March 2019 Pastor Mark Hansche



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 to 2:30 Lynn McDonald Administrative Assistant March 4—8 SBS Book Fair

March 5 MVMW at 11 am at Keen Bean

March 6: Ash Wednesday Worship

at 5:45 pm

March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins

"Spring Forward" 1 hour

March 12 Leadership Team at 6 pm

March 19 All Church Meeting at 6 pm

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Coming Soon

April 9	Leadership Team at 6 pm
April 19	Joint Good Friday Service with DRC
April 21	Easter Sunday!
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March 2019 Leadership

Lead Usher:

Jean Duwe

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Jean Duwe & Peggy Pyle

Bus Driver:

Archie Tabor

Children's Church & Sunday School

March 3: Judy Kitchen

March 10: Danielle Tabor

March 17: Judy Kitchen

March 24: Volunteer Needed

March 31: Kristen Earnest

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.

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Mark's Message

PROVISION

How many of you have ever read the prayer of Agur? It's in Proverbs chapter 30:

Two things I ask of you, O Lord: Do not refuse me before I die. Keep falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty or riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you, and say "Who is the Lord". Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

But give me only my daily bread....how many of us have prayed like that? We want, we even expect, daily rich and powerful blessings pouring from heaven. After all we go to church on Sunday...we pray and sing and put a little money in the plate. Why shouldn't God bless us? I think the better question is why should He? But praise the Lord He does provide because He loves us. God's provision in our lives is truly miraculous. The Bible tells us that He will supply our every need. That's need, not want....big difference. A lot of people have a lot of trouble understanding that difference. I did for a long time. But then I realized that God's will, being perfect, also speaks to His provision in our lives. In other words, as long as we seek His will in our lives He will provide for us "only what we need", just as Agur prayed. He knows best what we need and when we need it! Praise God!

Remember when you were a kid and you got your first dog/cat/gerbil/fish/parakeet? You wanted it soooo bad! You just knew that you were going to burst if you didn't get that pet! So, your parents relented and you got.....a burden. You wanted it so bad that you didn't listen to your parents about feeding, and cleaning after, and caring for this animal. Your want blinded you to your need. So along with the fun of having a pet, you received the burden of caring for a pet.

Our Heavenly Father knows best what we need. Even when we plead for what we want. Jesus told us to ask whatever we will and it will be given to us. The key to that is in another verse. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. If we live in and pray for God's will in our lives, what He wants for us will be revealed. And only in His will do we have perfect happiness and peace.

Lord grant us Your peace today. Help us in all things to seek Your will for our lives. Give us the courage then to follow where You lead and submit to Your will for our lives. Have mercy on Your children Father. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

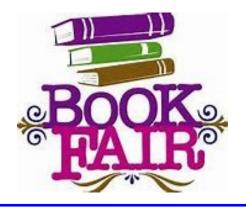
Step By Step Ministry Update

Step By Step will host a Scholastic Book Fair Monday, March 4th thru Friday, March 8th. Please come and check out all the great books we have. Some of the proceeds goes to supply classrooms and adding additional books to our library.

The book fair will be open on Sunday, March 3rd for Church members to shop as well.

Please check out our Fair in room 105.

Checks, cash and cards are accepted.





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.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

We will be wrapping up our current study "Toolbox for Life" by Rick Warren and hope to start a new study "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. "The Armor of God" is more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, it is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Youth News





Youth
Sunday Morning Study
Starting after Worship

Youth Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm



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

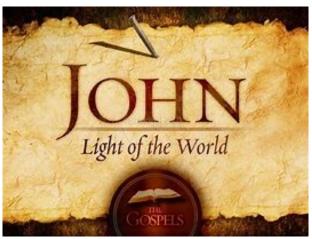
or drop off your item in the "website/social media" mailbox outside the church office.

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.

March Happenings



Sunday Morning Small Group

Starting on Sunday, March 3rd we are starting a new small group. The Sunday Morning Small Group will meet in room 103 after Worship. We will be studying the Gospel of John. If you do not already have a small group or a Sunday school you are invited to join us.

All Church Meeting

We will have an All Church Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. We will discuss how MTV First United Methodist Church is doing now and our vision for MTV First United Methodist Church for the coming year.





Newsletter News

We are looking to start emailing the newsletter starting in April. If you do not have access to a computer or email please let the Church office know. If you want to continue to receive the newsletter please make sure we have your email address, or you can always view it on our website: www.mtvunited.org.

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
Spring 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

TO ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH:

Our group will meet this month on the first Tuesday, March 5th at ll am at Keen Bean. Kitty Crider is the hostess and will have the devotion. We will come back to the church for the meeting after lunch at Keen Bean.

Thank you

We would like to thank our church family for your thoughts, prayers, cards and calls during my brother's illness and recent death. A special thanks to the ladies that provided lunch for the family after the service.

May God bless each of you.

Love Jerry and Wilma Wood and family