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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

Websters Dictionary describes treasure as 1) accumulated or stored wealth, especially in the form of money, precious metals, jewels. 2) any person or thing considered very valuable, to store away or save up for future use: to hoard.

I have been talking with many folks who have been affected by the recent hurricane that we call Irene. This particular one hit the Outer Banks with devastating forces that brought down trees, cut power lines, caused wind damage and brought flood waters in to many homes and business. In my conversation with one particular person they realized that the things he wanted hang on to and that he thought was so important was laying on the side of the road because it had been contaminated by flood waters.

Jesus reminds us in this passage that the only place we are to lay up treasures is in His storage containers and not our own. In the next few weeks you will be hearing about the ministries of Mount Olivet UMC. Our church shows a lot of compassion and outreach to our community. In God's eyes it is the souls of human beings that are important that is why God sent his son Jesus to give his life for all of humanity.

Many of you see and participate in the ministries our church provides through many dedicated laity and staff. Would you consider doing all that you can to assist in catching up our budget and pray about your pledge for next year. Your resources if given with the right heart will accomplish great rewards in our Lord's kingdom.

Grace & peace
Pastor Jerry

Larry or Toni Franklin at 473-6321. History Committee

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.

Become a part of Mt Olivet UMC History!

Music Ministry

ANSY (A New Song Young), with Friendship International, will be here October 6th – 9th to share with us their European Encounter. It will be a weekend of celebration with them as we celebrate through food, fellowship, testimony, and song. I hope you will be able to join us for at least one of the following programs.

- Thursday, October 6th, at 6:30 pm ANSY has invited Romanian Chef to come and prepare authentic European cuisine for us to enjoy in our fellowship hall. They will be dressed in their cultural costumes while sharing songs and testimonies as we enjoy some wonderful food. The church staff are selling tickets for the dinner event. \$10/Adults (12 and older) \$6/children (ages 5-11) and Children under 4 are FREE.
- Friday, October 7th, at 7:00 pm ANSY will be hosting a young adult night. There will be games, European snacks, door prizes, and time of fellowship in the style of how the ANSY members do in their home country. This event is FREE.
- Saturday, October 8th, at 2:00 pm the ANSY ladies will be hosting a tea for ladies of all ages. They will be making homemade pastries to go with their tea. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Again, the ladies will be sharing testimonies, songs, and their culture with us. Please see the church office or Traci Nissley to sign up for the event
- Sunday, October 9th, ANSY will be participating in both morning services. They will be sharing in songs.
- Sunday, October 9th, we will be having a church wide fellowship potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. This fellowship dinner will be lieu of the church wide picnic. Following the dinner will be a service led by ANSY and Friendship International at 6:00 pm.

All the costs for these events go to Friendship International to cover the cost of food, door prizes, and traveling expenses. I hope you will be able to join us and I hope you will invite a person to join you. The testimonies shared will be encouraging as well as seed planting. So, invite your friend, neighbor, gas attendant, or anyone you come across with. Reach out to the students in the community who are from another country and take this opportunity to get to know them. Come listen to ANSY and hear what God is doing around the world!

*In His Service,
Traci Nissley*



BAZAAR UPDATE

Only one month till the 2011 Bazaar! Committee chairmen are gearing up and getting things organized! REMEMBER.....there is a place for everyone to volunteer in an area you prefer.

There is a sign up board in the Narthex or you may contact the chairpersons or Paula Oliver or Kathy Seawell.

If you have items to donate for the Yard Sale or White Elephant Sale you may call Janice Tillett (473-3644) or 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.

The Craft Ladies are meeting weekly for crafty fun and fellowship. No experience needed.

Come join them on Thursdays at the Church. For those “crafting” at home, thank you. We also hope some of our talented men will make some wooden, carved, painted or whatever you are good at making. We would appreciate your help. Mary Jo Matthews(423-0960) and Dianne Jones (473-6562).

Although some of the cuttings got “washed away” by Hurricane Irene, we will still have some plants to sell at the Plant Sale. If you have plants, please get them to the church on Friday, November 4th. Thank you. Toni Franklin, Chairperson. (473-6321).

Lynda Midgett and Sandra Sawyer are again heading up the Kitchen/Lunch. They will be selling

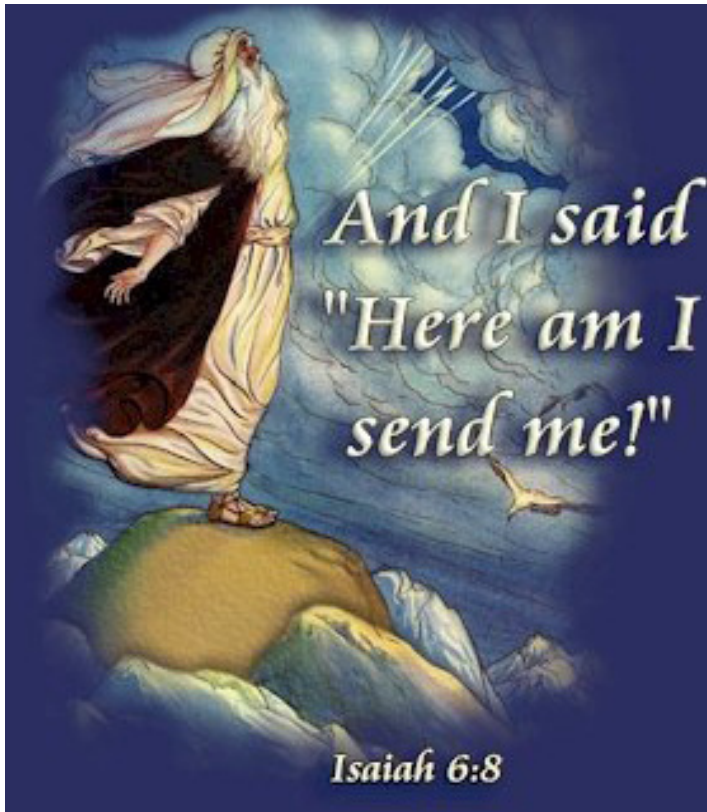
Homemade soups, Brunswick Stew, different salads, and other lunch items --eat in and take out. Come early for best selections, They will also need lots of helpers!

Penny Williams, (473-3271) Chairperson of the Ladies Boutique, is looking for “New or Nearly New” ladies clothing. Donations can be dropped by church or call one of us.

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 the help of everyone, we can have another successful Bazaar!

Thank you

Paula Oliver. (473-2944) & Kathy Seawell. (473-2056)



Missions

Some think "MISSIONS" is just a missionary in a foreign country sharing the Bible with natives in their own language. Some think Missions is being the hands and feet of Christ in a crisis or tragedy or natural disaster to those in need. Others think it is providing food for the hungry, or shelter for the homeless. Thankfully, folks at Mount Olivet know all of the above is accurate and add the definition that it is providing the JOY of Christ to those who may be in need for WHATEVER reason in the form of furniture for a single mom, a safe alternative to Secular Prom Night activities, lunch to teenagers at a local camp learning to put the needs of others ahead of their own, Christian satellite TV to underground Christians in predominately Muslim countries, or Christmas toys to children all over the world or local.

How can you be a missionary? We all have the opportunity to be missionaries.....locally, there are needs for volunteers for work teams helping out on Hatteras Island, Stumpy Point, KDH, etc. There are needs for volunteers to help out in the disaster center located at the Old Griggs Lumber location near TL's. Our Food Pantry needs daily volunteers and/or financial and food donations to help meet the growing needs of our neighbors. Interfaith is always in need of volunteers. On behalf of the Church congregation, our Missions committee oversees giving of approximately \$45,000 that is spent 1/3 nationally, 1/3 locally, and 1/3 internationally.....you could pledge to MOUNT OLIVET MISSIONS as we partner with many groups and organizations who are out in the field expanding the harvest for Christ. Some can give time and talents; some can give financial support and some can do both..... Where do you fit in this equation?

No need to ask HOW.....just step up and say HERE AM I.....SEND ME! God WILL use you!

Missions Committee



OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Barbara Brown, Chair: Nancy Gmitter, Michele Cribb, Pam Harrison, Cheryl Byrum

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

OCTOBER GREETER

Rita Shaffer

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-7023

OCTOBER USHERS

8:30 A.M. 11 A.M.

Don & Diane Jones Dan & Reha Otte

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-7023

OCTOBER COMMUNION STEWARDS

8:30 A.M. 11 A.M.

Johnny & Sherry Wescott Punk & Wanda
Suzanne & Bill Godley Daniels

Chair: Edna Black 473-5348

Thank you volunteers for all you do to serve HIM

Worship Chair: Edna Black 473-5348

NANNIE MIDGETT CIRCLE

Twenty two members and two guests met at the home of Janice O'Neal on September 19 and enjoyed Assistant Minister Bert Snyder's message on the Book of Esther. Several signed up as volunteers to help at the Disaster Recovery Center (the old Griggs) in whatever way needed. Monday Night Live will begin in October and we will continue our support for that program.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED COOKBOOKS!!! Sales have been great!! In three months you have helped us raise sufficient funds to completely pay off our debt. All proceeds from sale of cookbooks can now be used for various local mission projects.

On October 17, we will meet at the home of Toni Franklin, 178 Scarboro Creek Drive, Manteo, at 7:30 P.M. Mark your calendar and join us.

Peggy Snead



Last Call-Diapers for Haiti

Because I can only fit about 500 diapers in the luggage I am allowed to take, we have a bit of a reprieve on half of the diaper “goal” of 1000 diapers. I plan to complete the project after the October mission trip and send the other 500 diapers with future teams....

But, with Irene and western fires, it has been difficult to get even the 500 diapers I need for this trip prepared. I have tons of T-shirts (though not 1000 yet- so we still need donations!) that are already cut and ready to be sewn into diapers. It’s a simply process - PLEASE consider spending an hour or two sewing diapers for Haitian babies?

I’ll bring you the pre-cut T-shirts, and I’ll provide complete instructions! It’s quick and easy! Please give me a call at 252-423-0815 or email me at bstraw01@embarqmail.com if you can help!

Bonnie Strawser



Dare Challenge Needs YOU!

It’s BELK CHARITY DAYS NOV 5th and Dare Challenge will benefit directly from this event.

Please see Marcia Danchise, Sandra Sawyer or Aletia Goudy in the Church office and purchase a \$5 off coupon. The cost is \$5...so how is this a deal? Well, DARE CHALLENGE get 100% of your \$5 for purchasing and you get the coupon good for \$5 off Nov 5th AND you get to take advantage of great discounts Belks is offering.... you can get a jump on your Christmas shopping! The Sale begins at 6 am and Belk cash cards will be given out to the first 100 customers. If you cannot shop at Belk that day (because you will be attending or working at the Bazaar) then you can shop Oct 30-31 and reserve your merchandise. The men of Dare Challenge will be there too and will be offering a Bake Sale that day as well!

Help out a great ministry and get in on the Sale at Belk too!



Dear All,

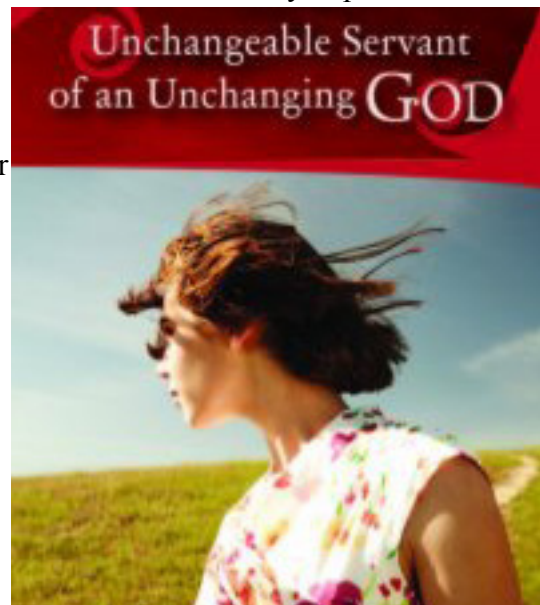
In this life, I have noticed two constants. The first is change. We live in a world that is ever-changing, morphing, growing, shrinking. Indeed, so says the Word of God: for everything there is a season. “Flowers fade, the fruits of summer fade and are as changing as the sea...” In light of this first constant comes the second, the One who does not change. There is the One who is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the one who was, is and always will be forever more-the one who is immutable and impassable. This is God.

So, I suppose in light of the later constant, we are able to embrace the former. Yes, if our feet are cemented firmly to the Rock, the One who does not change amidst a sea of change, then we shall surely be able to endure and remain strong through the ebb and the flow of the tides of change, the wind, the rain—all forms of the Tempest.

With regard to these two constants, I write to you of the unchanging and the changing in our Youth Group. We are in the midst of a season of change and construction. I, as the youth pastor, and I, as a member of a much larger and greater team of servants, are assessing and modifying our ministry paradigm, trajectory, and structure that we may better serve those whom the Lord leads into our fold.

Yes, change is happening and shall continue; however, our goal does not change. Time and again I write to you and speak to you that what we are trying to do here is to cultivate a family - a family whose fidelity and solidarity rest firmly cemented to the unchanging One. In a world of seasons, I believe this to be our only hope.

Vernon Gilbert
Snyder IV
M.Div “Bert”
Assistant Pastor
Mt. Olivet
UMC
252-412-0107



Silent Auction. -- Bazaar

We have all heard that Mount Olivet is gearing up for another Bazaar in November, and this means another Silent Auction that can only be as wonderful as the items we get to offer and the bidders that come and purchase. Last Auction, there was a great deal of interest in the paintings that were done by members of our congregation....some professional and some hidden talents....I know that Chris Seawell and I had a "lively battle" for a certain Marsh painting by Sally Scarborough....Chris, of course, won but not without my making a strong showing.

Anyway, the Silent Auction needs your help! If you paint or do any kind of art and would like to donate something your talents have produced; I can assure you it will be most appreciated. If you own a restaurant or business and would be willing to donate items and/or gift certificates - these are GREAT ITEMS for our Auction and a great way for you to get tax deductions for your generous gifts.

Now if you'd just like to help out with the Auction and all that implies.....well this is PRICELESS!

You simply need to call me in the evenings, and let me know! I will put you to work and you will love it! My number is 473.2656. I will look forward to hearing from the gift bearers and the workers and rememberif you don't call ... I WILL call you!

Marcia Danchise



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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Irvin & Mary Aldridge - 29 yrs.
5	Shelton & Linda Ott - 20 yrs.
5	Jamie & Abbey Reibel - 15 yrs.
7	Bryan & Jenna Erpelding - 11 yrs.
10	Joshua & Laura Horne - 1 yr.
10	Jamie & Corrina Wescott - 13 yrs.
12	Tom & Lynette Crews - 26 yrs.
12	Mark & Christine Skinner - 15 yrs.
15	Scott & Dawn Buckalew - 28 yrs.
15	Dave & Sandy Holobaugh - 47 yrs.
17	Paul & Pat Lester -30 yrs.
18	Quentin & June Bell - 31 yrs.
18	George & Linda Cheeseman - 36 yrs.
20	Kevin & Kimberly Jo Combs-10 yrs.
20	Hughes & Janice Tillett - 53 yrs.
24	Paul & Whitney Tine -13 yrs.
30	Jay & Renee Austin - 20 yrs.
30	Bobby & Deloris Harrell - 28 yrs.
30	Donald & Dianne Jones - 35 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: _____

Nursery Volunteers:

8:30 Sunday School 11:00
 Oct 2
 Brianna Payne Liz Brown Valerie Wheeler
 473-2290 473-5595

Oct 9
 Denise Trevino Pam Harrison Brandy Foreman
 305-8210 473-1414 473-3186

Oct 16
 Ann Payne Doris Weatherly Kathy Seawell
 473-2290 473-5067 473-2056

Oct 23
 Wendie Paramore Millicent Duprey Wynn Hopkins
 216-6626 473-6079 475-1006

Oct 30
 Becky Austin Lsa Fry Christine Walker
 473-5694 475-1717 473-4788

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 November and 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 Burkhart 252-423-0989



Note: Ron Kasey were recently married and asked for gifts to UMCOR in lieu of traditional wedding gifts.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Two years ago, I had the opportunity to serve you as an excited student about to begin my theological training. I remember how excited I was to "show off" my girlfriend, Kasey, to you.

You have affirmed both of our vocations and supported us in our relationship. We cannot thank you enough for your very generous donation to UMCOR.

I pray the Holy Spirit will use that to feed the hungry. Also know that you, Mt Olivet, and the rest of the OBX have been in our prayers since Irene. Manteo is a very special place for both me and Kasey.

We love you all and can hardly wait to visit soon. You are a church that shines the light of Christ, the best lighthouse on the OBX.

Love, Ron Deaton 7



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Randy Hodges, Jacob Williams, David Woody
- 2 Quentin Bell, Charlene Dever,
Sarah Burrus Dozier, Jimmy Wescott,
Teddy Wescott
- 3 Mary Temple Mullis
- 4 Toni Franklin, Louise Gray, Kay Sawyer
- 5 Sandy C. Basnight, Hailey Rock,
Tiffany Vrablic
- 6 Deborah Baum, Ernestine Hall, Will Harrison
- 7 Bonny Bonner, Matthew Cabana,
Elizabeth Lafferty, Abigail Mae Rose,
Billy Seawell
- 8 Charles D. Evans, Lesa Fauth, Wally McCown,
Georgeanna Wescott, John Wyse
- 9 Davis Austin, Liz Brown, Teri Carmichael,
Lisa Davis, Len Gaskill
- 10 Skip Dixon, Sam Horne, Paul Midgett,
Elizabeth Waters
- 11 Kate Demina, Abigail Rose Fauth,
Griffin Grover, Ryan Paul Heroux,
Alex Tine
- 12 Roy Phillips, Sr., Chris Seawell,
Jonathan Thomas
- 13 Madison Keschull, Liz Myron, Becky Serine,
Jack Tine
- 14 Kim Combs, Tom Edwards, Kevin Lee,
Cydney Marland, Lib Miller,
Robin Sawyer
- 15 Sandy Atkinson, Heath Burkhart,
Sherry Wescott
- 16 Joshua Cheesman, Larry Gutshall,
Katia McClure, Betty Parker
- 17 Emily Gmitter, Martha Pitts, Dennis Rose
- 18 E. W. Gray, Beth Wilcox
- 19 Bevin Barnes, Will Brown, Lisa Fry
- 20 Jack Burrus, Michael Swithers
- 21 Steven Gibbs, Nancy Marty, Troy Sluder,
Michael Steiner
- 22 Pat Cheesman, Ronnie Meekins
- 24 Steve Gwaltney
- 25 Deloris Harrell, Dave Holobaugh,
Linda McCown
- 26 Zack Clawson, Fisher Midgett,
Rebecca Morrill, John Shannon,
Marietta Hooper Trainor
- 27 John Parker, Jr.
- 28 Brandy Foreman
- 29 Lee Swain
- 30 Dock Sawyer, Allison Snapp
- 31 Misty Burke, Spencer Gray Johnson,
Megan Murray, Shirley Shannon,
Cole Spencer