

JANUARY 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

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ in this new year! My goal for 2023 is to have us all focus on Christ Jesus and His Word as the means by which we live, we move, we give, and we love throughout this new year. A disciple is a follower—following the Lord Jesus. That is done by abiding in His Word. Abiding, as in continuing, living, existing in His Word. Or, as Paul writes in Colossians 3:16—“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

As we begin 2023, we begin with a wonderful invitation: let's read the entire Bible together this year!

We'll be using the plan from "The Bible Recap". Pick up the reading plan! Subscribe to the podcast! Start it on your Bible phone app! Order the books! Do whatever you are so led to do to use each daily reading to grow in lives of sanctification—of becoming more and more like Christ—Whom we are following into eternity!

If you have any questions, let me know. I can't wait to start this with you!

Happy New Year family! -Pastor Marc

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Opportunities to be involved:

Interested in helping run the video/sound during worship and other special services? See Nathan if interested.

Contact Cindy for more details about volunteering in Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and other opportunities.

Our Roanoke Island Food Pantry work is always looking for folks willing to help. If interested, contact Bob or Angela Noffsinger.

Interested in being part of a Praise Band for our 8:30am service? If so, contact Nathan and let him know!

Veterans & First

Responders: We would like a picture of you in uniform during your time of service. We will making a video of all veterans & first responders in our church for a Patriotic Concert that will be held in 2023. All branches of service, military and first responders, are requested. You can send your scanned electronic picture to 320otter@gmail.com or give your physical picture to Reha Otte, Nathan Schierer, or drop off to Jo in the office. Help us to honor/memorialize you and/or a family member.

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 Jennifer Gamiel 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.



January Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

10th Susan Fearing; 14th Karen King; 15th Shon Lee; 17th Dawn Buckalew, Roy Gray; 18th Paul Creef, Amanda Hernley; 19th Margaret Daniels, Pat Lester, Margaret Henderson, Jason McPherson; 23th Zachary Reed; 24th Rufus Hopkins; 25th Carol Adams, Chandler Fearing; 26th Grey O'Neal; 28th Gloria Spence; 30th Mark Gamiel, Nita Hepler; 31st Roxie Pritchard

Anniversaries:

6th Ben & Elizabeth Gallop
7th Johnny & Melva Garrison
8th Skip Lange & Sherry Burrus
26th Neil & Amanda Songer



**This month's
verse is 2
Corinthians
5:17**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"



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; Charlotte Price; Walter Baum; Shirley Shannon; Saint Tillett; Jim Reed; Darrell Collins; Heidi O'Neal; Greg Sadler; Ronnie Beach; Sheila Mastro; Jane Nettles; Barbara Brown; Rose Skinner; Stacie Allen; Tommy Gomez; Stephanie Perry; Cal Dixon; Jim Tabin



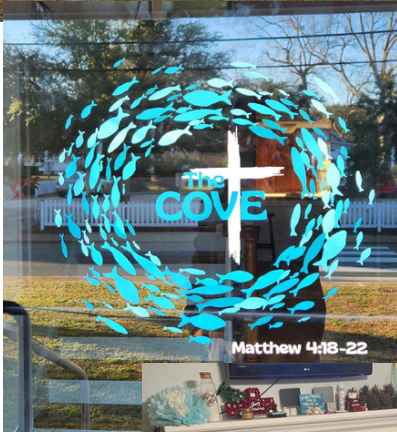
Christmas at Mt Olivet

Holiday Home Tour, Christmas Cantata, beautiful decorations, 2 Christmas Eve services AND a pageant, Christmas Day worship....it was a wonderful season here at Mt Olivet!



Youth News

It was a busy December for our youth! Thursday morning breakfasts, a touch football game, a "Lock In", participating in the Christmas Parade, a new sign on The Cove, and an end of year Christmas party....we can't wait for 2023!!



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY:

JANUARY 1; 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ISAIAH 63:7-9; PSALM 148; HEBREWS 2:10-18; MATTHEW 2:13-23

JANUARY 8; BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 42:1-9; PSALM 29; ACTS 10:34-43; MATTHEW 3:13-17

JANUARY 15; 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ISAIAH 49:1-7; PSALM 40; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9; JOHN 1:29-42

JANUARY 22; 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ISAIAH 9:1-4; PSALM 27; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18; MATTHEW 4:12-23

JANUARY 29; 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

MICAH 6:1-8; PSALM 15; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31; MATTHEW 5:1-12

BINGO!

We had a packed fellowship hall on Dec 4th as folks of all ages gathered for a night of bingo, prizes and fun! Can't wait to do it again soon!



Look who we found "twinning" at the Nannie Midgett Circle Christmas Party!



In 2023, we are going to attempt to read the entire Bible, chronologically, using the resources known as "The Bible Recap". Books, podcasts, apps on your phone...endless ways to stay engaged. Find out more at thebiblerecap.com

"Just Older Youth" Christmas Dinner

Quite a bit of fun was had as our older adults gathered for food and fellowship at Basnight's Lone Cedar on December 15th! Thank you to Marcia Bryant for organizing such a wonderful time!



Monday - Friday
9 - 11am



We are blessed to have been chosen the Coastland Times Reader's Choice Awards winner of "Best Place to Worship"! Thank you to everyone who voted!

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FOR LUNCH)

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