

MARCH 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

Growing up in North Carolina, March was always a special time. Special not because of warmer weather or longer days, but because of two words: March Madness.

Whether it was teachers wheeling in the "tv on a cart" so we could watch the ACC Tournament, or filling out brackets for the NCAA Tournament, the month of March has always been basketball heavy. Which got me to thinking...

Aren't we blessed that in Jesus Christ we have a coach who started life as a fellow player? In His humanity and in His divine nature Jesus played the game under the new rules as laid down by Jesus himself. Then, as He continued to play, along the way Jesus coached us on the court of righteousness. When He was double-teamed and even triple-teamed, Jesus stayed in the game. And then came that exciting time when we carried Jesus upon our shoulders while shouting and waving our foam fingers made of palm leaves. All of this happened in the month of March Madness.

Hmmm. I wonder what is waiting for us – and for Jesus – after the lights go out in the gymnasium in the month of April.....

Blessings friends,
Pastor Marc

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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

March Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

1st Kenny Meekins; 5th Scott Buckalew, Hannon Fry;
6th Charlie Edwards; 7th Sarah Kershner;
9th Dorothy Songer; 11th Lynette Crews;
12th Daniel Reed; 13th Allyson Kisse;
15th Joyce Edwards, Keeli Harrison, Emma Meekins,
Doris Gregory; 17th Sara Farrow, Ruth Adlon;
18th Saint Basnight; 19th Janice Tillett, Laura Long;
20th Reha Otte'; 22nd Dianne Gaskill; 26th Jerry Austin;
27th Wynne Hopkins, Talia Stetson; 28th Olivia Martin;
29th Eddie Funderburg; 30th Bobby Harrell;
31st Melinda Creef, Ross Shaffer, Deb Hill

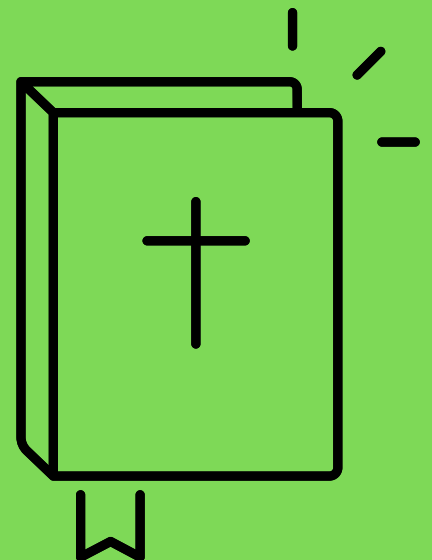
Anniversaries:

March 14 Michael & Brenda Brent
March 20 Dan & Reha Otte'
March 30 Keith & Karen Zillifro



**This month's
verse is
Romans
15:13**

"May the God
of hope fill
you with all
joy and peace
as you trust in
him, so that
you may
overflow with
hope by the
power of the
Holy Spirit. "



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, Skip Dixon, Don Jones, Linda Holmes, Sharon Ambrose, Ted Midgett, Tom Langdon, Carol Adams, Walter Baum, Shirley Shannon, Saint Tillett, Darrell Collins, Anne Davis, Steve Ehart, Greg Sadler, Karen Grant, Millicent Duprey, Jane Nettles, Faye O'Neal, Janice Reed, Stacie Allen, Logan Day, Sarah Wise, Sherron Moore, Jim Tobin, Thelma Calvio, Erin Williams, Paul Tury, Emily Wilson Family, Susan Wetzel, Maureen McCucthin



Members of our church have joined together to support Manteo Middle School's "Amazing Race" Reading Challenge. As of last count, we were in first place! Way to go!

MMS Amazing Community Reading Race

INDIVIDUAL LEADER BOARD

4,914 minutes **Jessica Everett**

3,500 minutes **Beth Bradley**

3,440 minutes **Jami Brown**

BUSINESS LEADER BOARD

8,653 minutes **Mount Olivet Church**

7,465 minutes **Dare County Schools**

6,494 minutes **Dare County Social Services**

Are you a podcast listener? If so, Pastor Marc has two: one that is the audio version of the weekly sermons, and the other are the Morning and Evening Prayers from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. If you are interested in either, see Pastor Marc for details.



Youth News

Big month for our youth! They attended a concert at First Flight on Feb 11th; joined with around 100 other youth around the island for a Super Bowl Party at The Cove on Feb 12th; got together again for a Dodgeball and Pizza Part at the Y on Feb 25; and still met for breakfast each Thursday and Youth Group on Sunday. Quite a month! If you know a middle or high schooler, send them!



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH:

MARCH 5; 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

GENESIS 12:1-4A;
PSALM 121; ROMANS
4:1-5, 13-17; JOHN
3:1-17

MARCH 12; 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

EXODUS 17:1-7;
PSALM 95; ROMANS
5:1-11; JOHN 4:5-42

MARCH 19; 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13;
PSALM 23;
EPHESIANS 5:8-14;
JOHN 9:1-41

MARCH 26; 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

EZEKIAL 37: 1-14;
PSALM 130; ROMANS
8:6-11; JOHN 11: 1-45



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.



Like to play disc golf? Want to try? Join us each Monday, starting on March 13th, at 5:30pm at the disc golf course on the North End, for a time of devotion, prayer, and discs! Everyone is welcome!



Interested in playing on a co-ed softball team later this spring? See Pastor Marc!

Bingo: Part Two

We had a lot of fun and laughs on February 5th at our second "Bingo Night". Our thanks to Marcia Bryant and her team for all of their work in another successful night!



Parent's Night Out!

On February 10th, we hosted a "Parent's Night Out"! Our kids had a big time, while allowing "mom and dad" a chance to go out!



Monday - Friday
9 - 11am



A big "Thank you" to SC Basnight and his crew (Arturo, Stanley and Warren) for sending everyone home happy and with full bellies at our Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21!

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



"Thank you" to our Missions Committee and everyone who helped send a treat to our schoolteachers!

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OFFICE HOURS ARE:

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

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