



# Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Messenger

### Mark Your Calendar



**Tuesday thru Friday**

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

**April 9**

**MVMW at 11 am at TA Subway**

**Leadership Team at 6 pm**

**April 13**

**Meet the Community 9 am to noon**

**April 14**

**Palm Sunday**

**April 19**

**Joint Good Friday Service with DRC**

**Time to be Announced**

**April 21**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Worship at 6:15 am**

**Breakfast at 7:30 am**

**Easter Worship at 9 am**

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

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### Coming Soon

May 3	SBS End of Year Program at 6 pm
May 7	MVMW at 11 am
May 12	Mother's Day
May 14	Leadership Team at 6 pm
May 27	Memorial Day
	SBS Closed



**April 2019**



**Leadership**



**Lead Usher:**



Nickolas Belanger



**Audio/Visual Technology:**



Garrison Earnest &  
David McDonald



**Offering Counters:**



Peggy Pyle & Jeanne Jones



**Bus Driver:**



Archie Tabor



**Children's Sunday School**



Danielle Tabor



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us a message!

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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.

## Mark's Message

I hope that you all are as excited as I am about our new Sunday School groups and programming. It is vitally important for us to provide our children a firm biblical foundation on which to base their faith and from which they can grow to fall in love with Jesus. It's also important that they see us growing in our walk with Christ and offering ourselves in worship and service. These are the reasons for changing and updating our Sunday morning programming.

Perhaps the most important thing you can do right now to bring life to the church and better your family is to participate in these new offerings. You already know my expectation that every adult and school-aged kid in our church is involved in a small group. Why do I expect that? It's simply that 45 minutes to an hour per week in a time of worship is not enough for us to become the kind of Christians most of us say we want to be...or already think we are!

Think of it this way. It's fast becoming gardening season...and if your tomato plants were only given an hour of sunlight once per week...what would your harvest look like? Not much, I'd expect. And it's the same for our growth in Christ...we really do get out, what we put in.

I would love to see our Sunday morning groups grow into something wonderful. But it'll take more than two or three being invested in that growth. Won't you make the commitment today...for yourself and your family...for the church and the Kingdom...to be all-in and bless these new groups with your presence.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

Adult Sunday Morning Small Group  
Gospel of John  
Time: After Worship  
Where: Room 103  
Led by Ann Knott

Children's Sunday School  
Time: After Worship  
Where: Room 109  
Led by Danielle Tabor

Step by Step will be closed  
on Good Friday,  
April 19th.



Step by Step's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be  
Wednesday, April 17th time to be announced.



## 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 are starting 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. We meet at 5 pm for the Study and enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 pm. All are welcome to join.



We have three young people graduating from High School this year. Be on the look out for the graduation baskets for Luke McKinzie, Maddy Mosley, and Donnie Trotter. This is a great opportunity to celebrate and congratulate the graduates with cards, gift cards and gifts.



**Youth  
Sunday Morning Study**

**Starting after Worship**

**The Book of Acts**

**Youth  
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**

**Bible Study at 6 pm**

We are also looking for people to assist in reading and selecting recipients for the 3rd annual Michael Bolin Scholarship. The scholarships will be handed out at the High School on May 6th.



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](http://www.mtvunited.org)**

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at:

**[office@mtvunited.org](mailto: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.

## April Happenings



Come join the fun on Saturday, April 13th from 9am to noon! We will meet at the Church at 9am and head out into the community to distribute flyers and invite people to Church.

**Sunrise Service**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 21st**  
**At 6:15 am**



The Youth are leading our Sunrise Service. This year, it will be an actual service at sunrise and outside! Come and join us as we Celebrate our Risen Lord!

We will have breakfast following there will be a sign up sheet for food closer to Easter or you can contact Shelley Mosley for more information.



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.



## MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women

**TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH**

Our group will meet this month on the second Tuesday, April 9, at 11 am, at the Subway at the TA Truckstop. Peggy Therman is the hostess and will have the devotion. We will come back to the church for the meeting after lunch at Subway. We'd love to have you join us.