

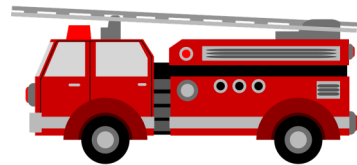
Step By Step Ministry Update

October is full of exciting activities.

This year SBS will be taking a break from the Apple Butter Making Days festivities. We will not participate in the parade or have a booth this year. Please check out the FUMC booth, located in the same location as last year.

Ms. Shelbi's Pre-k class will be taking a field trip to Rutledge – Wilson Farm on Friday, October 19.

Fire Safety week will be the week of October 22. Step by Step will have a visit from the Fire Department on Tuesday, October 23 at 9:30.



Mrs. Julie from the Library will be here on Thursday, October 25th at 10 am.

And our Fall Harvest Party will be on Wednesday, October 31st starting at 9:30.



Trunk or Treat

Way-to-Go

Our annual Trunk or Treat is on Wednesday, October 31st (Halloween) from 6– 8 pm. Last year we had about 200 trick or treaters.

We are in need of trunks!!

This is an awesome way to serve the community and have tons of fun doing it. We will be serving hotdogs and chips.

Plan on attending the FUMC Mt. Vernon's Trunk or Treat Extravaganza!!

Do you need a way to go? If so, there may be an answer to your dilemma! Our transportation ministry assists in transporting church members to such places such as doctor appointments, the grocery store, or to other nearby places. There is no cost for this service.

However, a minimum of 48 hours notice is required. For more information, or to schedule a ride call Ann Knott at 417-466-8575.



Do you surf the web? Have a Facebook page? Well, you can get an update on what is going on at Church on our website: www.mtvunited.org or like us on Facebook.

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at: office@mtvunited.org

or drop off your item in the "website/social media" mailbox outside the church office.





Youth News

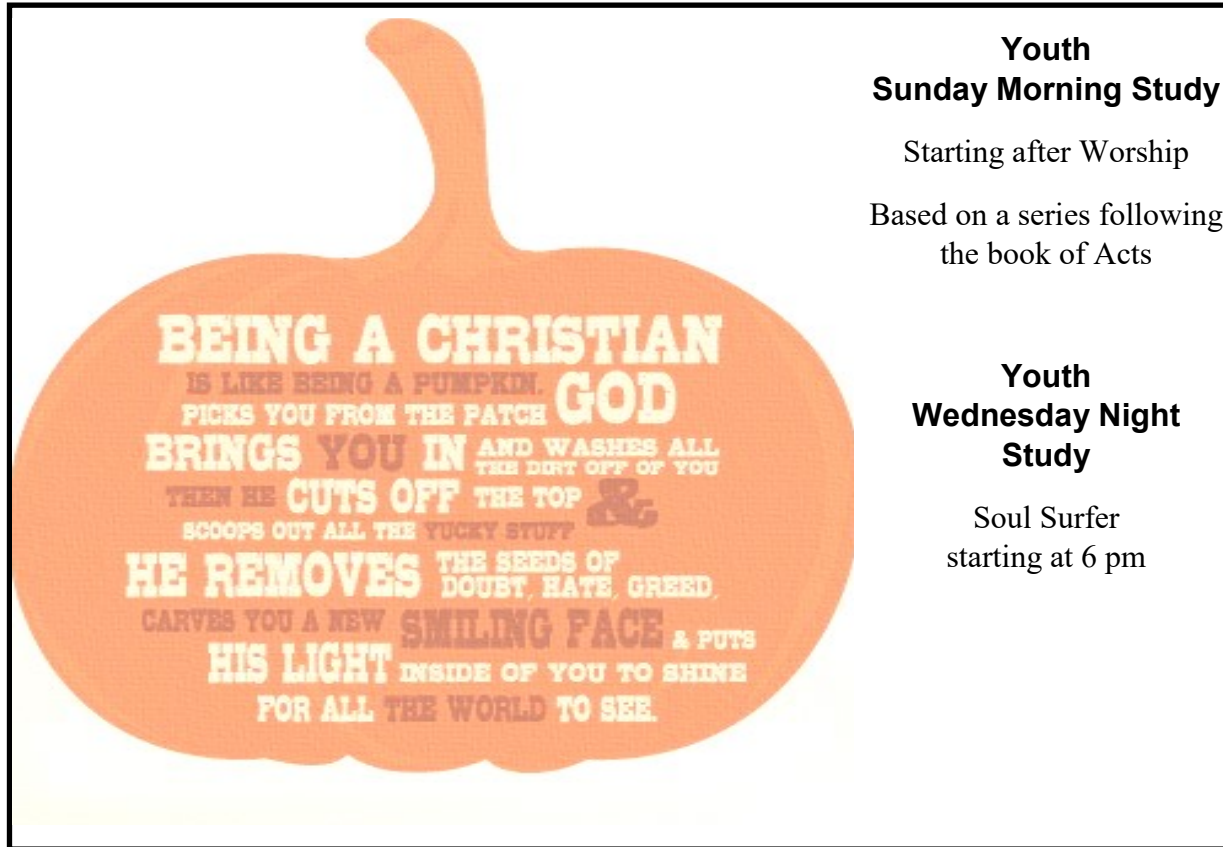
Youth Sunday Morning Study

Starting after Worship

Based on a series following
the book of Acts

Youth Wednesday Night Study

Soul Surfer
starting at 6 pm



Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us on Sunday Evenings at the Church
Study begins at 5 pm with a potluck dinner at 6 pm

Seamless: Understanding the Bible as one complete story

By Angela Smith

In seven sessions, Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible. Tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

Mark's Message

Isn't it funny how small changes in the way we do things or the way we look at things can be so challenging? It's kind of like walking into church and finding that some stranger (it certainly wouldn't be any other church member, they have their own place) was sitting in your pew in your spot! Outrageous! You almost feel like asking them to move! Some of you may have! But here's the thing. Once you do move you find that you (literally) gain a whole new perspective on things. And that is wonderful! I believe that God puts strangers in our pews sometimes to advance His work and His Kingdom and to give us new perspective.

Look at some of our most famous Biblical heroes and heroines:

Moses - from a son of Pharaoh to living in a tent in the desert.

Noah - from.. What did Noah do for a living anyway? To building a big boat in the front yard!!

Esther - from beautiful nobody, to queen and savior of her people.

Peter - from a simple fisherman worried about the number of catfish (I'm not really sure if there were/are catfish in the Sea of Galilee, but it seemed like a tasty choice!) he was going to catch, to following and ministering with the Son of God.

Paul - from persecutor of all things Christian, to a soldier of our faith!

All huge changes in perspective. They saw the world in a new way. Praise the Lord that He allows us to do the same thing from time to time. We need to be "shaken up" to see and understand new things and new ways of thinking. And God will use those changes to do great things in our lives and the lives of those around us. So, this Sunday when you walk into the Sanctuary....sit somewhere different. It'll shake someone up! Maybe even start a chain reaction that will lead to new perspective for the entire church. Or maybe it will lead you to see new ways that God is calling you to His service. Either way it'll be an adventure!

Lord thank you for the tried and true in our lives. Those rock steady things that we can depend on to always be the same. But we also come this morning giving thanks for change, for new perspective. Help us to see when You move us Father. Help us to see when You use change to increase Your Kingdom. We pray that You will allow us to be a part of that growth. Be with us this day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Have a great day!

Mark Hansche

First United Methodist Church
Worship 9 am
Sunday School 10 am

Check Us Out Online!

Check out our homepage at www.mtvunited.org and leave us a message!

Save Your Best Choice!

We just got a \$30 check for the last 1,000 labels we sent in. The next 1,000 will bring us \$60. So, keep looking and cutting and putting them in the Best Choice basket. Thanks SO much to everyone who supports this project.

Please make sure the number underneath the barcode starts with "70038", these numbers denote the Best Choice brand. You are appreciated and you are helping fund the education of our children.



October 2018

Leadership

**Lead Usher:
Marilyn Meyer**

Audio/Visual Technology:

**David McDonald &
Shannon McKinzie**

**Offering Counters:
Shannon McKinzie &
Martha Bartelsmeyer**

**Bus Driver:
Volunteer needed**

**Children's Church
& Sunday School**

October 7	Jean Duwe
October 14	Danielle Tabor
October 21	Peggy Pyle
October 28	Danielle Tabor

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the volunteer sign-up sheets for 2019 on the shelf at the coat rack in the foyer. There are still plenty of opportunities to:

- count money
- usher
- operate the PowerPoint
- and drive the bus.

The Children's Sunday School Fall curriculum is in the office and it is VERY easy to use. If you have had the Safe Sanctuary training you may join us in teaching our amazing young children. It is a rewarding task and you will enjoy it.



UMW

The ladies enjoyed the September meeting with their trip to Greenfield to see the Old Opera House and have lunch at the "Intermission Cafe" there. They were happy to be joined by former members Sue Miller and Karen Hull.

Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9th at 11 am at the Mountaineer Restaurant on the Square. Our guest speaker will be our Southwest District president Jane Baker from Aurora. We will also pack our "Hygiene Bags" to be sent to the Festival of Sharing.

Several members will also attend the Southwest District Fall Meeting on October 13th in Carthage. This year Judy Kitchen will be honored as "Woman of the Year" for her work with UMW and local missions.

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October 2018



Tuesday thru Friday
 8:30 to 2:30
 Lynn McDonald
 Administrative Assistant

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendars

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| October 8 | Trustees at 6 pm |
| October 12—14 | Apple Butter
Makin' Days |
| October 16 | AD Council at 6 pm |
| October 31 | Trunk or Treat at 6 pm |

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Coming Soon!

November 11	Charge Conference at Hood UMC in Republic
November 12	Trustees
November 20	Ad Council
November 22	Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed SBS Closed
November 23	Office Closed SBS Closed