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More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold, sweeter also than hone and drippings of the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:10)

*Happy 100th Birthday,
Aunt Sally!!*



February is the month when we prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day. Did you know that "February has long been designated as the month of romance." (History.com) If you want more information on the origin of Valentine's Day go the website mentioned at the beginning of this sentence. In those articles on this site you will read about four or five stories featuring St. Valentines and the celebration of this day.

A great deal of time, energy and resources is generated on Valentine's Day to demonstrate to others how much they are loved or thought about. Many of us get caught up in this celebration as we try our best to show how much we care. There are many people in our sphere of influence who desire our affection and we should be all about demonstrating our love for others in ways that keep our integrity.

The scripture above instructs us as to what we should desire above all else. It is not mentioned specifically in this passage but you can find out what that is by reading Psalm 19:7,8. Our desires can get us into trouble when they are not centered first and foremost on God's love in Jesus Christ. What are your most immediate desires focused on?

*Grace & peace,
Jerry*

I would truly like to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards and notes that you sent Aunt Sally, for all the can goods for the Food Pantry and for giving up your Sunday afternoon and going to her party. For a lady who did not want to turn 100 she had a great day and a wonderful party, and is still talking about it. She got almost 100 cards and more than 100 things of canned goods for the Food Pantry. A special thank you goes to Jerry for being so faithful about visiting her!

They say that it takes a village to raise a child and I guess it takes one to raise a special lady who just turned 100. So many of you have been so good to my whole family and I truly do appreciate you and want to thank for your love over the years, the best thing Roy and I ever did was move to Manteo and join Mount Olivet Church.

Karen Phillips

Have an email address? Help us SAVE \$\$\$\$\$!!

Please help us save money by offering your email address to the church office and requesting the newsletter be emailed to you, instead of paper-copies being mailed to you each month. You may leave a note at the church office or call 252-473-2089 or email your request to bstraw01@embarqmail.com.

This is a part of being a good steward. Please call or email today! Thanks!



Jesse's Tree Ornament Exchange?

Would you like to start a new family tradition this Christmas? Why not add a "Jesse's Tree?" Basically, Jesse's Tree is just that... a tree that shows God's plan as it unfolded from Creation to the Birth of Christ. There is a Devotional Book (or handout) that goes along with the tree. It comes in a children's version and an adult version. Beginning December 1st, you would add one ornament and read the corresponding story.

So, I'm looking for 25 people who will commit to making 25 handmade ornaments (25 of the same one) between now and Thanksgiving, 2012. We will exchange like a "cookie exchange", so everyone will end up with a complete set of 25 ornaments. No directions or patterns... just be creative. But, we need ornaments that will last.

Here is the list of ornaments corresponding the stories. Be thinking which you may want to make?

- Day 1: a globe or earth
- Day 2: an apple and a snake wrapped around it.
- Day 3: an ark with a rainbow
- Day 4: a camel and a tent
- Day 5: a lamb
- Day 6: a ladder
- Day 7: a colorful coat
- Day 8: a tablet with ten numbers
- Day 9: a cluster of grapes
- Day 10: a sheaf of wheat
- Day 11: a slingshot
- Day 12: a scroll or bible
- Day 13: a stump with a fresh shoot /green leaf
- Day 14: a lion and a lamb
- Day 15: a dove and a crown
- Day 16: a lamb and a shepherds staff
- Day 17: a cross
- Day 18: a heart with writing on it
- Day 19: a Bethlehem town silhouette with star
- Day 20: a fiery furnace
- Day 21: a brick wall
- Day 22: a star
- Day 23: a candle or light
- Day 24: an angel
- Day 25: a baby in a manger or a nativity scene

*If you're ready to choose, send me your first and second picks!
 bstraw01@embarqmail.com or visit me on Facebook!
 Bonnie Strawser 252-423-0815*

Missions

We kick off 2012 by having to cut our Missions budget but \$3000 less than 2011. We have been praying that more would commit to pledge their gifts to Missions at Mount Olivet, and we are confident that some who did not commit will be "cheerful givers" during 2012. After all, it is Scriptural.

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

We are very grateful to all those who gave your gifts to support Missions in the past. Being the hands and feet of Jesus through local, national, and world missions is one thing that marks us as Christians in today's society and often sets us apart. While many are concerned with just maintaining or focusing on destruction; Christians are and should be focused on helping others...evangelism and discipleship and often this is done through established programs that we partner with like UMCOR, Society of St Andrew, New Directions International, Dare Challenge, FCA, Outer Banks Christian Radio, Gideon's International, Confessing Movement and Methodist Home for Children, just to name a few.

As a committee, we are so grateful for the generosity of this congregation. We hope you realize that many churches our size and larger do not have a Missions Committee budget that is above and beyond their apportioned required giving like we do. We are able to be a recognized helping hand in the community, the state and country, as well as the world...all thanks to YOU! So, with this said; if you have not pledged your gifts to Missions; we still need you to do so if you feel led. God really does love a CHEERFUL GIVER and the Missions committee echoes this as well.

Missions Committee



2012

Scholarships

The Mount Olivet Scholarship applications for 2012-2013 will be available in the church office or online on March 1st. The applications will need to be turned in by March 29th. Scholarship interviews will take place on Sunday, April 22nd, beginning at 1:30 at the church.

Kathy Seawell, Scholarship Committee



Much, much, much is going on with our youth ministry- much that I am excited to share with you in regard to where God is at work and how we are trying to meet Him there.

Over the past couple of weeks, our Sunday night programming has been put on pause in order to “put our house in order.” In other words, the adult ministry team of the youth program has taken off time from programming in order to figure out how to go about student ministry programming in a much more effective way. And with this leadership development, I have seen a fresh wind come into the faces of our devoted leaders. I feel a renewed energy that I feel will propel us into God’s vision of our future together.

And after this discussion, there is the resounding conclusion that states there are three specific areas of ministry toward which our efforts must be directed. These are and shall remain: 1) Worship 2) Discipleship 3) Prayer.

With worship and prayer maintained as the focus for all of our programming, and the development of age and gender-segregated small groups, our ministry will not only grow in terms of length, but more importantly in terms of spiritual depth.

And finally, the Fish House is well underway its renovation. And we shall press on until full completion. I wish to offer a special thanks to all who have donated to our efforts in both economic and in operational capacities.

*Yours in Christ,
bert IV*



It is time for revision in our Prayer Chain

Thank you to all of those who have served faithfully and continue to serve on our Prayer chain. We have some on our list that have moved away so we are looking for some new volunteers who will be faithful in answering their phone at home or on their cell, and will promptly pass the request on.

Our prayer chain was organized to take care of emergency requests. Your prayers are important because we have received acknowledgment that the power and strength of the prayers are being experienced by those we lift before our faithful God.

To sign up for this important ministry of our church, please call the church office and leave your name and phone numbers.



Join Us for **WORSHIP**

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Marguerite Martin, Chair: Argent Spake, Linda Cheeseman, Marjorie Gutshall

*Co-Chair: Maxine Thomasson 473-2234
Margaret Daniels 473-3534*

FEBRUARY GREETER

Joyce Etheridge

*Chair: Lynda Midgett
473-7023*

FEBRUARY USHERS

8:30 a.m.

Byron & Sandra Sawyer

11 a.m.

Larry & Maxine Thomasson

*Chair: Lynda Midgett
473-7023*

FEBRUARY COMMUNION STEWARDS

8:30

Michele & Edgar Barnes
Sandra & Byron Sawyer

11 a.m.

Rose & Clarence Skinner

*Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Thank you volunteers for all you do to serve HIM

*Worship Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Music Ministry

It is an exciting time in the music ministry. There are new musicals being prepared, new members joining, and messages of grace and salvation to be given through songs. Take a look at what is happening. Pray, and see if God is calling you to praise Him through song and drama in any of these special ways.

The Chancel Choir, Resounding Praise, and instrumental ensemble were invited to join with the Community Choir in presenting the musical, "O What a Savior". We are excited about joining with the community to share with one voice the amazing love and grace given through Jesus Christ. The performance will be on Friday, March 30th, 7:00 pm at the Dare County Community Theater/Auditorium at College of the Albemarle's Roanoke Island Campus. If you are interested in singing with the community choir, there are two choices of rehearsals you may choose to attend. On Monday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm, Peggy Daniels leads a rehearsal at Bethany UMC in Wanchese. On Wednesdays, 8:00 – 8:30 pm, I lead a rehearsal here at Mount Olivet UMC. If you would like to play in the instrumental ensemble, we rehearse on Thursdays, 6:45 – 7:30 pm, in the Sanctuary. It is not too late to join us.

The Youth praise team has been invited to share in song at Bethany UMC on Sunday, February 19th, at 6:00 pm. All youth are invited to come and support them.

Also, we are beginning a drama group for youth 6th-12th grade. The first skit we are going to work on is called, "The Case of the Conspicuous Cross". Practices will be on Sundays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The first performance of the skit will be at Bethany UMC, Sunday, March 11th, 6:00 pm for their youth group.

The Children's choir is preparing to present the musical, "Jonah's Druthers", on Sunday, April 29th, at 6:30 pm. If your child is interested in singing or dancing Please have them join us on Sundays, from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Rev. 1:17-18 says, "Don't be afraid! I am the first and the last. I am the living one! I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." Jesus is not only the beginning and the end, but Jesus is there all the way in between! He will never leave us nor forsake us. We can put our trust in Him!

*In His Service,
Traci Nissley*



Nursery Volunteers:

8:30	Sunday School	11:00
Feb 5		
Jackie Hart 473-6579	Nancy Austin 473-2389	Amy Dixon 473-1605
Feb 12		
Stacey Gregory 475-1545	Paula Donaghy 480-1844	Lynette Crews 473-3295
Feb 19		
Joyce Edwards 473-3845	Dotsy Davis 473-3995	Jennifer Phillips 473-526
Feb 26		
Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Jan Culpepper 722-1144	Martha Howell 475-1117

Please remember if you have a schedule conflict to make arrangements to switch with someone/ find a substitute.

Erica Burkhart 252-423-0989

Nannie Midgett Circle

Twenty two members met at the home of Jean Basnight during January and enjoyed guest, Lara Smith, who presented a wonderful program on how God is working in her life and in the life of Bert Snyder, her finance. We will be providing meals for Reha Otte during her recovery from knee surgery and had special prayer for her. It was agreed that we would transfer \$1200 of our proceeds from sale of cookbooks to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help the pastor assist those who stop by the church asking for various needs.

Even though the United Methodist Women do not meet any more, **we still plan to have the Valentine Luncheon** in their honor along with other guests. It will be held on **February 20 at 11:30 a.m.** at the church. Invitations will be mailed.

Our next regular meeting will be on March 19 at 7:30 p.m.; location to be announced.

Peggy Snead

Celebrating 125 Years at Mount Olivet, 1887-2012



Will you Contribute to Mt. Olivet's 125th Anniversary Memories?

We're pleased to announce that we now have a chairperson, Phronjia (Tina) Bradley, for the 125th Celebration Committee that includes the May 6th Heritage Day and other celebration activities throughout this year. Please contact her through the church office to participate in the planning and to volunteer to assist in the Celebration. To make this year's celebration a truly inspiring and memorable year for our church, we ask that you give her your support.

Did you know that...?

- In 1887, the President of the United States was Grover Cleveland.
- The first Groundhog Day was February 2, 1887.
- On March 7, 1887, NC State was established as the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.
- On March 13, 1887, Chester Greenwood received the patent for earmuffs.
- And in 1887, the Methodist circuit rider, Rev. Joseph Lennon, helped seven Manteo residents establish Mount Olivet Methodist Church. The residents were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans, Mr. R. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mann. On May 25, 1887, the lot for the church building was purchased from Daniel W. Etheridge for \$26.50. Our current sanctuary stands on this same land. Reverend Lennon held services in the Dare County Courthouse while the church was being built. The church building was a wooden structure 32 feet by 50 feet, costing \$1,500 to build. Rev. R. H. Mullen was Mount Olivet's first minister, living in the parsonage which was purchased in December 17, 1887, for \$800. By 1907, Mount Olivet had grown from 7 members to 200!

The 125th Anniversary Committee encourages you to check out the history showcase for new exhibits. We also have photos on the bulletin board next to the office. We are still interested in scanning and then returning to you any photos you may have of church events to add to our collection.

*Larry and Toni Franklin, 473-6321
History Committee*

Name: _____

1). How long have you been a member of Mt. Olivet, or, how long have some family members such as, parents or grandparents been members?

2). What was it like growing up as a member of Mt. Olivet; or, why did you join Mt. Olivet?

3). List several examples of how life has changed on Roanoke Island since you were a child:

4). How has worship changed for you—from your youth to the present?

5). Do you have any memories of church experiences or individuals that you would like to share?

6). Name three of your favorite hymns:

7). If you have any church-related photos please include them so that we may copy and return them to you, such as, pastors, the church, mission work, church activities or weddings, etc.?

Please place your memory in Mt. Olivet's 125th Anniversary Memories box in the church office by Feb. 15, 2012. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed. Contact Paula Oliver with any questions or if you need help: Phone 473-2944

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Lee Ann Finicum
2. Maxine Thomasson, Rufus Pritchard, II, Rita Shaffer, Denise Pearce, Frazier Holden, Davis Austin
3. Virginia Dare "Ginger" Midgett
4. Robert Midgette, Jr., Claudia Harrington, Robin Whitt Gallop, Emma Foreman
5. Jessica Bope, Kate Snapp, Tommy Gomez
6. Marc Snapp
7. Bernie Austin, Sr., Josiah Creef
8. Monika Berry
9. Paul Lester, Kyle Simmons, Samuel Davis
10. Millicent Duprey, Colby Moore
11. Caroline Pearce
12. Cheryl Byrum, Darren Ray Evans, Ashtyn Wescott
13. Pauline Ballance, Dan Bottjen, Ryan Evans, Halle Rose, Reganne Trevino
14. Lou Crews, Megan Gray
15. Linda Kraus
16. Donna Steiner
17. Paula Oliver, Ina Evans Ernst, Rob Petty, Miguel Gomez, Wyatt Tillett
18. Hughes Tillett, George G. Bonner, III, Jamie Reibel, Mike Trevino
19. Sarah Owens, Brandon Butler, Brandi Lee Midgett Morris
20. Laura Daniels, Bert Snyder, Devin Tillett
21. Barbara Wright, Tim Morgan, Malcolm Fearing, Dorie Smith
22. Walter Holton, Brian White
23. Jon Presgrave, Bart Garrison, Michael Gregory, Kirby Sadler
24. Marcia Danchise, Claire Marie Brent,
25. Michelle Petty, Peryn Hannah Joy Fauth
26. Bob Spake, Dick Parker, Amy Gross
27. Dee Wheeler, Staton Martin, Bruce Matthews, Heather Danatzko, William Michael Brown, Jr.
28. Bill Wheeler

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church has an opening for a

Part-time Custodian

The position is for 20 hours per week and responsibilities include: routine manual housekeeping, building maintenance work, general grounds upkeep for Mount Olivet UMC facilities. The successful candidate must be Christian-oriented, self starter, flexible work hours, people person, some work requiring 50 lb lifting, and able to climb heights. Information and applications are available in the Church Office.

Call 252-473-2089, ext. 21. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1. Rac & Jeanie Midgett – 31 yrs.
2. Bruce & Mary Jo Matthews – 38 yrs.
5. Punk & Wanda Daniels – 56 yrs.
11. Larry & Maxine Thomasson – 56 yrs.
12. Johnny & Sherry Wescott – 28 yrs
23. Chris & Suzie Tedrick – 4 yrs.
23. St. Clair & Bea Basnight – 32 yrs.
24. Elmer Reuben & Gail Midgett - 44 yrs.
26. David & Betsy Via – 40 yrs

Children and Family Ministries

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).

In January our 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade ministry, known as S.U.R.G.E, had their first Lock-In. It was to complete a month long series about how to learn to trust God and turn to Him when you are fearful or stressed out, called FEAR FACTOR (Fear Not, Only Believe). Even with it being a holiday weekend we had 21 kids at the lock-in!! I was impressed with their attention to the Bible Study and of course we had a great time with scavenger hunts and gross out games.

Because we as grownups often see childhood as the period of life where everything is simple, we underestimate the stress and real fears these children are facing. Through this weekend we learned how to not only trust in God, but how God created us to be relational and trust in one another. We grew as a group this weekend, but I ask that as a part of the same Christian family you join in prayer for these children.

Parent’s Night Out- Tangled

6pm-9pm - \$5 per child - For ages birth – 5th grade



It’s Valentine’s weekend!!!! Parents enjoy a night out as your children have a fun movie night with pizza, activities, friends, and so much more!

Children’s Church is offered during the 8:30 am service and the 11:00 am services. 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 from 6pm-7pm. SURGE is a ministry open to 3rd,4th, and 5th graders. This month will begin the New Year on the solid foundation of God’s Word and discuss mission projects.

IWANNA FAITH –Wednesdays 2:45- 4:30 pm (when school is in session). Feel the impact in the home as children learn what Faith is and how it is important in their relationship with God. Kids in kindergarten- 5th grade will learn the importance of discipleship and the life of Jesus Christ!

HIS TROOP –Tuesdays 4:00 pm -5:30 pm. This is a drama development class that is offered to 2nd-5th graders.



Save the Date- VBS BABYLON- June 18-22

VBS MEETING- February 6th at 7pm- Anyone interested in volunteering and/or building sets please come to this meeting. We will start assigning positions and preparing for an adventure of Biblical proportions.

Items needed for VBS at this time are paper bags, light color or white sheets- any size (will not be returned), new or used green tissue paper, packing tape (clear), and spackle.

Please continue to check the bulletin for VBS donations as our needs will change as we get closer to BABYLON.

*Jan Culpepper,
Director of Children & Family Ministry ext.29*