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*Giving
Thanks!*

"Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God."
Deuteronomy 8:11

Each year during the season of Thanksgiving a beautiful cornucopia with a variety of fruits and nuts and flowers that are products of a great harvest are placed on the altar. This array of decorations, display a traditional Thanksgiving horn of plenty that symbolizes all the great things God has provided for us.

The scripture written above reminded the children of Israel and also teaches us that we are to remember how much God has provided for us. Giving thanks and praising God are ways that we worship and tell God "thank you" for his grace and mercy that is freely given to all and reflects God's blessing upon His earthly kingdom.

The celebration of Thanksgiving causes us to pause, reflect and honor a God who loves so much that He was willing to send His Son Jesus into world. When we give thanks, we do not forget! We remember, appreciate and continue to seek God's blessings in our lives each day. We have a lot to be thankful for! Let us exclaim that joy in ways that honor God and others.

*Grace & peace
Jerry*

*Support the S.U.R.G.E.
CAR WASH and BAKE SALE
on October 29 at ECB from
9am til noon!*

It's All About Missions...

Instead of just one Sunday to celebrate Missions at Mount Olivet, we will be celebrating the whole month of November! We have so much to celebrate that we can barely do it all in a month!

On Nov 6 we will be celebrating our blessings in and through the Food Pantry. We hope everyone that comes to church this Sunday will bring at least one can of soup, or one can of Chicken, or one can of Stew. This goes al long way in keeping our Pantry stocked. We hope you all know that our Food Pantry is a vital part of our outreach ministry and such a blessing to our community.

Nov 13 - We will welcome our missionary friends who have served in Japan faithfully for over 30 years; Bob and Hazel Terhune. We will also dedicate our Shoeboxes that arrive this day.

Nov 20 - We are hoping to have some testimonies from our own congregation to share of their mission experiences as well as dedicate the rest of our shoeboxes for delivery around the world.

Nov 27 - We will have more testimonies and a time of Thanksgiving for all the ways God has used us during this year to be his hands and feet.

Missions Committee

Wanted:

Co-chairs for the 125th Anniversary Celebration

If you are willing to chair or co-chair the committee to plan the 125th anniversary celebration, please contact the pastor!

*Remember the Bazaar -
November 6, 2011*

SHOE BOX TIME!!



Once again Mount Olivet has the privilege to partner with SAMARITAN'S PURSE through OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. This is a fun event that we look forward to each

year. We simply fill shoeboxes with small gifts and candy, and SAMARITAN'S PURSE sends them to Children around the world. We hope to be able to send 200 Shoeboxes from Mount Olivet this year.

Please stay tuned to your bulletin for more information, as well as a display in the Educational building. If you cannot fill a box, then perhaps you can donate money toward the transportation of the boxes. We have many of the children in the IWANNA Program who like to fill the boxes but do not have the \$\$ for shipping. We can all have a part in this wonderful outreach.

We will be collecting boxes on Sunday, November 13 and Sunday, November 20 and praying over them that God's love will be apparent and lives will be saved.

Do you ever wonder if the boxes get to children and how they are received? Here are a few facts and testimonials.....we hope you are blessed.

Did you know? The first Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts were distributed in Romania in 1990, by founder Dave Cooke. Samaritan's Purse took over the project in 1993. Since then, 4,403,021 children have been blessed by your generosity

- in the PHILIPPINES: A local pastor reported, "Our evangelism before was very slow, but when the OCC program was conducted there was a great number of children. There was only 15 children before, but now there are more than 100 attending. Their parents are willing to help in building the Fellowship Center every Sunday. They also bring their friends, kin and neighbors to the church fellowship. Praise the Lord for His blessing through OCC, they learned about God and His Word."

- in PARAGUAY: "My name is Marcos, I'm 13-years-old. This year I received a great gift. First, I received the boxed gift full of sweet presents, and second I received Jesus as my Savior. It is great to know He died for me and for all my sins so that I may have a clean heart. I am

so thankful for the person that sent the box, but overall, I am thankful for the lessons sent [OCC discipleship program, now called The Greatest Journey], which have taught me a lot."

- in PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Volunteers and staff reported that since 2005, Operation Christmas Child distributions have had a direct, powerful impact in the country. Because of shoe box distributions, 18 churches have been planted; 22 small fellowships have started; 11 existing churches have had significant growth; wells were dug in 11 villages; 7 medical and nutrition programs were started; and 3 children's ministries and 2 prep schools were started.

Missions Committee



Nursery

Nursery Volunteers:

8:30	Sunday School	11:00
Nov 6 Jackie Hart 473-6579	Nancy Austin 473-2389	Amy Dixon 473-1605
Nov 13 Stacy Gregory 475-1545	Paula Donaghy 480-1844	Lynette Crews 473-3295
Nov 20 Joyce Edwards 473-3845	Dotsy Davis 473-3995	Jennifer Phillips 473-526
Nov 27 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.

The church nursery can always use volunteers, but in December, we especially need your help! Please consider covering the nursery during a Holiday service? Please give me a call if you can fill in??

Erica Burkhardt 252-423-0989

Celebrating 125 Years....



1887 Under the leadership of the Reverend Joseph G. Lennon, a Methodist circuit rider, a small group of residents set out to establish a church in Manteo. They purchased a parcel of land, "one half acre more or less," in May, 1887, for \$26.50, and that fall constructed a 32x40 feet wooden church for \$1,500. The church was a one room structure with a steeple, a vestibule, and two small rooms beside the sanctuary.

2012 We are celebrating In May, 2012, the 125th anniversary of the ministry that these 11 people stepped out in faith to begin at Mount Olivet. We have tentatively set a date culminating this celebration at a homecoming May 6th next year. A committee needs to be formed to begin gathering ideas for activities, and we would very much appreciate anyone that would serve or chair this committee. Planning needs to begin in the next few weeks because of our many church activities.

Volunteers have already scanned over 1,000 pages of church documents and photos, some of which will be used for the celebration, but more importantly to preserve our church history. There are periods of time at the church with few, if any, photos. If you have anything at home that shows church functions, through photos or old papers pertaining to the church, we'd like the opportunity to scan the documents for safekeeping. This can be done at your convenience, either by leaving the document for scanning, waiting at church during scanning, or our scanning at your home. Anything with a past minister's picture at a wedding, baptism, or in the church is especially important so we can fill in numerous gaps. Now that most photos are digital, it is even easier to copy these. Remember what happens today becomes tomorrow's history.

Feel free to contact us to be on the committee or if you have any church history photos or documents.

Larry or Toni Franklin at 473-6321. History Committee

*Become a part of
Mt Olivet UMC History!*

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Bettie Blanchard, Chair: June Bell, Charlotte Dixon, Angie Sellers

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

NOVEMBER GREETER

Margaret Gutshall

NOVEMBER USHERS

8:30 a.m.

Stuart and Ramona Wescott

11 a.m.

Lynda Midgett
& Larry Gutshall

*Chair: Lynda Midgett
473-7023*

NOVEMBER COMMUNION STEWARDS

8:30

Chris and Kathy Seawell, Melinda Long, and Bonnie Strawser

11:00

To be determined

*Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Thank you volunteers for all you do to serve HIM

*Worship Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Nannie Midgett Circle

Circle members are busy with plans for feeding the Monday Night Alive students, helping Bethany UMC with the Disaster Recovery Center located at the old Griggs store, making final plans for the Bazaar on November 5, and supporting the upcoming directory pictures by volunteering as hostesses. We will meet at the home of Wanda Daniels, 145 Rogers Road on November 21 for our Thanksgiving program. All are welcome.

Peggy Snead



Haiti Mission Trip

By the time you read this, I will be finishing up my week in Haiti or already home. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the love, support, and prayers you have offered up on my behalf and behalf of the work I will be doing in Haiti.

I thank God daily for the Body of Christ. I am grateful He has planted me here with you. I cannot wait to see what He plans for this mission trip. I know it will be amazing.

I covet your continued prayers for our team, the Mangine family, and the Haitian people. Please pray that He will use our team as His instruments and that we will do His will. Our goal is to be His hands and feet and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I am humbled to be afforded the opportunity to have this experience, and I can't wait to share it with you when I return!

Bonnie Strawser

ANNUAL DISTRICT LAITY WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be hosted by Edenton United Methodist Church on November 13th at 3:00 pm. Two workshop topics may be chosen to attend; topics include:

- “Christian Formation: Sunday School & Beyond”
– Steve Taylor,
- “Programming for Older Adult Ministries”
– Juanita Staples,
- “Reaching Out Through Children & Youth Ministries” – Rev. Susie Fitch-Slater,
- “The Role of Staff/Parish Committee in Strengthening Your Church’s Ministry & Outreach” – Rev. Richard Stone,
- “Vision Casting for 21st Century Ministry & Outreach” – Rev. Larry Bowden.

The “Nuts & Bolts for Church Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, & Finance Committees” – Conference treasurer, Christine Dodson is a double session and will not be repeated.

Dear All,

I wish to write to you with regard to Monday night dinner at my place.

Monday nights at my place have grown very dear to my heart. Though it be my day off, I look forward to making preparations to host 20 juniors and seniors in my home-cooking, laughing, preaching, followed by the dreaded “cleanup.” Yes, cleaning up after a dinner party of 20, especially considering that the invitees are all teenagers (many of them football players) is daunting. Even so, I trust this is storing up rooms of treasures in heaven for me! HA!

All kidding aside, I cannot aptly illustrate the significance of this time for me. The reason for the creation and cultivation of this time is due to the fact that, across the board, the junior and senior age context is the exact age where we lose the majority of our youth. The driver’s license, the sports, the significant others, the social pressures-these all contribute to a growing apathy towards the things of the church and the things of God.

Hence, I think it incredibly necessary to journey to great lengths in order to reach the youth in this context. You will remember that Jesus left the 99 to go seek the 1. So, I suppose I am engaged in something of the sort. And by the grace of God, we are reaching these-sometimes hard to find and prone to wander-sheep. And I love it.

So, I ask you to continue to pray for this ministry as our greatest intention is to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with these students, that they may be transformed in a way that attracts and moves those who live in darkness to come towards the light.

*Yours in Christ,
Bert IV*

*Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday November 20th 7 pm at
Faith Baptist Church*



Did you know that Mount Olivet has over 100 persons who have been on the WALK TO EMMAUS?

This is a real blessing to each of us as well as to our church and community. Why then is it that when it comes to Emmaus events, we have around 4-10 people from our church participating?

Our next Gathering will be Nov 12 at 6:30 pm, and it will be right here in MANTEO...at Manteo Baptist! Please show your support for the Emmaus of the Albemarle community by attending and fellowshiping with other pilgrims for this event.

Please be in prayer too for people that you might sponsor or that you might team. Currently, we have eliminated the Beach Walk for Women due to lack of applications, and none of our walks recently have been full. Our community has gotten so large that we feel like there are enough "other people" to do the work of the community...but that translates into fewer pilgrim applications, fewer people teaming and certainly fewer attending Gatherings. Won't you put Emmaus Activities on your list of priorities? The community would appreciate your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness... just like our oath when we join the United Methodist Church.

DECOLORES!



PICTORIAL MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORY - Olan Mills

Don't forget to sign up!

Scheduled Dates and times:

November 14, 15 & 16 (2:00 pm - 9:20 pm)

November 25th (2:00 pm - 9:20 pm)

November 26th (9:30 am - 5:10 pm)

November 28th (2:00 pm - 9:20 pm)



happy anniversary

- 1 Les & Beckie Austin - 4 yrs.
- 1 R. D. & Kay Sawyer - 35 yrs.
- 3 Wally & Joan Sprague - 49 yrs.
- 4 Bill & Ina Ernst - 5 yrs.
- 8 Rob & Michelle Petty - 8 yrs.
- 11 Mac & Mary Basnight - 16 yrs.
- 11 Randy & Martha Haberstumpf - 12 yrs.
- 13 Jim & Anne Davis - 49 yrs.
- 15 Michael & Donna Steiner - 8 yrs.
- 16 Paul & Melissa Rock - 25 yrs.
- 18 Charles & Dorothy Henderson - 16 yrs.
- 18 Brian & Charlotte White - 16 yrs.
- 22 Ralph & Pam Jones - 40 yrs.
- 22 Todd & Kristy Kretschmar - 8 yrs.
- 22 Jonathan & Leslie Reed - 16 yrs.
- 23 Mark & Jennifer Gamiel - 15 yrs.
- 24 Jay & Kathy Burrus - 32 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Dee Wheeler - 62 yrs.
- 27 Jon & Donna Presgrave - 47 yrs.

BAZAAR BAKE SALE

Can you help?

The Bake Sale Co-Chairpersons are Ramona Wescott (473-3604) and Joyce Etheridge (473-2022). This year when you bring your bake sale items to the Bazaar, could you also include a card with the list of ingredients and your name. (This would help people who have food allergies). Please indicate on the form below what items you will be bringing to the Bake Sale and return to Ramona, Joyce or the Church office. Along with sweets, homemade preserves, pickles, salsa and breads are also popular. Items should be delivered by 8:30 on Saturday, November 5th. You can drop your items off on Friday afternoon, November 4th. Thank you.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

ITEM(S) I CAN MAKE, BAKE OR COOK FOR THE BAKE SALE: _____



The JOY STORE is right around the corner and as usual we need the help of everyone in our congregation. This year thanks to Hurricane Irene we had widespread devastation throughout our county. We hope to be able to be a blessing to many of the folks directly affected by this through our JOY STORE this year. Christmas is a time of great celebration within a family and it is the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus....so what a great time of year to share the love of Jesus as we lighten the burden of the Christmas season for many families.

The AFTER THANKSGIVING SALES are a great time to get more for your money. We hope you will cut this shopping list out and shop for some of these things as you are out shopping for your family. If you cannot shop and want to be part of this unique and wonderful outreach of our church then you know we graciously accept monetary donations as well.

It is our desire to be able to coordinate with the Disaster Recovery Center for this year's JOY STORE.

SANTA'S LIST for the JOY Store

- ___ bicycles
- ___ tricycles
- ___ barbies
- ___ tonka trucks
- ___ board games
- ___ legos
- ___ crayola discovery sets
- ___ dolls
- ___ basketballs
- ___ footballs
- ___ soccer balls
- ___ ladies robes
- ___ make- up sets
- ___ tool sets for men
- ___ Car washing set
- ___ PJ's for children
- ___ preschool games & toys
- ___ coffee makers, blenders
or small kitchen appliances

*Family Movie Night-
November 11th*

6pm-8pm

Pizza, table games, and a meaningful movie =ONE GREAT NIGHT!!! Take the night off! We will pop the popcorn and give you your choice of movies. Time Changer is for pre-teens to adults. The movie uses time travel to show the lead character the dangers of teaching morality independent from Christianity.

For the kids we will be showing The Perfect Gift, a funny & heartwarming story about how the discipleship and Christ like actions of one man can help a community see the real meaning of Christmas.



Time Changer

2002 PG 99 minutes

Nineteenth-century Bible professor Russell Carlisle's (D. David Morin) new book, which asserts that morality can be taught independent of Christianity, is soon to be published. But a devout colleague (Gavin MacLeod) believes that what Carlisle has written will seriously affect the morals of future generations. To prove his theory, he sends Carlisle more than 100 years into the future, offering him a glimpse of where his writing will lead.

Cast: D. David Morin, Gavin MacLeod, Hal Linden, Jennifer O'Neill, Paul Rodriguez, Richard Riehle, John Valdetero, Dan Campbell, Evan Ellingson, Crystal Robbins, Patty MacLeod

Director: Rich Christiano

Children and Family Ministries

Car Wash & Bake Sale to help Hurricane victims in Hatteras - Oct.29th at East Carolina Bank

SURGE students will be washing cars and selling homemade baked goods to raise money for those in Hatteras who were hit by Hurricane Irene. Please come and support these kids as they work hard to help support the community.

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, snack, and fellowship in Room 207.

S.U.R.G.E Bowling Trip Monday 21st. Times, & cost TBA.

There will be NO SURGE on Sundays in December due to church activities.

SURGE will meet in December for a mission project and party; please check your bulletins for updated information.

IWANNA FAITH -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!

No IWANNA November 23rd- Happy Thanksgiving!!

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

*Jan Culpepper,
Director of Children and Family Ministries*

SIGN UP FOR PROMISE TREE

Please explain your promises below and return to Katherine, Jean or Church office. If you have any questions, please call Katheine Bottjen (473-2719) or Jean Payne (473-3079).

Name _____
Phone _____

ITEM(S) I CAN MAKE, BAKE OR DO FOR THE PROMISE TREE:

BAZAAR. 2011

Saturday, November 5 is fast approaching. Remember----- there is a place for everyone to volunteer in an area you prefer. There will also be a chance for you to help the week of the Bazaar. Louise Gray, chairman of the White Elephant Sale, will need volunteer to help price items. The White Elephant Sale will be held in the Fish House.

All the Chairpersons have been busy getting things organized. You will find Bake Sale and Promise Tree forms elsewhere in the newsletter. The forms will also be inserted in Sunday's Bulletins. Please fill out and turn into the office or call Chairpersons.

If you have items to donate to Yard Sale or White Elephant Sale, you may call one of us for pick-up. If something is donated that we feel can be used at the Hurricane Recovery Center we will call them and deliver the item. A big thank you to those of you who have already donated to the Bazaar.

Lynda Midgett and Sandra Sawyer, along with their helpers, will be serving/selling homemade soups, Brunswick Stew, different salads, and other lunch items. Come early for best selections!

The Craft Ladies have lots of new, unique and lovely items. Some of our men have also made some wooden and carved items for the craft room. They have all been so busy. Make sure to stop by the Craft Room at the Bazaar.

Penny Williams (473-3271), Chairperson of Ladies Boutique, is looking for "New or Nearly New" ladies clothing (men's, too). Donations may be dropped by the Church or call one of us for pick-up.

Although we lost some of our cuttings during Hurricane Irene, we still have plants to sell a for the Plant Sale. If you have plants, please get them to the Church on Friday, November 4th.

Toni Franklin, Chairperson (473-6321).

Also Marcia Danchise and her Helpers have acquired several original paintings, gift certificates, serving dishes, cottage week, and many more items for the Silent Auction. The Auction is always a lot of fun!

We hope to see everyone at the Bazaar. It is a time of fun and fellowship and getting to know

New friends while enjoying old friends as well! With your prayers and support, we can have another successful Bazaar!

Thank you

*Paula Oliver (473-2944)
Kathy Seawell (473-2056)*