



### **Sunday Schedule**

Early Service 8:45 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

Youth 5:00 p.m

### **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday

8 am - 12 pm

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### **Church Staff**

**Pastor** - Neal Jones

**Secretary** - Angie Barnhardt

**Treasurer** - Jim Stowe

**Financial Secretary**

Harriet Hunter

**Organist** - Dana Jarrett

**Choir Director**—Jeremy Flock

**Children's Choir Director**

Donna Childers

**Handbell Choir Director**

Dana Jarrett

**Parish Nurse**

Willie Foster

**Nursery Supervisors**

Rennea Wilmot

Janet Crawford

**Sunday School Superintendent**

Diana Starkey

## **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser January 26th**

immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service  
All proceeds will go to the Food Pantry!

It all began on Jan 26, 2013. My precious and outspoken mother passed away early that a.m. [Now you know from whom I get at least one of my traits.] As the anniversary of this weekend got nearer, I knew I had a choice as to how I handle this. I could continue to dread that weekend or I could do something constructive with my time. Ron suggested we attempt to repay Mount Olivet for the kindness they had shown us over the years we had been there. Now it was time to decide what we would do. There were many ideas but we chose to have a spaghetti dinner. Now where should the money earned be put? I have always felt that the church must be able to pay the electrical bill, the water bill, etc., before any programs could be offered. Thus \$6,300 has been given to the general budget in the 5 years we have done this. This is 100% of the proceeds.

This year we have decided to give the entire amount received to Mount Olivet food pantry. I have witnessed Janet Crawford hand a bag of food to someone that was hungry with the biggest non-judgmental smile. I have experienced her hugs when you donate a bag of food. I have watched her give careful thought as she decides how to spend the church's money wisely.

Ron and I hope that each and every one of you will join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2020 for a spaghetti lunch following the 11 a.m. service.** Ironically it will be the 26th again, but help us to make it a constructive day for the food pantry at Mount Olivet Methodist United Church and feed even more well deserving people. In Christ's Love, Ron and Judy Barnhardt





It's January 2020. A new year. A new decade. We start the year singing, Auld Lang Syne, reminiscing about all of the fond memories of the last year. Truly, there are wonderful memories from the past year that we will treasure forever. We remember our successes.

We remember those loving moments. Of course, there are also those memories we would rather forget; the illnesses, and conflicts, and failures. We walk into the New Year as a mixed bag. But we always walk in with hope. We have hope that those joyful moments will be multiplied. We have hope that those painful moments will not be repeated. With January 1<sup>st</sup>, we get to start over.

That has always seemed a bit odd. It is an arbitrary date that we always celebrate a fresh start around the world. Yet, it's not celebrated by everyone. The Chinese celebrate their fresh start in April. The Jewish New Year falls sometime in September or October, depending on the Gregorian Calendar. Regardless of when you celebrate though, it has the same significance; a new start, a wiping of the slate.

Why this is odd to me is that we have already been given this through Jesus Christ. It is through Christ that we are able to receive grace. It is through Christ that we have a relationship with a God who loves us and celebrates with us in all of our fond memories multiplying our joy. It is through Christ that we have a relationship with a God who carries us through those painful moments dividing the sorrow. It is through the grace of God that we have a fresh start. But this fresh start isn't found only on January 1<sup>st</sup>, or in April, or in the fall, or even at the start of a day. The grace of God is poured out upon us through the Holy Spirit in every moment of our day. Every moment. Which means right now. Right now, is a fresh start. In ten minutes, there will be a fresh start. There were several fresh starts in the time that it took me to type these sentences. God's grace is constant, as are our new beginnings.

We like what a new year symbolizes, but the truth is, we are constantly being made new. Let us rejoice in these new beginnings, not only at the beginning of the year, but every day and every moment. And know, that it is never too late for a new beginning because we are God's and God is always present. Now, what do we do with new beginnings?

Blessings,

Pastor Neal



**Honorariums  
General Budget**

**In Honor of**

Joe & Rachel Untz  
Bill & Ravelle Williams  
Ralph & Dottie Simmons  
Jim Stowe, Rick Rodgers  
Heavenly Hot Dog Team  
Bill & Ravelle Williams  
Susan McKenzie  
Jeremy Flock, Dana Jarrett  
Harriet Hunter  
Rick Rodgers, Betty Christie  
Rennea Wilmot, Glen Howe  
Fran Tiece  
Clarence Horton  
Hot Dog Team  
Pastor Neal Jones  
Harriet Hunter

**Given By**

Glenn & Diane Helms  
Bob & Ann Eudy  
Lynne Royal  
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Eddie & Linda Hathaway  
Eddie & Linda Hathaway  
Harriet Hunter  
Padgett Goodman  
The Shearon Family  
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Sunday School Class 7  
Bill & Ravelle Williams  
Bill & Ravelle Williams  
The Bast Family

**Kenya Team**

**In Honor of**

Rick Rodgers  
Rick & Delinda Rodgers  
Diane Sansing  
Linda Johnson  
Trip & Lisa Rodgers  
Scott & Kristin Rodgers  
Andy & Debbie Rodgers  
Rick & Delinda Rodgers

**Given By**

Larry & Pat Woods  
Nick & Jennifer DiFoggio  
Linda Johnson  
Diane Sansing  
Rick & Delinda Rodgers  
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Rick & Delinda Rodgers  
Bill & Ravelle Williams

**Mischeck**

**In Honor of**

Rick & Delinda Rodgers  
Rick Rodgers

**Given By**

Clarence & Marlene Horton  
Delinda Rodgers

**Memorials  
General Budget**

**In Loving Memory of**

Ray & Payne Helms  
Alonzo & Etta Myers  
Virginia Rodgers  
Jim Goodman, Bob Lee  
J.G. Comer Jr., Bonnie C. Comer

**Given By**

Glenn & Diane Helms  
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Nick & Jennifer DiFoggio  
C. Cline Comer

**Kenya Team**

**In Loving Memory of**

Virginia Rodgers  
Virginia Rodgers

**Given By**

Willa Russell  
Allan & Jane Cecil



**Heavenly Hot Dogs**

**Please come out and support our  
church! Every Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**No Administrative Minutes for November or December.**



**Thanks** be to God to the congregation's generosity toward Faith Comes By Hearing. We are grateful for your gift of \$100. Because of partners like you, we have been able to reach more than 1.2 million service e members and veterans via the Military BibleStick program! Your Servant in Christ, Morgan Jackson, Senior Vice President

**Dear members of Mount Olivet:** My name is Homa Marashi and I work with the NC Division of Services for the Blind. Thank you so much for allowing us to use your wonderful church to hold our Daily Living Skills in order to provide training for the visually-impaired individuals in the community. The staff and member of the church has been so gracious and welcoming, especially Ms. Angie Barnhardt. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you again in the future. Sincerely, Homa Marashi, Independent Living Rehabilitation Counselor

**The Purchasing Card team** has been having trouble with the CVS cards. For right now, we will not be selling the CVS cards. Sorry for the inconvenience!

**Slide Show 2019**

**Sunday, February 16**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Come and see all that has gone on at Mount Olivet during 2019!**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

(Church Office Closed)

No Choir



**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

No Adult Bell Choir

**Friday, January 3, 2020**

**No Heavenly Hot Dogs**

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 Epiphany Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Early Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. UMYF

**Monday, January 6, 2020**

10:30 a.m. K Lee Scott Sharing Group

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing  
10:30 a.m. Undecorate the Christmas Tree  
6:30 p.m. Undecorate the Church

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

**Friday, January 10, 2020**

**10 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dogs**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

8:45 a.m. Early Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**4:00 p.m. Administrative Council**  
5:00 p.m. UMYF

**Monday, January 13, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Trustees

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing  
6:30 p.m. Mt. Olivet UMW

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Choir

**Friday, January 17, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dogs**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

8:45 a.m. Early Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. UMYF

**Monday, January 20, 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

(church office closed)  
6:30 p.m. UMM

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

**Friday, January 24, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dogs**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

8:45 a.m. Early Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Spaghetti Dinner immediately following Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. UMYF

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

**Friday, January 31, 2020**

**10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dogs**



# JANUARY

Birthdays

- 3 Linda Hathaway
- 3 Bethany Hunter
- 5 Maria Bostian
- 6 Leisa Wall
- 6 Karen Allen
- 8 Susan McKenzie
- 8 Donna Brakefield
- 9 Michael Karmanocky
- 10 Nancy Fischbach
- 10 James Litaker
- 11 Carolyn Penninger
- 11 Leslie Dalton
- 12 Charles Triage
- 12 Linda Chewning
- 13 Kelly Lackey
- 13 Suzanne Storch
- 14 Vicki Morris
- 14 Heidi Gerdes
- 16 Jerry Litaker
- 16 Haley Brafford
- 16 Lydia Brafford
- 17 Traci Shoemaker
- 17 Christopher Harris
- 17 Will Zentmeyer
- 18 Carolyn Fink
- 18 Mary Atwell
- 22 Delaine Parker
- 22 Kevin Eagle
- 23 Adriane Warren
- 24 Randy Allmon
- 24 Donna Gerdes
- 25 Alison Hart
- 27 Donna Childers
- 27 Emily Nance
- 29 Renee Karmanocky
- 30 Brenda Benton
- 30 Iris Rhinehardt



## Anniversaries

### January 22

Joe & Vicki Morris

### January 26

Jay & Jennifer Foster

### January 27

Sammy & Gloria Stewart

**Coats from Homeless...** Judy Barnhardt and Debbie Myers are collecting new or gently used coats for the people who come into the Salvation Army Shelter at night with no coats. All sizes needed - children and adults. Please drop off at church behind the Sanctuary or give to Judy or Debbie.

### Help Undecorate The Christmas Decorations

Tuesday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m., please come help undecorate the Christmas tree and/or at 6:30 p.m. help undecorate the church! We really need your help at both times on Tuesday!!

**The Mount Olivet Christmas Card Mailbox**  
Remember to pick up your Christmas cards from the box!

**Dear Mt. Olivet Church Family,** Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! You always come through to help!! Thank You to those of you who donated items for a basket, to those of you who made a basket or baskets, to those of you who came to bid on a basket or baskets!!! A HUGE Thank You to our awesome Hot Dog Crew!! What would we do without Dottie, Ralph, Judy, Ron, and Jim!?!?! We could not have had a successful hot dog dinner without all of you! A HUGE Thank You also to Janet Crawford who shared her awesome talent to help organize, tie, and bow many beautiful baskets!!! Thank You!! Thanks You!! Thank You!! You helped raise money for our Youth to be able to continue their walk with Christ!!! Adriane and Renea



We express Christian Sympathy to the family of Leroy Yates who went to be with the Lord on December 27, 2019. He is Kay Yates' father-in-law. Please pray for the family.

**Please sign up for flowers for Sundays in the blue book today!**

**2020 Pledge Cards** may still be turned in to the office or placed in the offering plate—there are blank ones available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**Mount Olivet Purpose Statement**

Your Spiritual Connection to Jesus Christ

Work-Go into the World as Disciples

Witness-Share the Love of Jesus

Worship-Gather in Praise of God

**Check out these websites:**

[www.mtochurch.com](http://www.mtochurch.com)

[www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org)

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

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