May 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 May 3 SBS End of Year Program at 6 pm

May 12 Mother's Day

May 14 MVMW at 11 am at Golden Plate in Sarcoxie

Leadership Team at 6 pm

May 19 Graduate Sunday

May 27 Memorial Day

SBS Closed

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Coming Soon

June 3	Backpack Registration begins
June 7—9	Annual Conference
June 9—11	VBS (Giddy Up Junction)
June 16	Father's Day
June 22	Kitchen's 50th Anniversary



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

When I was a kid, I had a dog named Fred. Now you might think that Fred is an unusual name for a dog, but I named him, and well, those of you who know me won't be surprised! Now Fred was not the smartest dog that ever lived. He was half Doberman and half Collie, a very pretty dog with the dark color of the Doberman and the long hair of the Collie, but just really, really not smart. In fact you might say that Fred was dumber than a box of rocks.

We began to have suspicions about the dog after the first time he got run over by a car. That's right, I said the first time. You see we lived in the country and there was no fenced yard to keep Fred in, and he decided he liked chasing cars. So one day he caught one. We picked him up, took him to the vet, and got him patched up. Boy was he a sorry sight. My Dad said, "I guess that'll teach him to chase cars.". Dad was giving Fred way to much credit. As soon as he was able to run again Fred was back out on our little two-lane blacktop road herding Chevrolets. He just didn't get it.

I will say this for him, he tried to keep it all in the family. My Mom hit him (more vet visits), my best friend Kevin hit him (they're naming a wing of the animal hospital after us at this point), and finally I hit him...and he still wanted to chase cars!. You know I guess Fred finally got what he wanted. I took him to the vet to get his stitches removed from his last accident and he bolted out into the highway after a car as I was trying to get him into the vet's office. A large and fast moving bakery truck made certain that Fred's car chasing days were over.

I was thinking about 'ol Fred the other day and it dawned on me that so many of us are like him. Now I'm certainly not suggesting that you run out to the road and chase cars, but I do believe that each of us has their own "Chevy" to chase. We run after what ever it is and time and time again we get burned, we get hurt. Our Heavenly Father picks us up and dusts us off and says "Stay in the yard". He heals us and comforts us even though our hurt, our trial, is from our own folly. He even has faith in us that we won't go out and do it again. But what happens? We start to feel better and stronger, we decide that we can handle things on our own, and the next thing you know.....there we are....lying flat on the highway bleeding and broken again.

Why do we do that? Why won't we listen? I certainly don't have the magic bullet answer this morning, but I do have an idea. I think we don't listen because we don't shut up. How many times did your parents or your teachers tell you that you can't listen if you're talking? We're so busy convincing ourselves what we should do, or for those who do pray, trying to convince God of what He should do, that we don't take time to just listen. God says "Listen to me. I know what is best for you. I love you with a love that is beyond your understanding. I want you to be happy and safe." And we say "uh-huh..uh-huh...gotta go!" I know it's not what most people would consider a heavenly vision, but sometimes I think when we stand in judgment God is going to smack us right in the forehead and say. "WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?"

I know that I'm thinking I don't want to be like 'ol Fred. I know that I don't want to ignore my Master and jeopardize my life. I know that He knows what is best for me and that I should try every day to seek His will. And I know that I don't want to be taken out by a bakery truck! Poor Fred...he was just dumber than a box of rocks.

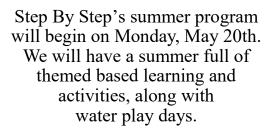
Lord help us today to seek Your will in all things. Help us to see temptation and folly for what they really are. Thank You for Your unchanging love for us. We love You and praise Your Holy Name this morning and for ever more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Step By Step Ministry Update



Please join us for
Step By Step's End of Year
Program on Friday, May
3rd at 6:00 pm. We will
recognize our Pre-K
graduates and present our
Volunteers of the year
awards along with a
country themed
entertainment from the
Step By Step kids.

After the program, snacks and refreshments will be in the Fellowship Hall.



Step By Step will be closed Monday, May 27th to observe Memorial Day.





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

Our Bible Study is called "Momentum: Pursuing God's Blessings Through the Beatitudes" by Colin Smith. This study is designed to help us get "unstuck" and build momentum toward a more godly life. We meet at 5 pm for the Study and enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 pm.

All are welcome to join.

Youth News



We have four young people graduating from High School this year. Be on the look out for the graduation baskets for *Luke McKinzie, Maddy Mosley, Cortney Bolin 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 also have four young people graduating from 8th grade: *Lilly Belanger, Nina Cowherd, Emily Horrell, and Bella Mosley.*



Graduate Sunday is May 19th. We will have a reception after worship

where you can congratulate them on their accomplishment.



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.

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May Happenings



You are Invited
To Graduation
May 17th at 7 pm
In the High School Gym

We have four graduates this year: Luke McKinzie, Maddy Mosley, Cortney Bolin and Donnie Trotter. Everyone is invited to attend graduation and show support for our Church family graduates.

We Need You

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

We will be helping with the SBS End of Year Program on Friday, May 3rd.

We are meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at ll am at the Golden Plate in Sarcoxie. We will carpool from the church leaving at 10:40 am. Ann Knott is the Hostess and will have the devotion.