

# December 2, 2018

## Communion Servers Today:

**8:30:** Ronnie & Carol Meekins,  
Kenny & Emma Meekins, Hunter & Meredith Meekins  
**11:00:** Chris & Kathy Seawell, Neal & Amanda Songer

## Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 16 3:00 PM** Parsonage Open House  
**Dec. 18 6:00 PM** Finance Committee Meeting

## December Ushers:

**8:30:** Stuart & Ramona Wescott  
**11:00:** Clint Hepler

## December Altar Guild:

Margaret Daniels, Chair; Paula Oliver,  
Mary Pool, Estelle Midgett

“To everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven.”

We are entering into a joyful season but for many of us this season brings with it pain and hurt. **Today at 4:00PM** you are invited to join us as we pause in this season of glad tidings to pray for comfort and peace. Join us for this special service as we come before the God who says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”



**This Tues. Dec. 4th & Mon. the 10th at 7 PM**, students and their families are invited to join a “Meet Michelle” small group night. These groups of 12 to 16 people will allow Michelle to meet and learn more about the youth and ministry she is joining. Dates will be added if space fills up. Sign up on Facebook or by calling the church office!

“We would be surprised by what our souls say to God.” (Gerald May)

**Prepare your heart for Christmas.** We invite you to pause in the busyness of life and listen for the voice of God speaking through Scripture. This is a gift you can give yourself during this special season of Advent; as you to ponder, listen, be silent or even joyful with God’s word within the soul.



**Wed. December 5, 12, and 19, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**, in the Sanctuary. Share this time exploring Christmas stories in scripture, reading in a quiet, prayerful space. Led by Sarah and Rodney Benson. All are welcome.



## Special Times and Combined Worship Service for Next Sunday, December 9th

**8:00 AM** - Light Breakfast      **8:45 AM** - Sunday School

**10:00 AM** - Service featuring our choir presenting the Christmas Cantata: The Glory of Christmas



**Just Older Youth** ages 63+...please sign up on the Bulletin Board to the left of the church office if you are interested in attending the Christmas Dinner Party at Basnight's Lone Cedar Cafe on **Thursday, December 13**. The cost is \$30 per person and the deadline for sign-up and payment is **December 5**. Money may be paid to the church office. If you have questions; please call or text Marcia at 252-305-2656

## Opportunities to Give this Season

**SHOE DRIVE** - We are collecting gently used shoes, both adult and children's for 5th Graders at Ocracoke School. The student’s goal is to collect 2500 pairs at which time the organization that distributes them around the world will make arrangements, at no cost to the 5th Graders, to pick up the shoes and give them a \$1000 "finders fee." The collection box is located at the entrance to the church and will end **December 9**.

**ANGEL TREE** - This year we are helping children of families in Duplin County and those of commercial fishermen who suffered extensive damage or complete destruction as a result of flooding from Hurricane Florence. The Angels ready for adoption are on the Bulletin Board to the right of the church office. Getting involved is as easy as 1...2...3!

1 - Adopt an angel by signing your name on the master list next to the corresponding number

2 - Purchase what is on the sheet.

3 - Return the gift UNWRAPPED with the original request tag to the church by **December 14**.



Wrapping Costa Rica in Love - Christmas gift wrapping fundraiser **December 15th 9 AM-1 PM** at Downtown Books Manteo; this is a donation only event to benefit several youth attending the upcoming Costa Rica Mission trip. Have your Christmas gifts wrapped or pick up some last minute stocking stuffers; while at the bookstore. Don't miss a book signing by special guest author Vivian Howard 10 -12.

**Here We Go A-Caroling!** On Wednesday, December 19 at 6 PM, join us as we spread Christmas all over Manteo by singing carols and visiting friends of the church. Our goal this year is to fill 3 buses. Afterwards all will meet at the Cove for fellowship and a bonfire. So, warm up those vocals, bring the family and a chair for a singing good time!





## Children's Ministries

Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grade 252-473-2089 Ext. 29  
olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org

### Sunday School - For Pre-K through 5th Grade

We will see you in Rooms 200 & 203 at 9:45 as we learn and grow in our faith.

### FAITH Friends - For Pre-K through 5th Grade

Tonight from 5-7 PM - Come for games, acting out our story, singing, food and fellowship!

**Children's Church** - We will **not** have Children's Church today. Feel free to grab an activity sheet or other items by the entrance to use during the service.



## Youth Ministries

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade *unless otherwise noted*  
thecoveobx@gmail.com

**Sunday Morning Small Group**, the Cove, 9:45 AM

**Sunday Night Youth Group**, the Cove, 5-7 PM;  
Join us for heavy snacks, games, & studying Scripture!

**Wednesday High School Bible Study**, 7:30-9:00 pm at The Cove; open to all 9th -12th grade students.

**Thursday Morning Youth Breakfast**, 7:00 - 7:40 AM  
Hot breakfast and guest speaker each Thursday school is in session! Transportation is provided to school.

**Winterfest is c. 30 – Jan. 1!** Limited spots.  
\$60 per student. Register online [agody.wixsite.com/cove](http://agody.wixsite.com/cove)

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## Music Ministries

252-473-2089 Ext. 24  
nschierer@mountolivetumc.org

### Christmas Cantata - The Glory of Christmas!

We are rehearsing TODAY at Noon. This Thursday is our final rehearsal from 6-9 PM, meet in the sanctuary. Our children's chorus and youth dance team will join us from 6:30-7:30PM.

**Resounding Praise** will NOT meet this week.

**Youth Praise & Youth Dance** will meet this evening at 7:00 PM.



### Men's Bible Study meets Mondays 7:00 PM.

Please join us as we study the New Testament. The only book you need is the Bible; no sign up is required. Come explore God's Word with us!

## Missions Opportunities



Food For Thought is located off Airport Rd. Volunteers are needed to help pack bags on selected Thursdays and your financial support is also, always, appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and support, Janice O'Neal, Coordinator

The Food Pantry is always in need of paper grocery bags; so keep them coming! Thank you for your generous and continued support of the Pantry, you are truly appreciated!



Everyone is invited to join the **Prayer Blanket team** the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10AM. The only skills you need are a heart for ministry, a little bit of time and the ability to cut with scissors or tie a knot.

## Happy Birthday

Dec. 3 - Tess Harrell, Chuck Edwards

4 - Kenneth Wells

6 - Lynda Midgett, Stacie Allen, Courtney Herrera

8 - Pauline Rock, Ward Blanchard

## Happy Anniversary

Dec. 5: Kenny & Maggie Sexton– 20 yrs.



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

At [mountolivetumc.org](http://mountolivetumc.org) through the online giving tab or with your smartphone QR code reader



### Sunday, November 25, 2018

Sunday School: 76 Church Services: 191  
2018 Budget - \$619,377.00

Received November 25, 2018 - \$7,476.00  
Needed Weekly - \$11,911.10

Needed to date - \$559,821.70  
Received to date - \$501,166.65

**Thank you for your 2019 Estimate of giving; we have received 58% of the 2019 budget**

**Pledges received to date: 83 totaling \$357,388.00**

### Amounts Received into Activities Accounts on November 25, 2018

Caring Ministry - \$5.00	Discussion Class - \$10.00	Prayer Blanket Ministry - \$39.00
Missions - \$190.00	United Methodist Men - \$5.00	Pastor's Discretionary - \$82.00
Evangelism - \$39.00	Costa Rica Missions - \$200.00	God's House Repairs - \$106.00
Koinonia Class - \$12.00	Memorial Facilities Trust Income - \$853.71	Youth Ministry - \$115.00
Food Pantry - \$62.00	Forward in Faith Capital Campaign - \$420.00	Choir Fund - \$26.00
Children's Church - \$1.00	Roland and Irma Sawyer Memorial Facilities Trust Income - \$1,789.80	