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I will declare your name to my brethren in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. Psalm 22:22

Well, it is that time of year again! Teachers, parents, and students (and retailers) are preparing for the back- to-school experience. It is amazing the amount of time, energy and money that we spend making sure that our children will be well prepared. Everywhere you go, you see encouragement to get started on the "right foot". We have the opportunity for a new and fresh beginning.

Recently, I read about a church promoting a "Back-to-Church" campaign. It made me think. What if we, as a church, put the same amount of time, effort and resources into inviting those whom we know to begin a fresh start spiritually? We could invite our friends who are unchurched, or those we know who come sporadically or who may have fallen away from any church completely.

Let us as the body of Christ invite everyone to a Back to Church experience the whole month of September. Who knows, if we pray for them and then invite they just might say yes. If that happens the heavenly host of heaven will rejoice and the whole assembly will be blessed.

*Grace and Peace
Jerry*



*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!



PORTRAIT STUDIOS

PICTORIAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

OLAN MILLS will be working with us this year to update our directory. At this time the following dates have been scheduled to have your family portraits taken, so start working on your wardrobe and saving your money for Christmas gifts.

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)



Music Ministry

September is an exciting time for me. In September, school is in full swing, ensembles are meeting regularly again, and friends, who were for a short while scattered, get to be reunited once more. September is also an opportunity to create new friends and start new interests. If you have thought about joining a musical ensemble, now is a fantastic time to start. The focus of this fall will be on Christmas presentations and different outreach opportunities through music. I will list briefly a reminder of the different opportunities offered for music ministries at Mount Olivet.

Resounding Praise – Rehearses on Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, and serves in leading worship through song at the early service on Sunday mornings.

Chancel Choir – Rehearses on Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, and serves in leading worship through song at the late service on Sunday mornings.

Children's Choir – 3years old – 5th grade children, rehearses on Sundays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, and will be performing the musical, ChristMyth Busters, at the Birthday Party for Jesus.

Change (the Youth Praise Team) – Rehearses on Sundays, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, and serves in leading the worship through song at the early service the third Sunday morning of the month.

Handbells – Rehearses on Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. We will begin on September 8th. We will be providing special music for Sunday morning worship one Sunday this fall as well as playing for Christmas.

Orchestra – Rehearsing on Mondays, 6:00 – 6:45 pm. We will be accompanying the adult Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 4th, 6:00 pm.

Worship Signing Choir – Rehearses on Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. This choir sings through their hands praises to God. They will be assisting in Sunday morning worship as well as the Christmas Cantata.



I look forward to seeing old friends as well as making new ones this fall.



Please come and join us!

On Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00 pm, Resounding Praise and Chancel Choir have been invited to kick off Moyock United Methodist's "Music and Message" series. We covet your prayers and support for this ministry opportunity.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00 pm. We will be hosting the music group, **A New Song Young**. They are a music group with the mission organization, Friendship International. The young people in this ensemble are from Eastern Europe, mostly Hungary, Romania, and Scotland. I need 6 households who would be willing to host two people overnight. Your responsibilities will include: 1) supporting them with prayer, 2) provide a place for them to sleep, 3) feed them breakfast the next morning, and 4) pack a bag lunch for them to take with them. Please let me know if you are willing and capable to help house some members of **A New Song Young**.

*In His Service,
Traci Nissley*





Nursery Volunteers:

8:30	Sunday School	11:00
Sept 4		
Charlotte White	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Pam Stemmerich 489-1126
Sept 11		
Joyce Edwards	Ginger Midgett 473-3854	Melva Garrison 473-3399
Sept 18		
Sara Farrow	Rita Shaffer 473-6630	Brandy Foreman 473-3186
Sept 25		
Melinda Creef	Dotsy Davis 473-2345	Lynette Crews 473-3295

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



NANNIE MIDGETT

CIRCLE NEWS

We will meet on September 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Janice O'Neal, 125 Gareth Circle, Manteo. Co-host is Sharon Collins and Director of Youth Ministries Bert Snyder, will be our guest speaker. We look forward to having all members present and welcome any new members. We will discuss our projects for the next year along with enjoying good fellowship and a great message from Bert. So, mark your calendar and join us.

Peggy Snead



happy anniversary

- 1 Reuben & Jean Payne - 17 yrs.
- 5 Cam & Angie Sellers - 30. yrs.
- 15 Charles & Joyce Edwrds - 27 yrs.
- 15 Mike & Jen Meekins - 4 yrs.
- 15 Dougie & Julie Tillett - 21 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Christine Basnight - 32 yrs.
- 20 Malcolm & Susan Fearing - 31 yrs.
- 23 Will & Sandy Atkinson - 27 yrs.
- 25 Pat & Misty Burke - 12 yrs.



SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Maureen Thompson, Chair. Rose Skinner, Anne Davis, Flossie Tugwell and Karen Phillips

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

SEPTEMBER GREETER

Lynda Midgett

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-2774

SEPTEMBER USHERS

8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

John & Cherie Wescott Steve & Martha Howell

Chair: Lynda Midgett 473-2774

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION STEWARDS

8:30 a.m. Renee and Mike Glover
Erica and Heath Burkhart

11:00 a.m. Toni and Larry Franklin

*Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Thank you volunteers for all you do to serve HIM

Worship Chair: Edna Black 473-5348

Note: If you would be willing to be Communion Stewards or fill in for someone who cannot, please call me. Thank you so much. Edna Black



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Edith Daniels Cox, Amy Combs Hinnant,
Amelia Pitts Rozmus
- 2 Karen Zillifro
- 3 Jerald Craddock
- 4 Flossie Tugwell
- 5 Leigh-Anne Farquharson, Luke Zottoli
- 6 Jerri Hopkins, Frank Osmon
- 7 Frank Adams, Mari Beth LaRose
- 8 Mary Basnight, Brittanie Boone
- 9 Olin Davis, Alden Claire Roberts, Daryl Watts
- 10 Stuart Lee Bell, Wade Dowdy, Rose Skinner,
Donna Wells
- 11 Becca Meekins, Pam Pekrun, Dylan Peter Rock
- 12 Korie Sawyer, Bree Tillett
- 15 Caroline Davis, Brandon Scarborough
Michael Scarborough
- 16 Vicki Holmes, Kayla Martin, Dallas Pendry
Alfie Wheeler, Lee Wise
- 17 Will Atkinson, Grayson Lee Bell, Drew Brown,
Rebekahann Handran, Brodyn Lee Petty,
Kim Snead, Taylor Wells
- 18 Mark Saxon Skinner
- 19 Alexa Bennewitz, Kari Haywood,
Sandy Holobaugh, Kelly Zaytoun
- 20 Ken Daniels, Sarah Presgrave
- 21 Mike Cox, Billy Gard, Cindy Hathaway,
Mike Keller, Melissa Pekrun, Woodard,
Vicki White
- 23 Maureen Thompson
- 24 Mark Brinkley, Dotsy Davis, Jim Gmitter,
Peggy Snead, Whitney Tine, Betsy Via
- 25 Ola Austin, Liz Creef, Jamie Hopkins,
Cassidy Sadler
- 26 Elissa Gray Phillips
- 27 Jake Brown, Pat Burke, Lauren Kay Daniels,
- 27 Kenneth Williams
- 28 Krista Cicalese, Kyle Enochs, George Speake
- 29 Jobie Ellis, Sandra Sawyer
- 30 Michele Cribb, Mary Bartow Houston,

BAZAAR 2011

Can you believe it will soon be time for our 2011 Bazaar!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 to 2:00 for a fun day.

As most of you already know, there is a lot of hard work for several months that leads up to that really busy final day. However, all that "work" generates a lot of good things -- among which are getting to know new members and growing in our friendship with old members and friends. That is why we want to ask as many as we can to volunteer to help out. There are lots of places for everyone to volunteer. In September there will be a list of Chairpersons and work areas posted in the Narthex for volunteer sign up. Be the first to "claim" your spot.

We also need items for the Yard Sale, White Elephant Sale and our Ladies Boutique (gently used or new items). As you "clean out" your closets, cabinets, garages, etc. and need to have your discarded items stored, please call Janice Tillett (473-3644) or one of us. We have a trailer (thanks to Bill Daniels and Manteo Furniture Co.) to store anything your wish to donate.

We're also doing a Plant Sale this year. It will feature houseplants as well as landscaping plants. Now is a great time to begin rooting some cuttings of your favorites to share with us. They will need to be brought to the church on November 4th.

Our Craft Chairpersons and helpers have been busy over the summer. Hope some of our very talented Men will make some wooden, carved, painted or whatever you are good at making. We appreciate their help so much. Shoppers are always looking for special items, like baby blankets, receiving blankets, and sweater sets. If you would like to help or have any ideas for any unique items, please let Mary Jo Matthews or Dianne Jones know.

Keep watching for more information in the newsletter and the church bulletin. With your prayers and your support, we can have another successful Bazaar in 2011.

Bazaar Co-Chairs:

Paula Oliver	Kathy Seawell
473-2944	473-2056
caps@charter.net	k_seawell@yahoo.com

Chairpersons

Bake Sale	Ramona Wescott
Ladies Boutique	Penny Williams
Crafts	Mary Jo Matthew / Dianne Jones
Lunch(Kitchen)	Lynda Midgett and Sandra Sawyer
Plant Sale	Toni Franklin
Promise Tree	Katherine Bottjen and Jean Payne
Silent Auction	Marcia Danchese
White Elephant	Louise Gray and Gloria Seward
Yard Sale	Janice Tillett



Youth Ministry

I spoke with one of my students the other day. She said to me, “You know, people say that you can’t choose who your family is... but in the church, I guess you can. I am glad that this youth group has become my family. It helps me deal with all my stuff at home. “

Indeed, if we are faithfully living as a community who bears faithful witness to the love and fidelity of Jesus Christ, then we are indeed a family, a family who chooses you and that you can choose to be a part of.

Thus, as we now press on into the new season of the academic year, we as a youth group shall not waiver from our mission: to become a family. Therefore, pray for us as we strive to become such a thing. And also, as you are so wooed by the Spirit, come and join us.

Bert IV



To the Congregation of Mt. Olivet,

I am sincerely thankful to you and, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, meals, and support as a result of my rather serious back surgery. I can never thank you enough, and I thank God who truly resides in Mt. Olivet and each of you and who has worked a miracle through you, the surgeon, hospital caretakers, and my friends as I was very close to becoming a paraplegic and have now been spared. Having always prided myself on being independent and self sufficient, I have been truly humbled by this experience and have come to realize that we all cannot go through life and experience its joy without the love and support of others.

*In God’s Grace,
Tom White, Jr.*

Missions

“Love is the root of missions; sacrifice is the fruit of missions” — Roderick Davis

“The Church must send or the church will end.” — Mendell Taylor

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply” — Hudson Taylor

Just a few “Rallying Cheers” to help us get perspective of our role in the Aftermath of Hurricane Irene!

We need to stop being stressed and realize we are BLESSED...we have our lives, and no lives were lost in our community!

Let us focus on the task ahead of us ...let us step up with our financial donations, our time and our energy. Let us get involved in efforts already in place...help fill in the blanks instead of reinventing a tool of outreach. We can rally with Bethany UMC in Wanchese and add manpower to their teams or help the Baptist Men or volunteer for a variety of needs through the Interfaith Community Outreach.

It is the prayer of the Missions Committee that Mount Olivet will step up and be the hands and feet of Jesus in this time of need to our brothers and sisters in our county and throughout Eastern NC. If you wish to donate through the church earmark your donations as Hurricane Irene and 100% of your donation will stay right here and be put to immediate use.

If you wish to donate items, the needs are greatest for the following:

- baby wipes
- baby formula
- Diapers
- mops
- plastic tubs of all sizes
- buckets
- sheets
- towels
- laundry detergent
- bleach
- paper products

We leave you with this....

Some don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care!

Missions Committee



Children's Ministry

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul. 2 I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Four years ago, September 2007, you not only invited me to join the wonderful staff of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, but you invited my family to join the church family. My family and I would like to say thank you. Although I never lose faith that the Lord is in control of my life, I am in awe of how perfectly chosen this home is for my family.

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, snack, and fellowship in Fellowship Hall A.

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- 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
Director of Children*

Support Haiti!

This is the last month to collect items for our October mission trip to Haiti through **Joy In Hope!**

I am very grateful for all the donations, love, prayers, and other types of support received to date. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You guys are amazing!

My plea is for old T-shirts... but I am including a more comprehensive plea on behalf of my team.

If you have items to drop off, or if you wish to support our needs with a monetary donation, you may do so at the church office. Please mark your donations for "Haiti".

I have several volunteers waiting for T-shirts to cut and sew, so please sort through that T-shirt drawer and bring your extras by the church office!

Other Needs in Denise Goodale's note below:

Not too proud to ask -or- "You have not because you ask not."

By now, no doubt you know that we are headed back to Haiti in October. I will be with a team of 9 this time and then staying on for an extra week to visit with my family. When I was a child, my mom would say "Don't go empty handed." I remember that as I travel and try to fill luggage to the maximum allowance. We are bringing down a variety of things this time, and we are excited to ask you to help us fill the bags!

I love alicecom because they have free shipping! So if you buy something for us to take to Haiti, you don't have to spend a lot to make an impact. Using this link will give us a kickback so we can buy more product. When you buy, please have your purchase sent to Denise Goodale, 129 Roanoke Trail, Manteo, NC 27954

<http://www.alice.com/referral/100572CB>

Items on our wish list (use the search function):

- soy formula (any SOY formula POWDER)
- baby diaper traditional (diapers are always needed!)
- Stanley Leather work gloves. 10 pr needed.

We are also collecting: nice kites, good quality white bath towel sets (bath, hand and washcloth), need someone to embroider names on these towels, good quality white sheets (queen and twin), gifts for the children (ages 8 mo.-16 yr) (contact me if you have an idea for this), gifts for the staff.

I know this is a lot, but I also know that people like to know how they can help. If you want to buy any of these items, or you would like to give \$ to help us buy them, we would gladly accept whatever you could give. (from Denise Goodale)

*Trusting that God will provide,
Bonnie Strawser*