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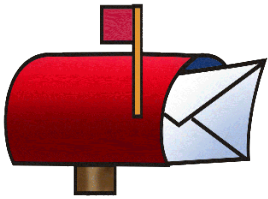
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I have been reading a book lately titled, *The Survivors Club* by Ben Sherwood. He is an award winning journalist and worked as an executive producer of ABC's *Good Morning America* and as a senior broadcast producer of NBC *Nightly News*.

Mr. Sherwood is not what one would call a really religious person, although he mentions in the book that he would always say a prayer or two when he was flying on an airplane during take offs and landings.

In preparation for writing this book one of the topics the author researched was, "the role of faith in survival." He has discovered several secrets for survival, and in rule # 3, he discusses some magic numbers for staying alive in the most challenging circumstances.

For instance you cannot survive:

"3 seconds without spirit and hope
3 minutes without air
3 hours without shelter in extreme conditions
3 days without water
3 weeks without food
3 months without companionship or love"

The Bible reminds us over and over again of how much God loves us and how important it is to live holy and spiritual lives. Indeed, not only does a person's faith play a major role in their survival in crisis situations, a "person of faith who attends church regularly lives around seven years longer than those who don't."*

This echoes what the Scriptures have been teaching us for years... a relationship with Jesus Christ and regular church attendance give joy and life inwardly and outwardly.

Grace and peace
Jerry

*This information was based on a study conducted by researchers at the University of Texas in Austin in 1999.

Congrats Scholarship Recipients!

The 2010 Mount Olivet Scholarship interviews took place on May 2. This, year, through the generosity of our church family and friends, \$34,000 in scholarships was awarded to 28 very deserving young people. Scholarship Recognition Sunday will be Sunday, June 6 at the 11:00 Worship Service. I hope you will join us as we congratulate these young people.

The scholarship winners are:

Carolee O'Neal Bell Memorial Scholarship -

Kala Godwin (FFHS)

Louise "Bubbles" Daniels Memorial Scholarship -

Amanda Daniels (MHS)

Israel Southern (East Carolina)

Carly Creef (MHS)

Richard Coles Evans Memorial Scholarship -

Michael Ashley (MHS)

Michael Ashley (MHS)

Catrina Francis (FFHS)

Brianna Payne (MHS)

Daniel Wornstaff (FFHS)

Tyler Williams (CHSS)

Woody Gaskill -Keith Jones Memorial Scholarship

Levi Curles (MHS)

Jessika LaCount (MHS)

Betty Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship

Cole Beasley (MHS)

Cassandra Francis (FFHS)

Brianna Payne (MHS)

Kala Godwin (FFHS)

Carly Creef (MHS)

Brittany Michaud (FFHS)

Evan Andrews (MHS)

Tyler Williams (CHHS)

Mecca Jones (MHS)

Natalie Blackman (CHHS)

Michael Ashley (MHS)

Michael Gregory (CHHS)

Ariana Rebaza (MHS)

Jan Culpepper (Liberty University)

Rachael Cockerham (MHS)

Lauren Martinez (Wake Forest University)

Cecily Bednarek (FFHS)

Aaron Farrow (Pitt Community College)

Daniel Wornstaff (FFHS)

O'Anna Rose (The New School - New York)

Caity Rook (FFHS)

Courtney Zillifro (UNC-Wilmington)

Richard "Dick" Ward Memorial Scholarship

Evan Andrews (MHS)

Jane Abbott Zegopulos, RN, Memorial Scholarship

Robyn Cudworth (COA)

Kathy Seawell, Scholarship Committee

Music

First I want to thank the children and youth involved in the music and drama program. Everyone has done a fantastic job! It is so exciting to watch God teach, grow, and use our children and youth. I am always humbled by how God uses them to minister and encourage me. As in the letter to Timothy states in 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." I pray that we, as a church, would continue to support and encourage our children and youth to apply that exhortation. Again, thank you, Youth Music and Drama team for leading us in worship during Youth Sunday on Mother's Day, and for the dramatic skit about Pentecost. Thank you, Children's Choir and Drama for showing us through the musical, The Ultimate Question, who God says we are.

We are in the beginning stages of preparing as a church to present an "Interactive Dinner Theater for Outreach" for Friday, August 13th, and Saturday, August 14th, called Uncle Phil's Diner. The goal behind Uncle Phil's Diner is to create a warm, fun, and welcoming environment to which members of Mount Olivet may bring their friends and family. It is an unusual collection of improv, music, sketch comedy, and food. If you are interested in joining us in presenting Uncle Phil's Diner, please come to a dinner meeting Monday, June 7th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We need people of all ages to help decorate, create a set, sew costumes, act, advertise, and sing. If you have a desire to reach out to the community, we need you. Again, if you are interested please come to the dinner meeting on Monday, June 7th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, and learn what Uncle Phil's Diner is all about.

I have been reading and praying a lot on what it truly means to serve our Lord. Is what I am doing glorifying God or myself? Do I make choices based on the ease of a particular choice, on what will "look" better, or on the leading of God? We, as Christians in America, are very happy in our comfort zones. We are blessed beyond measure and often do not realize the ease of our lives. I was reminded of the great analogy of the mother eagle feeding her offspring in the nest and how much comfort they had. All of a sudden, mom kicked her eaglets out, and they were suddenly on their own. I have been forced out of my comfort zone. I am discovering that my comfort zone is not necessarily where the Lord wants me. God wants us ministering to lost souls, the majority in the USA. I need to use my gifts to reach beyond the church walls. I need to give opportunity for others to use their gifts to reach beyond the church walls. Uncle Phil's Diner is just one step in the right direction. I hope that many will join me.

*In His Service,
Traci L. Nissley*



Farewell to Joan

We wish you well in your new home, and we'll miss you!

Joan Fagnoli
453 Old Stage Road
Lewisberry, PA 17339



June Nursery Volunteers

8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
June 6 Michelle Barnes 473-6327	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Pam Stemmerich 489-1126
June 13 Melinda Creef 473-2345	Ginger Midgett 473-3654	Rita Shearin 473-1730
June 20 Sara Farrow	Rita Shaffer 473-6630	Melva Garrison 473-3399
June 27 Joyce Edwards 473-3845	Anna Barrett-Smith 473-2359	Brandy Foreman 473-3186

If you are not currently a part of the Nursery Ministry of Mt Olivet and would be willing to take a turn in the nursery (once a quarter for one of the Sunday morning time slots), please give me a call. There's always a need for new volunteers and substitutes.

*Erica Burkhart
Nursery Coordinator
423-0989*

Children's Ministry

Last year we started to offer summer camps for children. It was through much prayer and the hard work of our volunteers and congregation that both camps were successful. Although these camps were well received I often get the question, "Why do you feel the need to have summer camps?" I would be insane to say these camps were started to give kids something to do; the Outer Banks area offers a huge variety of camps. We are very blessed to live in such an amazing area that offers so much to the children and youth. So if it is already being provided, why does Mount Olivet feel the need to offer camps?

The answer is that what our camps offer is not already being provided in this area. Yes, there are other sport and art camps; but that is not what our camps are about. Our camps are based on strengthening the relationship between Christ and the campers and sometimes introducing a camper to Christ for the first time. Our camps are about teaching a child to see God in everything and realizing that all that the Lord has created is beautiful; the child sees the beauty the Lord created in him. Through scripture we instill that all things are possible in Christ and that He is always with us.

There is a power in our camps that no one can explain with mere words other than, "He is with us". I am always in awe when I see the joy in children's eyes when they realize how much God loves them. I love the excitement when they learn that their gifts are from God and was made to Glorify Him!! Yes, even the gift of a slam dunk glorifies God if you give it to Him!!

Calendar

Children's Church is offered during the 8:30am service and the 11am service. It is held in the upstairs Sunday school rooms. There are two classes: "Lil' K": preschool – K5 and "KIDMO": First – Fifth grade.

S.U.R.G.E (3rd-5th grade ministry)- Meets every Sunday at 6pm for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship in Fellowship Hall A. This month we will change our schedule slightly. Instead of fun fellowship once a month, we will add FAB FRIDAYS in July. Contact Jan Culpepper for details and July schedule.

COMING THIS SUMMER

Registration is open for all camps. Registrations can be found online and on the children's bulletin board.

VBS- Galactic Blast VBS- June 28-July 2 (ages 4yrs old- 5th grade)

9am-noon Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010, we will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Creations Art Camp- JULY 26-30 (completed 1st grade-5th grade) 8:30-3pm \$50 per student

"My Potter, My God" Through scripture and art we will discover how lovingly and carefully we have been created by God. Children will also have 1 art instruction: Illustration from Greg Rottenberg, mixed media from Caryn Hathaway, and mural making from Noel Schuler. Mr.Schuler is a professional Christian contemporary artist who has dedicated his art to teaching others about Christ. Learn more about his work at www.schulerart.com.

We still need volunteers for each of these camps. Please pray and ask God how He would want you to utilize your given talents to guide the children in learning the importance of how each talent was created by God to glorify and serve Him in the body of Christ. To register call 473-2089 ext.25 or get a form online or on the children's bulletin board. Volunteers are still needed for this camp, if interested call Jan Culpepper. Volunteer's children are only \$25 per child (up to 2 children).



MegaSports Camp: UNDEFEATED- August 9-13 (completed 1st grade-5th grade) 8:30-3pm \$25 per student Join us as we use sports to encourage kids to deal with the obstacles of life with God's help and guidance so they can live life undefeated. Children will receive sports training from local coaches who lead by Christian example on and off the field. Group leaders will guide them in scripture lessons as they learn the magnitude of God's strength and love. To register call 473-2089 ext.25 or get a form online or on the children's bulletin board. Volunteers are still needed for this camp, if interested call Jan Culpepper. Volunteer's children are FREE (up to 2 children).



Parent's Night Out- June 25th at 6pm-9pm at the Fish House. \$5 per child

Open to children from birth to 5th grade. Parents your kids are going to beg you to go out!! We are showing the movie G-Force with all the extras. Fun, activities, and of course great food will be provided.



Don't take a vacation from Sunday School this summer!

Worship

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Becky Evans Chair: Lynn Tugwell, Barbara Holton, Gail Midgett

Co-Chairs: Maxine Thomasson 473-2234
Margaret Daniels 473-3534

JUNE GREETER

Lynda Midgett

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-2774

JUNE USHERS

8:30 a.m.

John & Sharon Collins

11 a.m.

Barbara & Cheryl Brown

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-2774

JUNE COMMUNION STEWARDS

To be determined

Thank you volunteers, for all you do to serve HIM.

Worship Chair: Edna Black 473-5348

Christian Music Summer Concert Series

Local music minister Kim Kalman will be hosting the Christian Music Summer Concert Series again this year at Holy Trinity Church in Nags Head.

The series is on Monday nights starting June 14 and will go through Sept 6 Labor Day weekly (every Monday) 7pm-8pmish

Admission is free but we will once again take up a "love offering" which will be donated to our Food Bank & Interfaith Community Outreach. Christian musicians offering their time & talents for their community - BEAUTIFUL! For more information, call Kim Kalman 252-441-2555 or visit www.prayerthroughmusic.com

Here are some of the artist who will be joining us this season:

Sojourners Quartet from Elizabeth City June 14
Great Day Gospel Trio from Central Florida June 21
Jarvisburg Church of Christ Praise & Worship Band June 28
Duck United Methodist Praise & Worship July 5
NOTE our Christian Rapper (Nick Jenkins) TBA
Crossing Over Band from Wanchese July 12
Haven Creek Baptist Male Chorus July 19
Echoes of Heritage July 26
Nathan Lawrenson & the Nags Head Church Praise & Worship Band August 9
Reverd Leslie Buck from Hatteras August 16
Captain's Crew Aug 23
Curtis Campbell & the Joyful Noise Band August 30
Nick Hodsdon TBA

and yours truly! kim kalman

Missions

Your Missions committee continues to serve you well as we oversea needs and appropriations of the generous gifts you give. We are very honored to be able to serve you and God through Missions.

We are always looking for new and exciting things to do and ways to get the most out of our dollars without asking your all the time. We will soon be offering our JOY Store for the third year! With it comes a need for funds to purchase items to offer. Recently, we held a Gold Party fundraiser and raised \$2050. On top of that, we then received a generous gift from Tracy Watts of \$200. This was a portion of her referral reward for us having the Gold Party after having been to one she hosted. All who came were quite pleased with the prices they were offered for their gold, and we are well on our way of funding the Joy Store once again. THANK YOU to all who came.

We met recently on May 18 and had a wonderful meeting. We were able to send monies locally to Outer Banks Radio; Hosea House, which is slated to open any day now; as well as Dare Challenge and the MHS chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Nationally, we sent financial support to local missionary Cindy Peterson who serves with her husband John as Campus Crusade missionaries on college campus' based in Cary, NC as well as to All God's Children UMC, and Golden Cross - a fund that helps United Methodists with emergency medical bills. We also sent monies to the Confessing Movement which is a grassroots organization that works to hold our United Methodist church to a Bible-based theology. We also sent money to the Food Bank of NC - the organization that is so beneficial in helping us stock our Pantry for just pennies on the dollar.

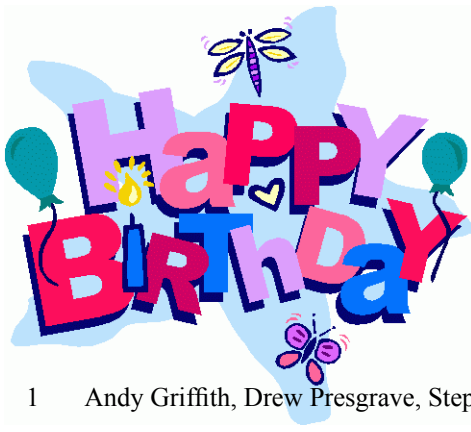
Internationally, we sent \$500 for a scholarship fund to the Vellore Medical College in India, Project Agape in Armenia that helps bridge the gap of poverty in their country, and to Gideon's International. In addition to this, we sent \$300 of our pledged \$1000 to the MISSION Society, a powerful and strong organization responsible for sending Missionaries around the world.

Our first time gifts were sent to DAYSPRING INTERNATIONAL, an organization that is based out of Virginia Beach and whose mission is to evangelize and disciple unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through visual media and humanitarian aid in India. 85% of funds raised are spent directly in Ministry in India. Also for the first time, we financially supported SAT-7, an organization that offers Christian programming through Satellite television in the Muslim regions of the Middle East and Africa.

We strongly support our Youth on their upcoming Mission trip and pray that they encounter Jesus in a fresh new way as they minister in Eluethra next month. We also will be praying for Leah Cribb and hope you will be too as she travels to Italy on a mission trip with Global Expeditions this summer.

Thank you all once again for your generous gifts....keep them comingGod's work is far from done!

Missions Committee



June



OUTER BANKS DAREDEVILS -

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

The Daredevils welcome Mount Olivet UMC for the Tuesday, June 8th game at the First Flight Baseball Complex. Gates open at 6:00 pm, and the game starts at 7:05 pm. The teams are members of the amateur Coastal Plains League featuring players from colleges and universities with at least one year of eligibility remaining. Free entrance with the June 6th bulletin! Rev. Cribb will be delivering the pregame invocation. The United Methodist Men will be serving the team a free dinner after the game. The Daredevils will be playing Edenton. A bus will be provided, if needed. Call Jim Brown at 473-1478 if you need a ride.



- 1 Andy Griffith, Drew Presgrave, Stephen Thompson
- 2 Billy Daniels, Johnny Garrison, Jr., Jayme Jackson
- 3 Buddy Boyce, Jillian Fearing, Sarah Szilvagy,
 - 4 Earl Brinkley, Emily Freeman, Kristen Krauss, Tanya Langrell
- 5 Brett Heroux, Tom O'Neal, Valerie Wheeler
- 6 David Parker, Phil Scarborough, Tom White, Jr.
- 8 Ava Nichole Allen, John Calvin Dixon, Bonnie Strawser, Larry Whitt
- 9 Robbie Atkinson, Dorothy Henderson, Mary Ann Hodges, Danielle Hortelano, Christine Walker, Dolores Gates Stallings
- 11 Bea Basnight, Wanda Burrus, Ann Ownley, Wyatt Quentin Smith, Jan Underwood
- 12 Jackie Blair, Mike Ellis, Katherine Adams Gomez, Carmela Kemp, Stewart Moore, Joshua Osmon, Emily Adams Wilson
- 13 Graham Barnes, George Cheeseman, Eli Nissley
- 14 Ian Culpepper, Amy Dowdy, Tim Shearin
- 15 Lynn Basnight, Anne Davis, Stephanie Phillips, Dick Twiford, Steven Williams
- 16 Amanda Pendry, Bea Ward
- 17 Beckie Boles, Wilma Parks, Tommy Henderson, Natalie Lafferty, Elmer Reuben Midgett
- 18 Bob Daley, Joyce Etheridge, Marjorie Gutshall, Malin Caroline Keschull
- 19 Matthew Bresson, Amanda Gard, Andy Holton
- 20 Kevin Combs
- 21 Katie Miller, Julie Osmon, Deanie Ward
- 22 Mac Basnight, Paula Donaghy, Frances Grant
- 23 Bailey Marland, Beth Twyne
- 24 Adrian Brown, Tanner Holden, Amy Lane, Maddie Phillips
- 25 Kristy Kretschmar
- 26 Abby Spence O'Neal
- 27 Carrie Vrablic
- 28 Cody Davis, Rac Midgett
- 29 Edna Black, Kelly Krauss, P. J. Miller
- 30 Richard Handran, II, Cheryl Midgett, Barron Sluder

- 1 Stephen & Karen King - 47 yrs.
- 4 Tom & Janice O'Neal - 50 yrs.
- 5 Joe & Beverly Lafferty - 29 yrs.
- 7 Dan & Robin Feerst - 24 yrs.
- 10 Stuart & Stacy Bell - 15 yrs.
- 10 Philip & Brandy Foreman - 10 yrs.
- 11 Algie & Marilyn Campbell - 44 yrs.
- 12 Chris & Amy Adams - 11 yrs.
- 12 Rodney & Monika Berry -
- 13 Roy & Karen Phillips - 45 yrs.
- 14 S. C. & Jean Basnight - 52 yrs.
- 14 Kevin & Aletia Goudy - 14 yrs.
- 15 Paul & Melinda Creef - 25 yrs.
- 17 Todd & Jackie Hart - 15 yrs.
- 19 Stephen & Maureen Thompson - 44 yrs.
- 20 Mark & Carrie Vrablic - 30 yrs.
- 20 Kevin & Kristy Wescott - 12 yrs.
- 20 Kelly & Brenda Zaytoun - 40 yrs.
- 21 Ken & Angie Brady-Daniels - 23 yrs.
- 21 Mike & Renee Glover - 24 yrs.
- 22 Robbie & Sissy Campbell - 13 yrs.
- 23 Randy & Mary Ann Hodges - 31 yrs.
- 23 Steward & Sandy Moore - 20 yrs.
- 23 Ross & Rita Shaffer - 37 yrs.
- 25 Clarence & Rose Skinner - 59 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Barbara Dare Hartwig - 15 yrs.
- 27 Lance & Jan Culpepper - 12 yrs.



First, I would like to send a THANK YOU to everyone who has, and continues, to support our youth with our ongoing fundraisers to help raise 100% of our funds for our 2010 Mission Trip to Eleuthera – we are a little over ½ way there – but still have work to be done. It is a true testimony for our youth to truly see God at work in this endeavor and a blessing to watch our youth grow personally during this process. We know God has some tremendous plans in store for our trip, and we are trusting Him completely with every detail.

Also, what a wonderful Mother’s Day service our youth provided – God is working so mightily in their lives, and it is a true testament when they can get up and speak of their love for their mothers and the guidance they are receiving at home. Praise the Lord!

With some of our fundraisers behind us, we are now getting geared up for our next fundraiser entitled “Chicken On The Fly” to be held on June 25 from 4-7 PM. This will be a dinner specifically geared for TAKE OUT ONLY and will be brought out to you in your car as you pull up alongside of the church. The costs for each dinner will be \$8.00 and will include fried chicken, homemade potato salad, corn, a roll, and dessert. We will also be giving the opportunity to choose a children’s dinner for \$6.00 which will include 2 chicken fingers, mac-n-cheese, a roll and dessert. All proceeds will directly benefit our mission trip. Tickets will be on sale and available starting June 1. We are hoping to sell 1000 tickets – so let’s get the word out.

With summer quickly approaching, we are also getting very excited about our 2010 Summer Vision for our UMYF. We will be continuing our summer Sunday UMYF meetings with a change in time. The Sunday evening meeting will run from 6:30 – 8:00 to help accommodate some of our youth’s summer work schedules. Our Fish House will also be open **5 days a**



week from 10:00 – 3:00 for all of the youth to come and spend some time with us here at church. In addition, we will be having SURPRISE FRIDAYS where we will be hosting events on Friday evenings with the youth by participating in activities such as movie nights, flashlight tag, game nights, etc... We will also be hosting MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST once a month with our youth.

We will be working out a schedule to involve our children of the church by bringing them in one day a week and working alongside with them in fun games, fellowship, and activities (more information will follow on this). We know the importance of the Fish House being open for our youth during the summer to help provide a safe Christian environment. Our youth have so many choices confronting them in today’s world that we need to be a guiding light to enrich their relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are lead to help provide snack items and/or drinks for our Fish House, please let me know – we can always use our cupboards stocked.

Again, we seek your continued prayers for our youth, our youth leaders, and myself as we take on the awesome responsibility in molding our youth who will be our future leaders in the church and our community.

*In His Service & By His Grace,
Jeff*



Selah HandMaid to Worship - Mission Trip to Israel!

As many of you may know, I am involved in a ministry called Selah HandMaid to Worship. We are currently a ministry team comprised of four women, whose desire it is to spread the message and love of Jesus Christ through the creative arts. I wanted to take a minute to update you on our latest exciting news. We are going to Israel on a missions trip!

We have a letter that explains everything about our trip that I’d be happy to provide to anyone who is interested. If you have any suggestions on fund raisers, we are all ears. Please be praying for us over the next few busy months. And, please let us know you’re praying. And of course if you can help us financially in any way, we would be grateful and humbled!

*His grateful servant,
Stacey Gregory
staceygregory@centurylink.net
Selah HandMaid to Worship*