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“For they are well instructed:
their God teaches. Isaiah
28:26

Over the past few weeks, I
have observed farmers and
gardeners preparing their
fields and plots of land for the
upcoming growing season.
Fields are being plowed and
plots of land are being tilled
getting ready to plant the

seeds that will hopefully produce a great harvest. In
many cases, what the land produces provides all or
most of the income a family needs to survive the year
ahead.

For the farmer or gardener, a great deal of thought
and planning has gone into what, when, and where
for the ideal planting. One cannot just scatter seeds at
will in any place or time and expect a fruitful harvest.
Land that has been laying dormant since the fall of the
year before has to be broken up by means of plowing
or tilling to give the scattered seed every opportunity
to take root and grow. Various tools are used at
different phases of the planting process based on the
knowledge and wisdom of the planter.

The scripture from Isaiah listed above reminds us
of the one doing the work in the lives of human
beings. Just as the farmer or gardener knows the best
processes for gaining the most fruitful harvest, God
knows how to instruct and teach those whom he loves
to accomplish His will on earth so that we too might
produce an abundant harvest. We must be patient and
trust that Jesus, the one who died and rose for us,
guides and directs our paths. That is the promise that
we are called to trust and believe.

Grace and Peace
Jerry

Prayer Walk!

Area churches will again join together for a
Community Prayer Walk on Thursday, May 12 at 5:30
PM. Please meet at Cartwright Park on Sir Walter
Raleigh Street in Manteo. Wear comfortable shoes,
and if you have a T-shirt from a previous walk, you
may want to wear that, as no new shirts are being
ordered for this walk. A van will be available for
those who prefer to ride. Please join with us as we
seek God's guidance, mercy, and transforming power
in our community!

For more info: Lynn Tugwell 473-1338 or tugwell@charter.net



Training our children up in the way they should go....
The children are Keeli Harrison, Ebony Orgsbon,
Thomas Orgsbon, Caleb Goudy, and Kiersten Hart.



Of course, both pictures show preparation for the
harvest, eh?



MISSIONS CORNER

Missions wishes to thank our church family and our Easter guests for the donations made to our Lenten/Easter offering this year. We know we are always asking you for money for one good cause or twenty...so we are very grateful to those of you who contributed your gifts to The LIFEBOAT FOOD PANTRY in Salvo; The MERCI CENTER and of course to JOY in HOPE - the orphanage in Haiti.

Did you notice we thanked you for your gifts and not your tithes? This was no error...if you have pledged or even just given to Missions - then you realize that Missions is not part of our Church operating budget but an opportunity for you to give your gifts....those things that exceed your tithe...the “extras!” When we join a congregation of the United Methodist we make a covenant to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Your gifts are most appreciated, and we are grateful to you for the confidence you have in your Missions committee.

We encourage you to keep giving to our Committee at Mount Olivet but also to venture out in your own version of “Missions!” Perhaps you want to plug into something that needs attention in our community...there are many local opportunities to be involved in Missions that don’t even require money. Our Food Pantry needs volunteers and often it is simply once per month. Outer Banks Community Care Clinic needs doctors and nurses to volunteer their time for a very limited commitment and again; generally only once per month. Dare Challenge is in great need of volunteers to come whenever you can to help sort and stock at their Thrift Store; and we are sure there are many other opportunities to be part of Missions all over the place. So what are you waiting for? Get involved today and you will find Missions to be a true blessing that is so satisfying!

Missions Committee

Nursery Volunteers:

8:30	Sunday School	11:00
May 1		
Becky Austin 473-5694	Lisa Fry 475-1717	Christine Walker 473-4788
May 8		
Jackie Hart 473-6579	Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Amy Dixon 473-1605
May 15		
Stacy Gregory 475-1545	Paula Donaghy 480-1844	Lynette Crews 473-3295
May 22		
Catie Fauth 216-6273	Dotsy Davis 473-3995	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

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 Burkhardt 252-423-0989



SFC Allen Harris (son-in-law of Don and Dianne Jones) was kind enough to visit a MES classroom while he and his family were staying with Don and Dianne, on leave from the Army National Guard. The students in this picture had written cards & letters to Allen while he was stationed in Afghanistan.

Music

The month of April was filled with many musical and dramatic arts where God was lifted high. Within the realm of Mount Olivet Music Ministry, we had the opportunity and privilege to join Jerry Cribb for revival down in Salvo. We had an exciting time worshipping God through song. Also, on Palm Sunday we were able to share with the church congregation a mini-musical for each service. In the first service Resounding Praise, Change (youth praise team), His Troop (3rd-5th grade drama group), and the Worship Signing Choir shared praise through song for Jesus Christ our risen Lord and King. In the second service the Chancel Choir, His Troop, Handbells, Clarinet Ensemble, and Children's Choir enjoyed sharing their praise for Jesus Christ through song. Once again I am truly thankful to be a part of a church willing to share and support worshipping God in a variety of ways.

Not only did members of our church share the talent God gave them by ministering to Mount Olivet or through Mount Olivet, but we had a number of people who joined community choirs this Easter. There were some who sung in the community choir led by Peggy Daniels. The community choir presented a fabulous Easter cantata Palm Sunday evening. God blessed not only those singing, but those in the congregation as well. Also, we had a few who sung with the Concert Chorale of the Outer Banks. They also presented a couple of wonderful concerts during April.

We must also remember those who shared in serving God through dramatic arts. We had 13 men who presented the Living Lord's Supper. Once again this was a very moving presentation presented on Maundy Thursday. During the Good Friday service, Josh Horne delivered a powerful monologue from the thief hung on the cross next to Jesus.

In an Article written by Dr. Roland Chia in The Christian Post, he reminded us that "a Christian Theology of the arts must insist that the art do serve a higher purpose: God. Art is never only for art's sake. It is for God's sake. Art should never be self-indulgent, or self-giving. True art should always seek to glorify God!"

The showing of Christ's word in our lives is to be filled with thanks for all God has done for us in Christ and to encourage on another to give our lives to Him as Lord. Singing and drama are an expression of that in a very fundamental human way. There are only a few ways to express our relationship with others. We can speak, read, write, gesture, or we can sing. I want to thank all who expressed their thanks for all God has done and encouraged people to give their life to Him through song and drama during April. Thank you for serving not only our church, but all God's children throughout the community.

*In His Service,
Traci Nissley*

Worship

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Maxine Thomasson, Chair: Kathryn Bottjen,
Janice O'Neal, Rita Shaffer, Celia Meekins

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

Communion Stewards

8:30	11:00
Carl & Anne Payne	Larry & Toni
Bobby & Deloris Harrell	Franklin

Co-Chairs: Charlie and Helen Petty

MAY GREETER - Nettie Midgett

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-7023

MAY USHERS

8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Paula & Stanley Oliver	Lynda Midgett

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-7023

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

Worship Chair: Edna Black 473-5348

Nannie Midgett Circle

Members met with Karen King and enjoyed a most interesting program given by Denise Goodale concerning her ministry in Haiti as well as that of her daughter and family. Several donations were made toward the sea glass necklaces she makes, for which donations go to help Haiti families. After a break with refreshments, a short business session was held and Janice Tillett closed our meeting with an Easter devotion using words from Max Lacado.

The circle contributed \$155 to Hands of Hope. Representatives from this cancer service group were guests at our last meeting.

Members will be serving the Monday Night Live students on May 2. Cookbook pre-sale is going very well. You can still get yours up until May 15. Remember, these will make good Christmas gifts in December. We also need more recipes!!!

You can also have the name of your loved one put in the cookbook for \$5.00; you just need to list the name, whether it is in memory or honor of and submit it with your check made out to Mount Olivet UMC memo Cookbook(s) and give it to Peggy Snead or Jean Basnight by May 15.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Reha Otte on May 16 at 7:30 P.M. with guest speaker, Carol Adams. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Peggy Snead



With Spring now upon us and Summer right around the corner, our youth are definitely picking up momentum in their activities. Schedules are jammed packed with sports, finding that summer job, cramming for tests, driver education, and some are even preparing for graduation. Yet, with all this, we were still blessed to have our youth come out and join us in serving the Lenten Dinner Fellowship on April 13. Thank you for the food, time, and service at this ministry.

As we prepare for more service opportunities and look forward to summer activities, we would like to welcome Bert Snyder, who will begin his work with the UMYF on May 15. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us in the coming months.

Also on May 15 will be Youth Sunday. Please come and be blessed as our youth lead the 8:30 Contemporary service and 11:00 Traditional service.

Youth breakfasts are still in full swing each Thursday morning from 7-7:40 am. This is a great time to invite your friends for great food and fellowship. If any youth or adult would like to share a word, devotion, or testimony please contact Michele Barnes.

Thank you for all that each of you have contributed to Mount Olivet UMYF. Please continue to uplift these young people and leaders in your prayers in the days and months to come.

Upcoming Dates: Youth Sunday, May 15; Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner, May 21 Scholarship Sunday, May 22.

1 Timothy 4:12 (New International Version)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Welcome Home, BERT!!

*We're all thankful
you're back!*

*THE UNITED METHODIST
RETIREMENT HOMES, INC.
MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING*

Mother's Day has become important to the United Methodist family of the North Carolina Annual Conference as caring persons in all 12 districts combine efforts to assist retirement community residents whose financial resources have been depleted. The Mother's Day Offering provides an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a "more abundant life" for residents who need financial support.

Each year the United Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. Mother's Day offering raises funds to provide Benevolent Care to those residents within our retirement communities whose resources have been depleted. We thank you, in advance, for any donation to this Mother's Day fund.

ROOM IN THE INN, OUTER BANKS, NC

Dear Members of Mount Olivet,

It is with deep gratitude that I start this letter. Your support and kindness and generosity provide such encouragement and help to Room in the Inn. Your love offering of \$300.00 is very much appreciated. We have been getting phones and minutes for our guests which help them stay in contact with employers and potential employers. Many are housed and working and some have moved to other areas where job opportunities are better.

The hospitality, shelter and meals and caring concern you provide at the fish House does much to help our guests strengthen their belief in themselves and move toward independence and self-sufficiency.

Thank you so much for being such wonderful innkeepers.
YOU ARE SUPER!!

*Sincerely,
Gail Leonard, Program Coordinator*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Bodyworx Vacation Bible School will be June 27th thru July 1st from 9 am to 12 noon. It is open to ages 4 yrs. for those who have completed 5th grade.

It's hard to believe, but VBS is just around the corner. Believe it or not, it is less than 2 months away, and I can tell you our volunteers are already in high gear. Behind the scenes the new Bodyworx VBS is all the buzz and we are so amazed how God has blessed already. All the main teaching roles, worship leaders, and directors positions have been filled.

This year Kristy Wescott will be our VBS Coordinator and Brandy Foreman will be our VBS Preschool Director. I would like to thank God for filling these roles and I would like to thank the volunteers for following God's call and serving Him in this ministry. There are still many more roles to fill. In past years we have needed close to 50 volunteers to get it all done. That means that we need you!! We all have spiritual gifts and God gave us these gifts to fulfill His work. Last year, we ministered to over 185 children. This is one of the largest children's outreach ministries on the island. According to Nazarene Church Research, 85% of Christians are saved before they are 14. Think of what an impact this VBS can in their lives; in building up the body of Christ, in transforming families, and in transforming a community. There is so much God can do when we come together and share His Word. What better gift can we give a child than the Word of God and the opportunity to know Christ as their Savior?

VBS Meetings are May 4th and 25th in the church library at 7pm. Volunteers still needed for time before and during VBS. Daycare will be provided for volunteers from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm during the week of VBS.

If you are unable to be here the week of VBS we could still use your help preparing and following up.

S.U.R.G.E. - is our 3rd-5th grade ministry that meets on Sunday nights at 6pm for Bible Study. Also thank you to all who participated in the Hosea House Bake Sale. We raised over \$375!!!

SURGE will have an end-of-the-year Pool Party June 4th from 12pm-2pm. Call for details and what snacks you can sign up for.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children from preschool to fifth grade will enjoy learning the Bible in a way they can relate. Children's Church will be offered during the 8:30am and 11:00am services and held in the upstairs in the Sunday School rooms.

There are two classes: Lil' K – 3-4 year olds and KIDMO- Kindergarten – Fifth grade.

SAVE THE DATES-

Bodyworx Vacation Bible School- June 27th-July 1st 9am-noon Ages 4yrs. - 5th grades

Creations Art Camp- August 1st-5th 8:30am-2:30pm \$50 per child - For Children who have completed 1st -5th grade

We are currently looking for volunteers for both camps. If you are interested call 473-2089 ext.29. If you are unable to be there for the week of the camps, but would still like to help there is A LOT of behind the scenes work to be done.

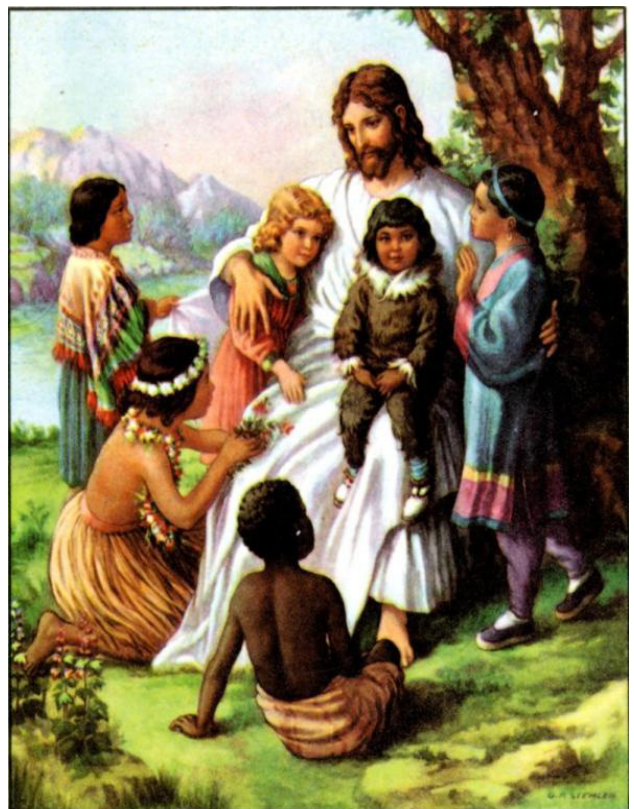
Jan Culpepper, Director of Children

Nursery Volunteer Drive

The nursery is in need of volunteers to serve along side our nursery employees. If you are willing to serve, please contact Erica Burkhart with your preference of service - 8:30, Sunday School or 11:00 (or special services).

Email: acirems@hotmail.com; Cell: 252/423-0989

*Thank you for your service,
Erica Burkhart, Nursery Coordinator*



Matthew 18:3

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

May Birthdays



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jep Adams, Jay Burrus, Arvin Midgett, Wally Sprague
- 2 David Buckalew, Laura Horne, John Pearce
- 3 Charlene Heroux
- 4 Margaret Fearing, Stacey Gregory, Andrew Wescott
- 5 Jane Phillips, Joe Zoll
- 6 Kelsey Watts
- 7 Sarah McClearn, Argent Spake
- 8 Noah Adams
- 9 George Beaton, Leslie Lafferty, Ted Martin, Annah Petty, Ashlee Nicole Walker
- 10 Todd Daniels, Nettie Midgett, Patti Morgan, Paul Schleizer
- 11 James Fauth, Marjalene Thomas
- 13 Les Austin, Craig Fearing
- 14 Courtney Daniels, Melva Garrison, James Miller, Sean Rock, Uriah Sheetz
- 16 Aletia Goudy, Amy Snell, Bob Tugwell
- 17 Alan Q. Bell, Bill Pearce
- 18 Alex Etheridge, Whitney Gallop
- 19 Jack Basnight, Kevin Phillips, Daniel Tugwell
- 20 Summer Bell, Kenneth Brown, Jr., Jasmin Gibbs
- 21 Bobby Harrell
- 22 Hallie Hunt
- 23 Amy Etheridge, Tina Hadley, Morgan Midgett
- 24 Garrett Basnight, Ralph Jones, Jr., Windy Rose, Adeline Trevino
- 25 Camryn DiLeonardo, Pam McClure
- 26 Jennifer Erpelding, Alex White, Lauren Whitfield
- 27 Jerry Cribb, Johnny Farrow, Pat Harrell, Horace Midgett, Jr., Kimberly Susan Moore
- 28 Britney Anderson, Kadie Midgett
- 29 Bernie Austin, Jr., Susan Henry
- 30 Robert Heroux, Abbey Reibel
- 31 Kevin Dozier, Mike Glover, Stanley Oliver, Scott Snead, Della Whitt, Jenna Rose Zottoli

- 1 Arvin & Lynda F. Midgett - 47 yrs.
- 1 Kevin & Traci Nissley - 12 yrs.
- 1 Roy & Louise Gray - 46 yrs.
- 3 Tony & Beth Wilcox - 8 yrs.
- 4 Ben & Holly Presgrave - 10 yrs.
- 5 Jackie & Shirley Shannon - 54 yrs.
- 6 George & Lib Miller - 50 yrs.
- 9 Rufus & Jerri Hopkins - 52 yrs.
- 10 Buddy & Cathy Boyce - 14 yrs.
- 11 Jerald & Darlene Craddock - 27 yrs.
- 15 Tom & Colleen Blanchard - 7 yrs.
- 15 Jimmie & Wynne Hopkins - 12 yrs.
- 16 Ezra & Lesa Fauth - 27 yrs.
- 17 Skip & Charlotte Dixon - 42 yrs.
- 17 Terry & Valerie Wheeler - 31 yrs.
- 18 Miguel & Katherine Gomez - 9 yrs.
- 20 Richard & Jane Wright - 19 yrs.
- 21 Glen & Katherine Hopkins - 28 yrs.
- 22 Kevin & Millicent Duprey - 12 yrs.
- 23 Bill & Janet Zottoli - 24 yrs.
- 25 John & Sharon Collins - 43 yrs.
- 27 Ray & Ginger Midgett - 33 yrs.
- 27 David & Betty Parker - 44 yrs.
- 28 Van & Anna Barrett Smith - 17 yrs.
- 31 Jed & Amy Dixon - 8 yrs.

