

MAY 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

Easter is not just one day. It is, liturgically, a season and, believe it or not, we spend a larger portion of it in the month of May. This brings to mind a phrase that I hope all of you have heard: "Every Morning is Easter Morning." So how do we continue celebrating Easter every morning? Well, it is through abiding in the presence of Christ. So how do we do this; how do we encourage abiding behavior in a worshipping congregation?

Finding time for silence and Scripture.

Silence is a good practice, and for some, it is difficult to achieve. But silence is a space where we can let God take control. It allows us to surrender ourselves to the working of the Spirit and the voice of God. It also allows us to listen to the Word as if it is the very word coming from the mouth of Jesus. Take time, pause often, and repeat the phrases that touch your heart and ring in your ears before moving to the next thought.

This is just one suggestion. You may have other ways you "abide in Christ." Do not be afraid to find new ways of abiding because every morning is Easter morning from now on!

Blessing on the month ahead,

Pastor Marc

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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); Mike Harris (Pres., Mount Olivet Men); Deloris Harrell (Chair, Care & Connections); 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

May Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

5/1 Jep Adams; 5/7 Argent Spake, Crew Moran;
5/8 Arturo Lara; 5/9 Ted Martin; 5/10 Nettie Midgett;
5/11 Marjalene Thomas; 5/13 Craig Fearing, Jeff Nease;
5/14 Melva Garrison; 5/16 Bob Tugwell; 5/17 Brantley Clarke,
Kennedy Moran, Sarah Smith; 5/18 Allen Moran;
5/20 Kenneth Brown; 5/21 Bobby Harrell, Warren Blackburn;
5/22 Teresa Griffin; 5/24 Ralph Jones; 5/25 Lily Gwen Martin;
5/27 Johnny Farrow, Kimberly Moore; 5/28 Bob Noffsinger;
5/31 Stanley Oliver, Edgar Martin

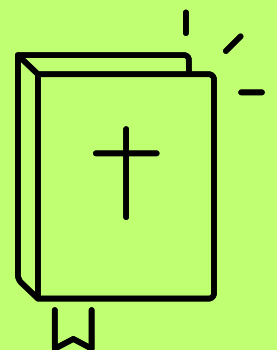
Anniversaries:

5/1 Roy & Louise Gray
5/4 Ben & Holly Presgrave
5/10 Buddy & Cathy Boyce
5/15 Jimmie & Wynne Hopkins
5/17 Skip & Charlotte Dixon, Terry & Valerie Wheeler,
Steven & Ashley Jones
5/19 Nathan & Mariah Schierer
5/22 Kevin & Millicent Duprey
5/29 Pastor Marc & Heidi O'Neal
5/31 Jed & Amy Dixon



**This month's
verse is
Hosea 6:3**

“Let us
acknowledge
the Lord; let
us press on to
acknowledge
him. As surely
as the sun
rises, he will
appear; he
will come to
us like the
winter rains,
like the spring
rains that
water the
earth.”



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:

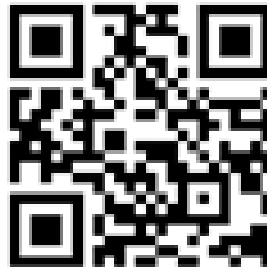
Binkie Jones, Bill Songer, Jeffrey Latham, Katrina Payne, Celia Meekins, Jay Austin, Jim Davis, Ray Long, Skip Dixon, Linda Holmes, Paul Tury, Saint Tillett, Ted Midgett, Erin Williams, Millicent Duprey, Walter Baum, Shirley Shannon, Sherron Moore, Darrell Collins, Anne Davis, Jim Tobin, Greg Sadler, Karen Grant, Thelma Calvio, Jane Nettles, Faye O'Neal, Bill Hook, Stacie Allen, Le Hook, Martha Callis, Faye O'Neal, Mike & Emily Wilson & Children, Rose Skinner, Vickie Henry, Keeli Harrison, Maddie Head, Rick & Linda Krenning, Paul Lester in the death of his brother, R. Lee Lester.



Holy Week

Holy Week was a beautiful time at Mt Olivet. It started with a wonderful Palm Sunday Easter Cantata, continued with morning and evening prayers every day Monday thru Saturday, and culminated on Resurrection Day with a Community Sunrise Service, Breakfast, and worship. He is risen! He is risen indeed!





VBS this year will take place from Sunday, June 25-Wednesday, June 28! We are very excited about this year's program! You can register at this link:

<https://mountlivetumc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

In addition, if you'd like to volunteer, let Pastor Marc or Cindy know!

Easter Egg Hunt!

Our Children's Ministry partnered with our PreSchool and Afterschool program to have an Easter Egg Hunt! It was a lot of fun!



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY:

**MAY 7;
5TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

ACTS 7:55-60;
PSALM 31;
1 PETER 2:2-10;
JOHN 14:1-14

**MAY 14;
6TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

ACTS 17: 22-31;
PSALM 66;
1 PETER 3:13-22;
JOHN 14:15-21

**MAY 21;
7TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

ACTS 1:6-14;
PSALM 68;
1 PETER 4:12-14;
5:6-11;
JOHN 17:1-11

**MAY 28;
PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

ACTS 2:1-21;
PSALM 104; 1
CORINTHIANS
12:3B-13;
JOHN 7:37-39

Community

Here are a few of the ways our church was active in the community over the past month!



We had weekly "worship and lunch" with guest preachers from all over our area



Nathan and Pastor Marc participated in Career Day at MHS.



Chip Phillips and Pastor Marc drove shuttle vans for the After Prom Event



We fed the MHS softball team & MHS track and field team



Collected close to 60 beach towels for OBX Waves of Grace/Little Pink Houses of Hope



Devotions and Discs Ministry every Monday Night

Youth Group News

It was a busy month for our Youth! They went to see "Jesus Revolution", worshiped with other youth groups in the area, played putt-putt, stuffed eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, had a lesson outside, and generally enjoyed each other's company while learning about God. We meet every Sunday afternoon, from 4p-7p. Come join us!



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(CLOSED FROM 12P-1P
FOR LUNCH)

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