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From God alone my soul  
waits in silence; from him  
comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and  
salvation, my fortress; I  
shall never be shaken.

*Psalm 62:1,2*



*Follow us on  
Facebook!*

For all of you Facebook users, search for "Mount Olivet UMC" and "like" us, so you can keep up with all the goings-on and post church-related news for others to see!

Has any one noticed the amount of advertising that goes into a newspaper, magazine or any other source of reading or viewing material? When I attempt to read or peruse something I find the amount of advertising to be distracting. Have you ever tried to read an article and you get down to the end of the page and instead of it continuing on the next page, you are told to turn to some other part of the magazine and find your article under some one word title and take up where you left off.

I realize that thousands of billions of dollars are spent in the US alone on advertising. I also realize that is one the best ways for companies to get their message across to their target audience. But, I also realize how distracting it can be and how sometimes I do not feel like I am getting my money's worth for the subscription I paid for.

Aren't you glad the Bible, God's Holy Word, is not that way. The content is always there. The message flows from Genesis to Revelation. You cannot put a price on what Jesus sacrificed on the cross for you and me. He paid the ultimate price to get our attention, to remind us of His saving grace and to heed his good news for all. And it is free to all who will receive it.



*Grace & Peace  
Jerry*

## *Old T-shirts = Diapers for Haiti*

This is a cheap (actually FREE) way for you to help Haiti. Please save old, adult-sized T-shirts. We'll be making them into pre-folded, cloth diapers. It's really just a couple of cuts and a couple of seams...

If you're interested and/or have the time to do some simple sewing, I'd love to have some help making the diapers. Very simple.... and these diapers are so needed in Haiti....

Could we collect 1,000 by October??

*Bonnie Strawser  
bstraw01@embarqmail.com  
252-423-0815*



## *SOUPER SUNDAYS OF AUGUST*

Be part of this collection of Hearty Soups to stock the Food Pantry shelves for Fall. We need the kind of soups that a family could add rice or pasta to and make a "stew" of sorts...not condensed soups! We will be collecting these soups each Sunday in August. Also...just to add to the excitement of providing nutrition to those in need...you will be entering into a friendly competition ....we will ask those from the sections in the church to keep their donations separate and at the end of August...we will award a special prize to all those in the "winning section." This is something you will want to be part of for sure!

*Missions Committee*

# Music Ministry

In July, we held our first Worship Camp. There were 15 children between 1st – 5th grade who attended the camp. Each day we focused on learning what worship was all about and the different ways one can express their worship of God. We explored what worship meant and what our focus should be when we do worship. It was also a wonderful opportunity for a child to learn and experience the role of one who leads others in worship. Sunday, July 17, the children led their friends, family, and church family in worship.

For me, it was very humbling to see the joy and excitement each child expressed. I had to ask, “Do I come to worship with others with the same excitement?” Luke 18:16-17 says, “But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” It was a beautiful night seeing the children come to worship our God through the freedom given by Jesus. I pray we will all receive the kingdom of God like the children who led us in worship.

I know it is only August, and Christmas is not until December. However, we will begin practicing for our Christmas musical celebration on Wednesday, August 17th, 8:00 – 8:30, in the Choir Room. This year we will be sharing the musical entitled, “Mary, Did You Know?” I need your help to deliver this musical in the manner in which God has laid on my heart. There are three areas one may join in this endeavor.



1) If you enjoy singing, please join us. You will receive a rehearsal CD that highlights your part for you to listen to, and the only time commitment is 30 minutes on Wednesday evenings.

2) If you play an instrument, or used to play and want to start playing again, please be a part of the

church orchestra. The church orchestra will practice on Monday nights 6:00 – 6:45pm in the Choir Room. We will begin on Monday, August 21st. If you are interested in playing with the orchestra please let me know before August 21st so that I can have your music ready for you.

3) I also need 7 adults to perform character monologues as a part of the presentation. You will be responsible for memorizing your monologue, 2 rehearsals, and the performance.

The performance for “Mary, Did You Know?” will be on Sunday evening, December 4th. I look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus in such an exciting manner with you.

*In His Service,  
Traci Nissley*



# Missions

Missions met on Monday, July 25 and had a great meeting. Anne Davis reported on the Food Pantry and as is typical; our numbers being served this time of year is down as expected. She did say that we have not had any local food drives so all of the food is coming strictly from purchases and the price of food continues to climb.... which this means we get less and less for our dollars...it's getting harder to make the donation dollars stretch. We will be asking you to participate in SOUPER SUNDAYS OF AUGUST. Just bring Hearty Soups to church any Sunday in August....we're going to have a friendly competition...by the section of the church you usually sit in...tune in for more details!

The Missions line item budget for 2011 is thirty thousand dollars. We are please to report we have collected approx 2/3 of this great pledge and are on target for the “financial blessings” to our commitments. We thank this congregation for your generous gifts...we know you give above and beyond and God sees this and will take this an bless and multiply it you can be assured.

A few upcoming events:

Mission Sunday and Shoebox Sunday will be November 13 - this will be a great time for us to celebrate our commitment to and involvement in Missions.

JOY IN HOPE mission trip to Haiti - October

Birthday Party for Jesus - December 11

*Missions Committee*



## Nursery Volunteers:

8:30	Sunday School	11:00
Aug 7		
Becky Austin 473-5694	Lisa Fry 475-1717	Christine Walker 473-4788
Aug 14		
Catie Fauth 216-6273	Jackie Hart 473-6579	Amy Dixon 473-1605
Aug 21		
Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Paula Donaghy 480-1844	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595
Aug 28		
Kristy Wescott 473-5648	Valerie Wright 473-1094	Martha Howell 475-1117

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

The church nursery can always use volunteers! If you are not on the schedule, but would like to volunteer in the nursery ministry, please give me a call!

*Erica Burkhart 252-423-0989*



*Thanks*

TRACY & MOUNT OLIVET,

We just want to tell you how much we enjoyed being with you Saturday. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness shown to us in so many ways throughout our stay. You were a blessing to us as you ministered to our hearts by your deeds. I pray God will bless each of you in a very special way.

Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we continue to follow the path God has laid before us.

*Love,  
Right Turn, (C. T. & Teresa, Ray, David, Nathan & Phillip)  
Keep in touch!*

*Reminder!*



## Burkhart Homecoming

The Burkharts would like to say thank you for your support over the last year after the loss of our home to fire. Please celebrate with us as we move into our new home!

Everyone is welcome!

What: A cookout/open house **in your honor**.  
Come by, eat, and check out our new home!

When: August 6, 2011 1pm-7pm (rain or shine)

Where: The Burkharts' 7114 HWY 64 Manns Harbor

**Please no gifts – this is our chance to say thanks to you!!**

*Heath, Erica and Waylon*



## AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Maxine Thomasson, Chair: Valerie Wheeler,  
Jennifer Phillips, Helaire Webster

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

## AUGUST GREETER

Nettie Midgett

*Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-2774*

## AUGUST USHERS

8:30 a.m.  
Lee and Lynn Tugwell

11 a.m.  
Charles and Joyce  
Edwards

*Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-2774*

## Communion Stewards

8:30  
Paul & Melinda Creef  
Paula Donaghy & Lynda Midgett

11:00  
Bill & Margaret Daniels

Thank you volunteers for all you do to serve HIM

*Worship Chair: Edna Black  
473-5348*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Charlotte Dixon, Erick Henry, Janice Lucero,  
Chip Phillips
- 3 Courtney Lynn Hathaway, Babs Meekins
- 5 Lawson Lee, Solomon Mills, Brent Williams
- 6 Ben Gallop, Toni K. Perrone, Joanne Williams
- 7 Cathryn Daniels, Sarah Gallop,  
Elizabeth Hopkins
- 8 Sissy Campbell, H. A. Creef, Jr.,  
Larry Franklin
- 9 Ana Nicole Brent, Parker Gregory,  
Reda Midgett
- 10 Todd Kretschmar, Beverly Lafferty,  
Bill Ruffin, Jackie Shannon
- 11 Pam Adkisson, Mary Jo Matthews,  
Edison Midgett, Angell Wescott
- 12 Parker Midgett, Bruce Allen Walker
- 13 June Bell, Lance Culpepper
- 15 Jeffrey Garrison, Edward Lee Mann,  
Alice McChesney, Jeffrey McLemore
- 16 Amy Elizabeth Dixon
- 17 Kathryn Holton Stewart
- 19 Trenton Rogers, Brennan Wescott
- 20 Alexandra Marland, Susan Holton Rogers,  
Lee Tugwell
- 22 Tina Phronjia Bradley, Scott Finicum,  
Glen Hopkins, Reuben E. Payne,  
David White
- 23 Joe Lafferty, Sarah Meekins, Cam Sellers,  
Thomas Tillett, Angela Twiford
- 24 James Brady Daniels, Pam Jones,  
Mackenzie Ulmer-Meekins
- 25 Kevin Brinkley, Butch Harrison,  
Adrian Pitts, Gabe Walker
- 26 John Burk, Terra Osmon, Addy Tedrick
- 28 Katherine Hopkins, Tyler Pendry,  
Kathryn Snead, Darnell Tillett
- 30 Jennifer Anderson, Sharon Collins,  
Nancy Ferrantina, Nancy Murray
- 31 James Boyd, Ali Sampson



An anniversary  
 IS A TIME TO  
 celebrate the  
 days of today  
 The memories of  
 Yesterday and  
 The hopes of  
 tomorrow. ♥♥

# AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Pat & Carroll Harrell - 46 yrs.
- 2 John & Loretta Fertal - 42 yrs
- 2 Jim & Nancy Gmitter - 42 yrs.
- 2 Stuart & Ramona Wescott - 41 yrs.
- 3 Jep & Carol Adams - 37 yrs.
- 3 Brandon & Stacey Gregory - 9 yrs.
- 3 Bill & Caroline Kechsull - 15 yrs.
- 3 Tucker & Christine Walker - 15 yrs.
- 4 Steve & Martha Howell - 31 yrs.
- 6 Heath & Erica Burkhart - 6 yrs.
- 7 Tom & Bettie Blanchard - 30 yrs.
- 7 Dan & Katherine Bottjen - 13 yrs.
- 7 Terry & Kathryn Gore - 1 yr.
- 7 Mike & Emily Wilson - 7 yrs.
- 8 Carl & Ann Payne - 24 yrs.
- 9 Chip & Jen Phillips - 14 yrs.
- 10 Edgar & Michele Barnes - 26 yrs.
- 10 Kevin & Stephanie Phillips - 15 yrs.
- 11 Dick & Peggy Parker - 38 yrs.
- 15 Bill & Caroline Pearce - 41 yrs.
- 15 Bob & Flossie Tugwell - 41 yrs.
- 16 Jerry & Michele Cribb - 31 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Kathy Seawell - 41 yrs.
- 19 Erick & Susan Henry - 16 yrs.
- 19 Jeff & Peg Landreth - 39 yrs.
- 24 Gene & Peggy Snead - 53 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Rita Shearin - 34 yrs.
- 27 Todd & Lindsey Davis - 6 yrs.
- 28 Mark & Gloria Spence - 40 yrs.

# Children's Ministry

Most families see August as a "New Year". With school coming up and a full list of activities on the horizon, families begin working hard on prioritizing. They take into consideration what worked last year and what didn't. They focus on the developmental and social needs of their children. Sometimes it's difficult because there are an abundance of choices in the community, the school, and the church that are offered to your children for enrichment, making it hard to choose what meets your needs.

Today I read Matthew 25:14-30, the parable about the master who gives coins for the servants to invest, and saw it in a different light. Two servants are careful how they invest the money from the master. But, then there was one who took his coins and buried them. The master yelled at him, calling him a "wicked and lazy servant" for he did nothing with his God-given abilities. The others used their talents to invest wisely. For the first time today, I realized it was not about the abilities that come naturally to me, but more about the responsibility to foster the abilities and care for the gifts God has given me to invest in His kingdom. Even something as simple as cleaning my house (which I am not gifted in), should be done joyfully, because I must care for the blessing that is my home that the Lord has given to me.

So what does that have to do with your children's fall schedule? We, as Christians, are raising our children to be a Christians, to grow strong in God's word, to be strong enough to guard their hearts (Proverbs 4:23), and to just know the difference between Biblical right and wrong compared to what the world deems wrong. Invest wisely in your child. Work with your children and talk to them about how their activities contribute to their spiritual development and other developmental needs. Teach them how to invest their abilities and care for their blessings. If church programs are not meeting your child's needs talk to me or the pastor.

**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.

**WE NEED HELP!** Volunteer and be a huge influence in the spiritual growth of the little ones- Call Jan at 473-2089 ext.25 or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**S.U.R.G.E** (3rd-5th grade ministry)- Meets every Sunday at 6pm for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship in Fellowship Hall A.

**S.U.R.G.E Family Busch Gardens Trip**- Saturday, August 6th- This is a special trip for SURGE family members. Please call Jan Culpepper for details.

**IWANNA FAITH Leader Meeting** August 31st from 10am-11am in Room 207 (upstairs).

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - ANGEL WARS** (in the style of Star Wars) AUGUST 12th 6pm-9pm - PNO is open to all children from birth to 5th grade. PNO is only \$5 per child and includes pizza, movie, and an awesome time with and great message! VeggieTales movie will be offered for younger children. Registration forms online and on the children's bulletin board.

**IWANNA FAITH** – Starts September 7th- REGISTER TODAY

Wednesdays 2:45- 4:30 (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!

Be a part of IWANNA FAITH and the Spiritual growth of your child; BE A VOLUNTEER. Remember children learn by example.

Contact Jan Culpepper at 252-473-2089 ext.25 with any questions.

**HIS TROOP starts September 13th - REGISTER TODAY**

(Tuesdays 4pm-5:30pm) His Troop is a drama development class that is offered to 2nd-5th graders. This class will use fun games and techniques to help children work on skills such as character, development, improv, stage direction, projection, and other theatrical skills. More than anything children will learn how to be disciples by using their talents and the Word of God to disciple to others through the creative arts. The drama troop will be preparing for the Christmas play. Open to 2nd-5th graders.

*Jan Culpepper*



## Youth

Dear All,

What we are trying to do here is cultivate a family.

This is to say that God has impressed upon me the distinct purpose of forming a Christian family amongst the youth of Manteo and the greater Dare County area who will thereby serve one another with a sacrificial love, depend on one another with urgency and desperation, and then extend the most radical hospitality to those outside our family so that they may in turn be extended the invitation to enter our ranks. It is my deep hope that we as a student ministry, we as a family, will bear faithful witness to a lost and broken world of the love, peace, and joy found in Jesus Christ, alone. Hence, I pine for your prayers as we take upon this great task.

Yes, we are growing in number. Our Middle School ministry is booming in size and vibrancy. Our High School ministry is reforming as we have had consistent participation in Tuesday night meetings. This will continue into the fall as we shall seek the distinction between our Middle and High School ministries in effort to meet the various needs of such various ages.

This is all good and well, but numbers are not what I am interested in. Indeed, it would be a lie to say that I am disinterested in reaching as many students with the gospel of Jesus Christ as possible. It would be dishonest to say that I have not been making diligent efforts for the growth of our ministry. Be this understood, make no mistake, it is not length but depth that I am trying to cultivate. The youth group of Mt. Olivet UMC takes upon itself the business of making disciples. And this is a business that takes time, a foundation that is not easy to pour. Hence, we shall continue to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to go about our errands as our Lord sees fit.

Yes, we are growing and will continue to grow; however, the real work and the real fruits shall be made evident in the lives of the students as they draw closer in their commitments and affections towards Jesus Christ. May this be the success that we all hope for.

*Yours in Christ,  
Bert Snyder IV-Assistant Minister  
and Director of Student Ministries*



## Farewell from Laura!



This summer has flown by; I feel like I've just arrived, but all of a sudden the weeks have melted away and it's time to go back to school. Ten weeks is long enough to fall in love with a place and its people, and so it feels like too short a time to spend here.

I'm grateful beyond words to have had the opportunity to learn from y'all this summer. Though the work has been difficult at times, I have loved pretty much every second of it, from Sunday morning worship to Methodist Men's meetings to chilling at the Fish House. Thank you for accepting me, a Midwestern shoobie, into your church, for teaching me about the ocean, and for introducing me to delicious seafood. Thank you for teaching me how to pray, and for walking with me as I figure out how to lead worship and to preach. Thank you for your hospitality, especially the Shaffers, who gave up a whole floor of their house for me this summer. Most of all, thank you for telling me your stories, and for including me in the story of your church family.

I have also been blessed this summer by the mentorship and friendship of Pastor Jerry and Michele Cribb, Asst. Pastor Bert, Jan, Aletia, Traci and Kevin, Jean, and Richard. Each of these people has taught me invaluable lessons about ministry, which I would explicate further if I were not embarrassingly late in submitting this article to (the very gracious) Ms. Bonnie Strawser. Suffice it to say that I am awed by their wisdom, faith, and selflessness.

One of the best activities in the world is to watch people who genuinely love what they do as they go about their "work." This congregation is in love with Jesus and with the work of bringing others into relationship with him. Your eyes light up when you see other members of Mt. Olivet, and it's obvious that you are truly a family. And you are raising a new generation of kids who love the Lord and genuinely care for one another. I am sad to leave Mt. Olivet, but your excitement and your love are infectious, and I can't help but be excited to learn more about ministry as I continue my own journey.

*Laura Wilson*