At 6:00 PM**