



Sunday Schedule

Early Service 8:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Youth (UMYF) 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8 am – 12 pm

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When I woke up this morning, I was irritated. Yesterday, Mandy said something to me in passing that rubbed me the wrong way. It wasn't significant, it was just irritating. This morning, I realized I still hadn't let it go. As I was doing my morning devotions, I was reading where Jesus told us

to love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. When I moved to another part of my devotions, I read where Henri Nouwen, a famous Christian writer, wrote, "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions." These are the real questions. Jesus, at the exact same time, simplified and complicated God's commandments for us. He simplified them because he brought them from 10, if you just count the commandments God delivered to Moses, or thousands if you count all of the commands throughout the Torah down to 2. Yet, following the law became much more complicated. Traditionally, laws, including those in the Old Testament, are restrictive. You can't murder. You can't commit adultery. You can't have any god above the one true God. You can't eat shrimp or pork. You can't drive 55 in a 35 speed zone. Jesus changed the law. There are only 2, but they aren't restrictive laws, they are active laws. You must love God with everything you have and you must love your neighbor as you love yourself. How easy is it to say, "They murdered. They did wrong. They stole something. They did wrong. They were mean to me. They did wrong?" The old laws were so much easier. Just don't do it. Now, the laws are to love. Mandy said something that I took as mean, and Jesus said for me to love. And now, Henri Nouwen is asking me, "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?" I really wanted to be irritated with Mandy today, but Jesus told me to love. So, I got up from my devotions and I made her coffee. Now, to try to treat the rest of the world... and God... the same way.

Blessings,

Pastor Neal

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



- 1 Kyra Bunn
- 3 Jann Johnson
- 3 Deborah Allmon
- 3 Karen Harris
- 3 Kaiti Earnhardt
- 4 Virginia Rodgers
- 6 Joey Untz
- 6 Jeremy Hathaway
- 7 David Marlow
- 7 Willie Foster
- 7 Terry Johnson
- 8 Cameron Storch
- 9 Michael Brafford
- 9 Jessica Palmer
- 10 Gary Crawford
- 10 Andrew Nance
- 11 Bill Penninger
- 11 Angie Barnhardt
- 13 Roger Myers
- 14 Morgan Boger
- 18 Cameron Watson
- 18 Cameron Rodgers
- 20 Michael Penninger
- 22 Jim Stowe
- 24 Beth McLain
- 24 Jonah McKenzie
- 26 Sue Rutland
- 26 Carley Hunter
- 26 Savannah Hunter
- 27 Hope Beam
- 27 Mackenzie Rodgers
- 27 Bill Williams
- 28 David Sherrill
- 28 Julia Allen
- 29 Phillip Miller
- 30 Ted Davis

Anniversaries

September 4

Mark & Kyra Bunn

September 8

Michael & Jennifer Deese

September 10

David & Beth Burrell

September 16

James & Sherri Perusek

September 20

Gary & Janet Crawford

September 24

Larry & Susan Hathcock

September 26

David & Sue Rutland

Lee & Patty Martin



Heavenly Hot Dogs

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



Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits, supports, and especially your prayers during my recent illness and surgery. These acts of kindness and love will not be forgotten. God Bless, Diane Helms

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers for Zachary last week. It really made him very happy! Teresa Simmons

Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies. This will be a great benefit for the Winecoff teachers and students. Chris Welch

Pastor Neal's Weekly Office Hours & Contact Information

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Tuesdays: 9-12

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Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:45 a.m. Early Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 No UMYF

Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day
(church office closed)

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

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing
 5:00 p.m. UMYF Dinner & Movie at Trinity
 6:00 p.m. Piedmont Singing Men
 6:30 p.m. Ada Dayvault Circle

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 5, 2019

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

Friday, September 6, 2019

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

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:45 a.m. Early Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Kenya Meal immediately following the service
4:00 p.m. Administrative Council
 5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, September 9, 2019

7:00 p.m. Trustees

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing
 6:00 p.m. Piedmont Singing Men
 6:30 p.m. Zenobia Murph Circle

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 12, 2019

6:30 p.m. SPRC
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

Friday, September 13, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dog Sale

Sunday, September 15, 2019

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

Monday, September 16, 2019

6:30 p.m. UMM

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing
 6:00 p.m. Piedmont Singing Men
 7:00 p.m. Care Team

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 19, 2019

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

Friday, September 20, 2019

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

Sunday, September 22, 2019

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

10:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing
 6:00 p.m. Piedmont Singing Men
 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

Friday, September 27, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Heavenly Hot Dog Sale

Sunday, September 29, 2019

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

**Administrative Council Minutes
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church of Concord, Inc.
July 21, 2019**

The Administrative Council met on Sunday, July 21, 2019 with fourteen members attending. Barry Lentz presided. The June 9, 2019 Minutes were reviewed, with a motion for approval made by Jim Stowe, and a second by Ron Barnhardt. Pastor Neal Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

REPORTS

Finance - The Financial Statements from January through June 2019 were distributed and reviewed.

Youth - The Youth will be going on an overnight trip to Carowinds this Wednesday / Thursday, July 24-25, 2019.

United Methodist Men - Barry Lentz is going to check the YoungLife schedule for the possibility of cooking for the group in September.

Hot Dogs - Everyone is enjoying having the month of July off. The Hot Dog Team will return to action on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Nursery - We continue to have three little girls each Sunday, so we are blessed and doing well.

UMW - The UMW needs to meet to discuss making back to school supply bags to be distributed to teachers on the Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday.

Bell Choir - The bell choir will not have rehearsals until September.

Worship Committee - The Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on Sunday, August 25th, and we are looking forward to the Blessing of the Animals in October.

Superintendent of Sunday School - Sunday School numbers are down for the summer. We will be holding a one day Vacation Bible School on August 10th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We had visitors today who are moving here from Colorado.

Local Missions - Samaritan's Feet will be held on Saturday, August 10th; Debbie Myers is organizing this project.

. Mt. Olivet Road Clean-up is every 3rd Saturday in September, December, March, and June at 8 a.m. or 7:30 a./ in the summer. The next date is September 21st, and also December 21st.

- We will register a team for the CROP Hunger Walk in October, which is the biggest fundraiser for CCM.

Lay Leader - Kenya Team Report - Delinda Rodgers

. 20 people (17 of whom attend or have attended Mt. Olivet UMC) went to Kenya June 26 - July 12th to work, worship and share with people in Maua, ARI, and Tendo Valley. We witnessed a celebration for 190 graduates of Tendo Valley Teachers College (classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019) that was attended by nearly 7,000 people. Rick and I passed the torch to the next generations who are filled with enthusiasm for this mission.

. There will be an offering to help finance a new bus for the children at ARI.

. Pray for rain for Tendo Valley as the last rain they received was April 2018.

. We commend Ute Lentz for her work in assisting a former church member, Donna Gerdes with the language barrier between here and Germany.

Trustees - This is more of a To-Do list than actual minutes, but basically the same thing. I'm just trying to get some movement on some of these projects.

Completed:

- Hallway repairs to ceiling
- Approved purchase of new lockable mailbox
- New Blinds installed in Pastors Study

To Do or In Progress:

- Choir room, Sanctuary, Bell Choir Room, Parlor Closet repairs: (Paint, Stucco, Ceiling, Leaks) Ron B has lead with others helping
- Replacing Lights in Sanctuary with LED Bulbs - Ron M has lead
- Thermostat Replacement - HVAC vendor and in progress
- Trimming of Trees - On Hold till Fall
- Nox Box Installation - Ron M has lead
- Gravel for dirt parking lot - Ron B has lead
- Excessive Water Usage last 3 months. - Ralph Simmons looking into for Trustees
- Several lights out in toddler nursery bathroom, women's restroom near office, men's restroom near office - replace with LED - Ron B has lead

There are some other minor things that are on hold pending completion of the above. Folks, you can see that a few of these people are VERY busy. If you can help, or if we can get anyone else to help us, please feel free to do so or reach out. It takes more than a few people on one committee to keep everything going so we have no problem in asking for help! And, if we don't get help, the jobs will get done, but will definitely take longer so, in that case, be understanding.

Scouts - The cabinets for the Piedmont Singing Men need to be taken out of the Scout Hut and stored at the Director's home. There needs to be a clear, concise, standard document in place for all groups that meet at Mt. Olivet UMC, which should be put in place by the Trustees, and Rental Groups held accountable. There also needs to be a Mt. Olivet UMC key inventory / collection of who uses their keys, and what keys need to be returned to Mt. Olivet UMC.

Audio / Visual - A new laptop has been purchased for the Early Worship Service, and \$180 was also spent for the EZ Worship software.

Children's Ministry - No Report - is there a Back to School Bash being planned?

Additional Discussion Items -

- Annual Conference was difficult with delegate voting more liberal for the General Conference in 2020. It was more politically charged, with two sides passing out literature.
- Pastor Jones will be out of the pulpit for the next two Sundays, returning on August 11th.

Pastor Jones closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting is August 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Lentz, Chairman

Lynne Royal, Recording Secretary

Honorariums
General Budget

| <u>In Honor of</u> | <u>Given By</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Zach & Courtney Erwin | Eddie & Linda Hathaway |
| Ralph & Dottie Simmons | Bill & Ravelle Williams |
| Zach & Courtney Erwin | Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fink |

Building Fund

| <u>In Honor of</u> | <u>Given By</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Diane Helms | K Lee Scott Sharing Group |

Youth

| <u>In Honor of</u> | <u>Given By</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Zach & Courtney Erwin | David & Jane Marlow |

Kenya Team

| <u>In Honor of</u> | <u>Given By</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Linda Johnson | Ron & Diane Sansing |

Memorials
General Budget

| <u>In Loving Memory of</u> | <u>Given By</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Vicki Benton | Lee & Padgett Goodman |
| Vicki Benton | Harriet Hunter |
| Vicki Benton | David & Jane Marlow |
| Vicki Benton | Bill & Ravelle Williams |

Building Fund

| <u>In Loving Memory of</u> | <u>Given By</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Dean Gerdes | Charles & Fran Triage |

Mount Olivet Roadside Clean-up

Saturday, September 21

See Ute Lentz for more details

KENYA MEAL

Mark your calendars for **September 8th**, and plan to attend another delicious Kenya Meal, after the 11 a.m. worship service. The donations for this meal will help the Kenya Mission Team, so **invite everyone** you know because you don't want to miss this!!

Also, there will be Kenya Meals on October 6 and November 3. Please make plans to attend!

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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

www.wnccumc.org

www.umc.org

Facebook "MTOchurch"

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.