

FEBRUARY 2023

THE OLIVE BRANCH

Romans 11: 11-24



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*A monthly newsletter highlighting
the missions, ministries and
activities of Mount Olivet
United Methodist Church*

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Marc O'Neal

Travel to any store in February, and you are almost guaranteed to see decorations of red or pink or white hearts, of various sizes, signifying that we are in the "season of love." Some will give cards or flowers or candies as tokens of love for their spouses or boyfriends or girlfriends or friends or kids. All gentle reminders of affection for the recipient.

We talk at Christmas about the "gift" of our Savior, Christ Jesus. A gift that is given not because we "deserve" it, or can do anything to "earn" it, but a gift given freely from the Creator of the universe to us out of one emotion:

Love. God loves you.

And He doesn't need evidence like chocolate or cards or flowers. He gives us something much greater, and we hear it every time we take Holy Communion together:

"Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us." Yes friend, God loves you!

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**2023 Mt Olivet Admin
Board:**

Marc O'Neal (Pastor); Chris Seawell (Chair); Reha Otte (Secretary); Peggy Snead (Lay Member to Annual Conference); Chip Phillips (Lay Leader); Warren Blackburn (Chair, Trustees); Jason Waughtel (Chair, Finance) Carol Nease (Chair, SPRC); Marcia Bryant (Chair, Missions); Kathy Seawell (Chair, Worship); Janice Tillett (Chair, Preschool Board); Tom Crews (Pres., Mount Olivet Men); Deloris Harrell (Chair, Care & Connections); Larry Franklin (Chair, History Committee); Toni Franklin (Chair, Nannie Midgett Circle); Grey O'Neal (Youth Representative)



The Food Pantry needs brown grocery bags to help with carrying food to the cars of those that come for its services. Save yours next time you go to the store, and bring them to us!

UMC Book of Discipline Required Committees

Our UMC Book of Discipline requires that each church in the UM system have certain committees in order to maintain the functionality of each church. Here's a quick look at each and what they do.

Trustees: Functions as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied. Meetings are open to anyone to attend. Contact Chairman Warren Blackburn for details.

Finance: This committee proposes a budget; then raises, manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation. Contact Chairman Jason Waughtel for details.

SPRC: Staff Parish Relations Committee proactively council with and advise Pastor and Staff on their performance. The SPRC builds a strong positive relationship among the Pastor, staff, and the congregation to help make disciples of Jesus Christ. Contact Chair Carol Nease for details

Administrative Board: This group is made up of the chairpersons/ members of the church committees, and is the final stop for most matters affecting the church. Meetings are open to anyone to attend. Contact Chairman Chris Seawell for details.

Celebrate

February Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

2nd Rita Shaffer, Rufus Pritchard; 5th Pastor Marc; 6th Ann Wescott; 9th Paul Lester; 10th Millicent Duprey, Wendy Blackburn; 12th Jack Fertal; 13th Dan Bottjen; 14th Carolyn Fifield; 15th Linda Kraus; 16th Judd Beatty; 17th Paula Oliver, Ina Evans Ernst; 18th Hughes Tillet, Hank Griffin, Ben Kershner, Holly Ann Daniels; 21st Malcolm Fearing, Sophia Beatty, Carroll Overton; 22nd Brian White; 23rd Jon Presgrave; 24th Marcia Bryant; 26th Dick Parker, Amy Gross; 27th William Brown, Mike Harris; 28th Bill Wheeler

Anniversaries:

4th Ed & Rhonda Bethea
12th Everett & Carolyn Fifield
23rd Saint & Bea Basnight
24th Elmer & Gail Midgett



**This month's
verse is Romans
8:38-39**

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Parents Night Out!

Drop your kiddos at the church on February 10th from 5:30p-8:30p! We'll have pizza, a chocolate fountain, games, movies and a lot of fun, so mom and dad can enjoy a night out by themselves! To register, call or email Cindy by February 8th.

Prayer List

We invite you to pray for those listed below. For additions or deletions, please contact the church.

Lord, we pray this day for:

Binkie Jones, Bill Songer, Jeffrey Latham, Katrina Payne, Celia Meekins, Margaret Henderson, Jim Davis, Ray Long, Rex Tillett, Don Jones, Linda Holmes, Roy Ambrose, Ted Midgett, Tom Langdon, Ramona Wescott, Walter Baum, Shirley Shannon, Saint Tillett, Darrell Collins, Randy Massie, Steve Ehart, Greg Sadler, Karen Grant, Charlotte Vann, Jane Nettles, Barbara Brown, Janice Reed, Stacie Allen, Logan Day, Stephanie Perry, Patsy Laster, Jim Tobin, Thelma Calvio, Erin Williams, Earl Dulaney, Emily Wilson Family, Skip Dixon



Fellowship! Food! Fun! Prizes!

BINGO NIGHT!

SUNDAY
FEB 5th
5:00PM-7:00PM

We'll save you a seat!



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKES!

Join us on February 21st, from 5p-7p, for a free pancake dinner! Eat in or take out!



Youth News

Our Youth Group, open to all middle and high school students, meets for breakfast each Thursday at 7:30am (with rides provided to school) and Sundays from 4p-7p, all at The Cove. Come see us!



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY:

FEBRUARY 5; 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ISAIAH 58:1-12;
PSALM 112; 1
CORINTHIANS 2:1-16;
MATTHEW 5:13-20

FEBRUARY 12; 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

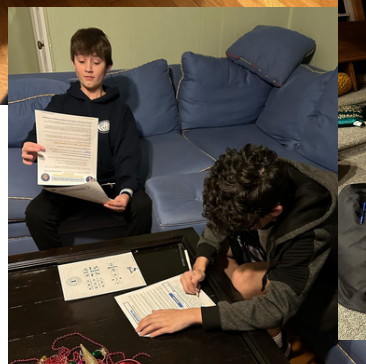
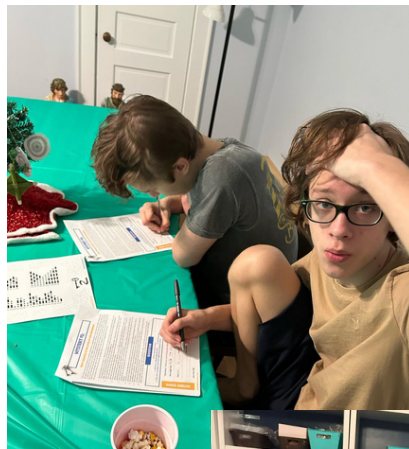
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30:15-20; PSALM 119;
1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9;
MATTHEW 5:21-37

**FEBRUARY 19;
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

EXODUS 24:12-18;
PSALM 99; 2 PETER
1:16-21; MATTHEW
17:1-9

FEBRUARY 26; 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

GENESIS 2:15-17;
3:1-7; PSALM 32;
ROMANS 5:12-19;
MATTHEW 4:1-11





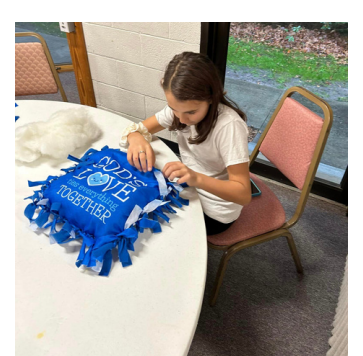
Cross-Ministry Fun!

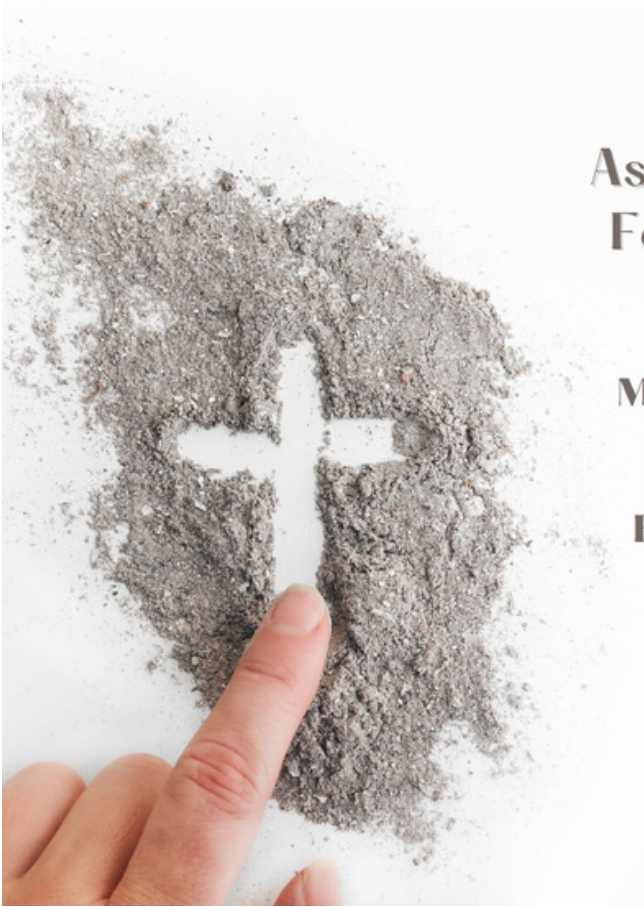
Our Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry got together with our Blanket Ministry and were taught about the blankets they make, how they are used, and then they all made pillows! It was a fun afternoon!

Peggy Snead is leading a Grief Share program each Wednesday from 3p-5p in the fellowship hall. If you are interested for yourself or someone you know, contact Peggy or call the church office.



If you know a high school senior or a college student, and they are interested in the scholarships given through Mt Olivet, please know that the applications will be available beginning February 6th, can be picked up in the high school guidance office, and are due back by March 6th. College students can call/email the office (admin@mountolivetumc.org) and we will mail one to them.





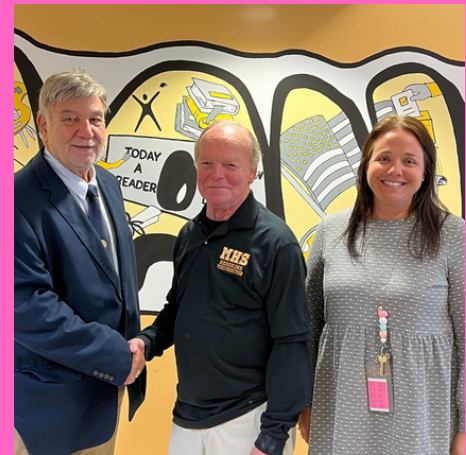
Ash Wednesday Feb. 22, 2023 Schedule

**Morning Service
10am**

**Evening Service
7pm**



Monday - Friday
9 - 11am



Congratulations to our own Hunt Thomas, who was named Manteo High School "Staff Member of the Month" for January! Way to go Hunt!

Wednesday Lenten Worship

Feed Your Soul. Feed Your Body.

Join us for worship and lunch from 11:30a-12:30p

March 1st: Craig Blackwell
Wanchese Assembly

March 8th: Stephen Wescott
Coastal Family Church

March 15: Ivey Belch
Manteo First Assembly

March 22: Susie Fitch-Slater
Bethany Church of Wanchese

March 29: David Daniels
Life Boat Community Church



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**CHURCH OFFICE
IS CLOSED ON
MONDAYS**

OFFICE HOURS ARE:

TUESDAY-FRIDAY,
8:30AM-4:30PM
(CLOSED FROM 12P-1P
FOR LUNCH)

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