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FROM THE PASTOR



Do you have a friend who knows you well enough to open your mind and soul? I was talking with a friend the other day when he asked me, "Do you love

Jesus enough to ...?" What do you mean, "Do I love Jesus enough to...? And in a moment of illumination I began to understand. "Do I love Jesus enough to...?" as in:

Do I love Jesus enough to do things differently than I normally do?

Do I love Jesus enough to change?

Do I love Jesus enough to sing an old hymn because it helps a person's heart soar to God?

Do I love Jesus enough to sing a contemporary song because it helps another's heart get nearer God's throne?

Do I love Jesus enough to NOT insist on my own way?

Change is a normal part of our lives. As children find out, "I can do today some things I couldn't do last year." As young adults find out, "This work, marriage, and family stuff sure are different." As older folks find out, "My body is rebelling against me!" Change happens!

Sometimes we want to keep the illusion of things being constant. We use phrases like, "We have never done things that way," or "Back when I was young..." Our memories bring us comfort in the rush of uncontrollable changes. Those memories take us back to what our minds think are calmer, peaceful times. But as my Dad loved to say, "Those who talk about the Depression, WWII, and the aftermath as 'Good Ol' Days' didn't live where I lived. Those days were hard. I don't want to go back to them."

Change happens!

When you and I count on our memories to bring comfort to our living, we are counting on the wrong constant of living. Jesus wants us to trust in Him at all times, good or bad, ups and downs, stable and turmoil.

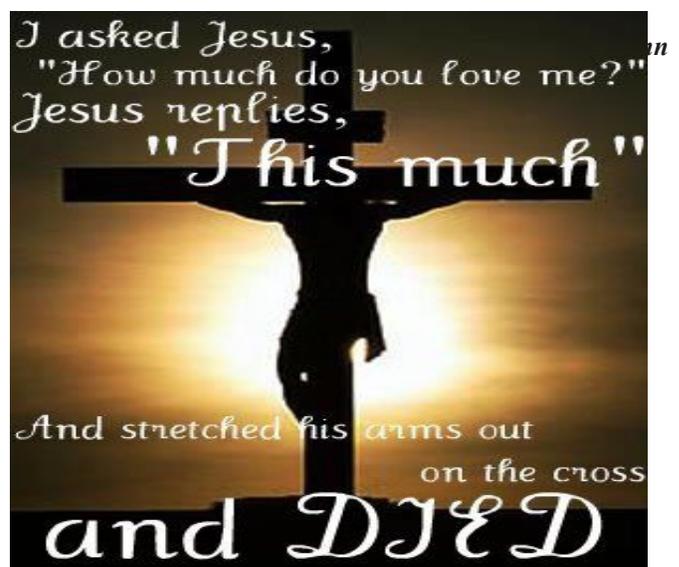
Jesus doesn't promise us that the road travelled will be easy, in fact he says that we will carry and die upon our cross, as he did. He does promise us that He will be with us through it all and we will see God.

Change is the constant in God's created world. It is why the Psalmist wrote, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." In the light of God's creation, this is the day that you and I are given to share His love. Nothing else is guaranteed to us.

While change continues to happen right here at Mt Olivet United Methodist Church, may we find our comfort, our confidence, our purpose, our vision in the four great words of truth, our true affirmation of faith, Jesus Christ is Lord. While it was probably the second affirmation of the Christian faith, following Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord" it is the affirmation that made us distinctly Christian. Jesus Christ is Lord.

That is the constant that allowed 120 scared disciples to leave an upper room on the Day of Pentecost. That is the constant that led people to step out in faith to begin Mt Olivet Methodist Church. That is the constant of faith that has led us for 130 years. That is the constant of faith God is using to lead us into His changing world created today. What more do we need?

Jesus Christ is Lord!



Thank You!

Dear Mount Olivet,

I am so thankful to have received the Helen Van Cleef Petty Scholarship.

I am excited to continue my education at N. C. State this spring! Thank you again!

Dana Davenport

Dear Prayer Blanket Ministry Members,

You will never know how much I appreciate the beautiful butterfly prayer blanket that you gave me. I have wrapped myself in it many times, knowing you covered it with your prayers brought me tremendous comfort.

I especially love that the blanket is covered with butterflies, the symbol of new life and resurrection. It brings me hope and peace with my own situation.

My husband and I love the congregation of Mount Olivet and truly appreciate your kindness.

*Blessings & Love,
Mary Ann Charlton*

To Our Friends At Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

Thank you! Your generosity is much appreciated!

Your Congregation delivered a wonderful blessing to our team during a dark time. You not only fed our bodies, but nourished our spirits! We wish you all the very best!

*Team Bonner
PCL Civil Constructors Inc.*

Mount Olivet UMC,

We at Ocracoke Assembly of God want to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Your donation was incredibly helpful in allowing us to restock and help the families in need in our community.

Thank you, you truly made a difference.

*Sincerely,
Pastor Ivey Belch
& Food Pantry*

United Methodist Men Gospel Sing

Methodist Men invite all men young and old, fathers and sons, to sing together October 10th from 6-8 pm. We will sing familiar hymns, eat, and sing again! If you can sing, hum, carry a tune in a bucket, or mouth the words, you qualify. This will truly be a gift to our Lord.

Worship



October Altar Guild: will be announced in the Bulletin.

Ushers will be announced in Bulletin. We need volunteers to usher at both services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the education building for details.

We also need volunteers in the sanctuary immediately following 8:30 service and 11:00 service to pick up bulletins, papers, etc. Please see Lynda to volunteer.

Thank you for your service!

Sarah Wise & Kathy Seawell, Worship Committee



2017 Fall Schedule

All events are open for students in the 6th-12th grade unless otherwise stated

Our Fall Retreat to Camp Willow Run was a great success! We are blessed that the weather did not deter our trip and that God provided us with safe travels. This was an even greater blessing because it turned out to be a fantastic weekend for our group. The students who attended the trip had a great time for fellowship, discipleship, and growth as a group as we studied 1 John 2 :5-6 and learned more about what it means to be alive in Christ. Students were also given the opportunity to climb a rock wall and go for a ride on the giant swing. It was an amazing retreat, and we are ever amazed at God's grace and faithfulness to us on our trips. Thank you to those of you who prayed for and gave financially in support of the Fall Retreat.

The Cove's Fall Schedule is now in full swing. Sunday night Youth Group meetings this fall have been a great time of discussion on "A Faith of My Own", discovering not only what faith is, but how to grow our faith and share it with others. The Cove Sunday School class meets each Sunday morning with Lance Culpepper & Rita Shaffer. Our weekly High School Bible study is going through the book of Revelation together this Fall, this is a great opportunity to go deeper into The Word for our high school students. Youth breakfast happens each Thursday school is in session with various guest speakers and worship leaders and of course a wonderful hot breakfast. You will find more details about the Cove Fall Schedule below.

During the month of October, parents and students are invited to an opportunity to join in Fall Revival. The Cove Sunday Nights will meet each Sunday at 5:00 pm. On Sunday October 22nd students are invited to stay after Sunday Night Youth Group for Mount Olivet's revival that begins at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm at The Cove. 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. This Bible Study is ongoing, please join us each Wednesday night. Want to receive a text reminder when they are sent. Text your number to Jan Culpepper at 757-373-4155 with a request for Wed. Night Bible Study!

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 Manteo Middle School and Manteo High School after breakfast. This event meets in "Room B" inside the main church building.

Sunday School each Sunday at The Cove (9:30-10:30)

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. Join us Sunday, September 10th for our first Youth Sunday Night of the school year. We will be continuing our study of "A Faith of My Own".

Upcoming December trip!

Sign up will begin Oct. 1st for Winterfest at Liberty University. The cost is \$60 per student, and the deadline to sign up and pay the trip fee is Sunday, November 26th. "Winterfest" is a Christian concert-based event at Liberty University from December 30th- January 1st. This event will take place at Liberty University on December 30th and 31st, with concerts taking place from 6:30 pm- midnight both of those nights, which includes ringing in the New Year at the second concert. Our group will be spending time together on campus at LU until the concert starts on the 31st, with potential activities such as ice skating, using Snowflex (an artificial ski slope), or using the student union center gymnasium and other amenities.

The concerts include performances by Skillet, Hollyn, Lecrae, Crowder, Andy Mineo, and more. There will also be performers and speakers including John Crist, Justin Flom, and more. This is a fantastic lineup that the students will really enjoy hearing. Please be in prayer for the safety and Spiritual growth of our students at this event.



Music Ministry



Ephesians 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

Our chancel choir leads worship each Sunday morning for the 11:00 AM service. We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Contact me for more information or stop by a rehearsal to join.



The Resounding Praise team leads worship for the 8:30 AM service each Sunday. If you are interested in joining, then stop in at a rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM or contact me for more information. We would love to see you there.



If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers and prepare to lead, then come and join us. Youth Praise meets on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. We would love to have you commit to share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church. In October we are leading worship on Sunday, October 22.



Do you like to sing? Do you like Christmas music? Then I have an opportunity for you. Join us as we prepare for our 2017 Christmas Cantata God With Us!. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in preparation. Our cantata will be presented on December 10, 2017 during the 10:00 AM combined worship service.



Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 come and join us at 5:00 PM on Sunday evenings as we prepare for our exciting Christmas musical Colors of Christmas! We meet as a part of FAITH Friends and will work on script and songs together. We will present the musical on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 PM.

More from Nathan!

“It’s All About Jesus”

As we move closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas I am more and more thankful for the life-altering gift that God gave us through Jesus. We celebrate Christmas for because God sent his only son so that we might be saved. Jesus was born so that he could be a living sacrifice for our sins on the cross. I think that the lyrics to the song It’s All About Jesus help say it all:

“It’s all about Jesus

It’s all about the way he changed our lives

It’s all about Jesus

The power of his blood can’t be denied

It’s all about Jesus

It’s all about the covenant he made

It’s all about Jesus

Victorious he rose up from the grave

We lift our hearts to him

He is the reason that we sing

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

We praise your name

It’s all about Jesus

It’s all about the way he set us free

It’s all about Jesus

Bearing all our sins at Calvary

It’s all about Jesus

It’s all about the gift of love he gave

It’s all about Jesus

The precious lamb of God was slain”

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*

Dear Mt. Olivet Brothers and Sisters,

Maxine and I are so thankful and grateful to all of you for your many cards, prayers, thoughts and encouragement regarding her Congestive Heart Failure and my recent hip replacement. Her lack of energy and shortness of breath have held steady recently and she is scheduled for a procedure to implant a monitor in her heart on September 20, to hopefully assist in controlling her high sensitivity to fluid levels in her body. My hip is healing quite well so far, am now able to drive again and only using a cane, which I hope to give up soon. We are so Blessed to have so many of you praying for us, along with superb doctors and health facilities, plus the loving support of our three daughters, sons-in-law, and nine grandchildren who live nearby.

GOD IS GOOD!!!
Larry and Maxine Thomasson



October Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
October 1	Paula Oliver 473-2944		Jennifer Phillips 473-5269
October 8	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595		Lynnette Crews 473-3295
October 15	Pam Harrison 473-1414		Joyce Edwards 473-3845
October 22	Jessica Twiford 252-312-9082		Martha Howell 475-1117
October 29	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310		Melva Garrison 473-3399

Thank you all for your dedication and service in the nursery this year. This is such an important ministry to our young families.

Elizabeth



- 1 Randy Hodges, Jacob Williams, David Woody
- 2 Vick Keith, Charlene Dever, Quentin Bell, Ed Bethea, Jimmy Wescott, Teddy Wescott
- 3 Mary Temple Mullis
- 4 Kay Sawyer, Louise Gray, Toni Franklin
- 5 Cyndy Midgett, De-Ann Bateman, Sandy Basnight, Tiffany V. Martin, C. J. Midgett, Hailey Rock
- 6 Will Harrison, Erika Midgett
- 7 Bonny Bonner, Matthew Cabana, Abigail Rose
- 8 John Wyse, Charles Evans, Lesa Fauth, Georgeanna Wescott, Wally McCown,
- 9 Teri Carmichael, Lisa Davis, Liz Brown, Len Gaskill, Davis Elwood Austin
- 10 Paul Midgett, Skip Dixon, Elizabeth Waters, Sam Horne, Kanan Strawser
- 11 Ryan Heroux, Kate Demina, Griffin Glover, Alex Tine, Ali MacDonald, Abigail Rose Fauth
- 12 Roy Phillips, Sr., Chris Seawell, Brenda Yates Davis, Beth MacDonald
- 13 Liz Myron, Madison Kebschull, Jack Tine
- 14 Lib Miller, Tom Edwards, Kevin Lee, Robin Sawyer, Kim Gaylord Combs
- 15 Sherry Wescott, Sandy Atkinson, Heath Burkhart
- 16 Katia McClure, Betty Parker
- 17 Martha Pitts, Dennis Rose
- 17 Emily Gmitter-Robertson, Sarah Davis
- 18 Beth Wilcox, E. W. Gray
- 19 Lisa Fry, Bevin Barnes, Will Brown, Jr.
- 20 Jack Burrus, Helaire Webster
- 21 Nancy Marty, Troy Sluder
- 22 Ronnie Meekins
- 24 Jennifer Evans, Steve Gwaltney
- 25 Alvah Ward, Jr., Deloris Harrell, Linda McCown

- 26 Marietta Trainor, Ruth Lewis, John Shannon
- 28 Celia Meekins, Brandy Foreman, Madison McLawhorn
- 29 Lee Swain Petty
- 30 Dock Sawyer, Allison Snapp
- 31 Shirley Shannon, Misty Burke, Megan Murray



- October 2 Billy Gray & Suzanne Tate – 7 yrs.
- October 4 Hunter & Meredith Meekins – 3 yrs.
- October 5 Capt. Jamie & Abbey Reibel – 21 yrs.
- October 5 Sheldon & Linda Ott –26 yrs.
- October 6 Michael & Jennifer Evans –38 yrs.
- October 7 Bryan & Jenna Erpelding –17 yrs.
- October 10 Joshua & Laura Horne – 7 yrs.
- October 12 Tom & Lynette Crews—32 yrs.
- October 12 Mark & Christine Skinner—21 yrs.
- October 15 Scott & Dawn Buckalew—34 yrs.
- October 16 Hank & Teresa Griffin—7 yrs.
- October 16 Travis & Hillary Jones –13 yrs.
- October 17 Paul & Pat Lester—36 yrs.
- October 18 George & Linda Cheeseman—42 yrs.
- October 18 Quentin & June Bell—37 yrs.
- October 20 Hughes & Janice Tillett—59 yrs.
- October 20 Kevin & Kim Combs—16 yrs.
- October 20 Joey & Sara Beth Belton—10 yrs.
- October 22 Vick & Samantha Keith – 6 yrs.
- October 24 Paul & Whitney Tine—19 yrs.
- October 30 Jay & Renee Austin—26 yrs.
- October 30 Bobby & Deloris Harrell—34 yrs.
- October 30 Don & Dianne Jones—41 yrs.

Evangelism

Plan to attend the following events with us:

Fall Revival - Sunday, October 22 through Thursday October 26th starting at 5:30 pm on Sunday with a covered dish dinner with worship beginning at 7:00 pm. Monday through Thursday, worship will begin at 7:00 pm. The speaker line-up for each night is as follows:

- o Sunday Night, October 22- Kenny Midgett – Wanchese Assembly of God
- o Monday Night, October 23 - Steve Smith – Manteo Assembly of God
- o Tuesday Night, October 24 - Jerald Craddock - Englehart UMC
- o Wednesday Night, October 25 - Jonathan Mills – Kitty Hawk UMC
- o Thursday Night, October 26 - Dwayne Gibbs – Father’s Tabernacle

The speakers will be providing their own music through their Praise Teams.

First Friday Tree Lighting - Downtown Manteo at 6:00 pm. We will be serving Brunswick Stew to all in attendance. Come enjoy Christmas music by the school choirs, The Community Choir, and local dancers and singers. Enjoy the warmth of the Yule Log and visit the shops to finish up your Christmas shopping. Come fellowship with your community, friends, and family.

SAVE THE DATES

QUICK REFERENCE OF
DATES & EVENTS

October 22nd – 26th

Fall Revival
7:00 PM

December 1st

Christmas Tree Lighting /
Brunswick Stew 6:00 PM

December 17th

Christmas Caroling
5:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is having fun with some new programs! We now have a Handbell class and a Kindergarten through 5th grade group called Faith Friends.



Please let me know if you need more information or would like to get involved.



Join us for Children's Church at 8:30/11:00 as we continue working on our Prayer Wall. We are also learning about

being an usher and offerings.

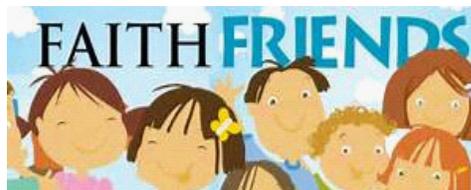
Handbells

Interested in your child playing Handbells? All they need to know is their colors and they can join the Handbell class. Practices are held every Sunday morning at 9:40 am upstairs in the Children's Church classroom.



Sunday School

Don't forget to explore the Deep Blue in our Sunday School class right after handbells!



Join us for Faith Friends on Sundays 5-7 as we continue our adventures

together exploring our sanctuary, accomplishing missions and participating in our music program. We welcome grades Kindergarten – 5th.

Children's Musical

It's that time of year again! Our Children's Musical practices are taking place during Faith Friends. Come be a part of the fun as we sing and practice dramatic plays.





Help for the Charleston Recovery Center

I'll be making a trip to the Charleston Recovery Center some time before Thanksgiving. I would love to take a car full of items they need. If you have any of these items available sitting in a closet or in your garage, please drop by the church office or give me a call and I can meet you to pick up?

Most of the beds are twins, but there are several doubles. Used sheets, towels, blankets, dishes, etc. are fine and appreciated. Please don't buy new.

- twin sheet sets
- twin blankets
- double sheet sets
- double blankets
- towels
- folding chairs
- plates/bowls
- glasses/mugs
- eating utensils

Thanks so much for your support. They haven't asked for any of these items. I just observed they are needed.

God Bless you!

Bonnie Strawser
252-423-0815



Ephesians 6:7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.

At an early age, Edison Midgett answered the call to serve the Lord and has committed to a life of responsibility and integrity. Over the years, his excellent example has been noted as a source of appreciation and encouragement by his Commanding Officers and others

On July 3, 2017, Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard awarded Master Chief Bos'n Mate, Retired Edison Wilton Midgett with the Admiral Award for Excellence. Appreciation was extended to Master Chief Midgett for exemplary performance of duty and diligent service in leadership rendered.

His service in the Merchant Marines prior to enlisting in the USCG, was also recognized.