

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



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

- February 5: MVMW (Mt. Vernon Methodist Women) at 11 am at Panda House**
- February 10: Valentine Brunch to benefit Chris Marsh’s Dollars For Scholars Scholarship. After Worship**
- February 12 Leadership Team at 6 pm**

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Coming Soon

- March 4—8 SBS Book Fair
- March 6 Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm
- March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
“Spring Forward” 1 hour
- March 12 Leadership Team at 6 pm

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!

Thank you to everyone who has turned in Best Choice labels this year. Keep up the good work. We are almost to the next 1,000. We get the double bonus for our next 1,000 labels.

Let’s see how quickly we can get the rest of our next 1,000 labels.

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.



February 2019

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Jean Duwe

Audio/Visual Technology:

David McDonald
& Garrison Earnest

Offering Counters:

Ann Knott & Marilyn Meyer

Bus Driver:

Volunteer Needed

Children’s Church & Sunday School

- February 3:** Judy Kitchen
- February 10:** Volunteer Needed
- February 17:** Judy Kitchen
- February 24:** Volunteer Needed



Mark's Message

Most of the time when these devotionals are written, I have NO IDEA what I am going to write about. It's usually early in the morning, I am half asleep, haven't had my breakfast or my coffee, and there I am sitting at the computer praying, "Lord, please give me a message for today". And praise God He does! Sometimes it's a very general message, and sometime I find out much later that it spoke to someone very specifically. Sometimes the message that He has laid on my heart is very clear, other times I struggle to understand. But it gets done, and it's not anything I do ... I'm just the typist.

Today is one of those days that the message is very clear. A question is laid on my heart this morning: "If this were your last day, what would you do?" In John chapter 17 verses 1-5 Jesus is about to cross the Kidron Valley to go to His death. He stops and looks toward Heaven to pray, and says to His Father "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do." These were Jesus' last moments on earth. He has been given all authority by His Father, yet He is still seeking His Father's power and will. He is still seeking to glorify the Father.

If you knew today were your last day on earth, what would you do? Would you:
Spend your day in prayer thanking God and asking Him to bring you swiftly into His presence?

Spend the day with your family and friends saying goodbye?
Party till you passed out?
Eat all the stuff that you know is not good for you?
Plead with God for one more day?
Hide, thinking He could not find you?
Talk to your pastor or Christian brother or sister for advice on what to do?
Run screaming into the street?
Max-out the credit cards?
Go and look at the wonders of God's creation?
Fall on your knees and beg for mercy and forgiveness?

If you knew that today was your last day, what would you do? What could you do? Could you say like Jesus that you had completed the work on earth that the Father had given you to do? Or would you fall short of His glory? Could you say like Paul that you had "fought the good fight"? I think that if it were my last day, I would spend it on my knees asking for forgiveness, praying that God would bring me swiftly into His presence, and thanking Him for amazing grace and allowing me to serve Him in the tiniest measure.

So, what's the point of all of this speculating on today being your last day? It might be.

Lord, we come into your courts this morning with praise and thanksgiving that you allow us to serve you another day. Be with us as we go into the world and give us a bold witness. Give us the strength to complete the work you have set before us, and keep us mindful that in all things we should give You the Glory. Help us to live every day as if it were our last day. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Step By Step Ministry Update

Step By Step's Valentine's Day Party will be on February 14th at 9:30 am.

Mt. Vernon Schools will be closed Friday, February 15, 2019 through Tuesday, February 19, 2019 for February break.

Ms. Julie from the Library will be here Thursday February 21 at 10:00.

Mark Your Calendars

Step By Step's Book Fair is set for March 4th through March 8th.



Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group is meeting on Wednesdays at 11 am at the Church. We encourage anyone who has attended or who just wants some information to come and find out what Emmaus is all about.

Youth Valentine's Brunch

The Youth are sponsoring a Valentine's Brunch after Worship on Sunday, February 10th. The funds raised will go for Chris Marsh's Dollars for Scholars scholarship at Central Methodist University. We need to raise \$1000 for his portion of this scholarship. Last year his portion was multiplied by 4 and he received \$4000.00.

Chris is an Athletic Training major at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. He will graduate in May of 2020. After graduation he plans to continue his education at graduate school. At CMU he is an awesome student, and he has been on the Dean's list every semester. He works as a lab assistant for Biology labs. He is the Treasurer of the Athletic Trainer Student Organization. He enjoys the Athletic Training program at CMU—it gives lots of hand's on experience working with the school's Physical Therapy clinics. Chris thanks everyone in his church family for their support.

Mark your calendars and help support one of our own with this scholarship.

Way-to-Go

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? Like us on Facebook or you can get an update on what is going on at Church on our website:

www.mtvunited.org

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

Starting a new Study

Youth

Wednesday Night Study

A new Study at 6 pm

FOR GOD
SO LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

Sunday Evening Bible Study

We are beginning a new Study, "Toolbox for Life" by Rick Warren.

Study starts at 5 pm

Dinner at 5 pm

Volunteer Opportunities

Pastor Mark Hansche

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

count money

usher

operate the PowerPoint

drive the bus.

The Children's Sunday School Winter 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.



MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women

Thanks to all members who donated food and helped with the Brunch on Sunday, January 27th. And a BIG Thank You to Sue Chappell and Martha Bartelsmeyer for sharing their trip to the Holy Land.

Our February meeting will be the first Tuesday, February 5th at 11 am at Panda House. Come join us for lunch and help make plans for the coming year.

