



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



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

July 1-5

Step By Step is Closed

July 4

Happy Independence Day

Office Closed

July 15

Caps For Kids at 6 pm

July 17

Leadership Team at 6 pm

July 26

School Supply Registration Ends

July 29—August 2

Day Camp at DRC

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Coming Soon

August 2	School Supply Assembly TBA
August 3	School Supply Distribution at 9 am
August 7	Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins at 6:30 pm
August 13	Leadership Team at 6 pm
August 19	Caps for Kids at 6 pm

First United Methodist Church
Worship 9 am
Sunday School 10 am



July 2019 Leadership

Lead Usher:
Hope Morris

Audio/Visual Technology:

David McDonald
& Shannon McKinzie

Offering Counters:

Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris

Bus Driver:

Volunteer Needed

Children's Sunday School

Danielle Tabor

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 only need a few more labels
to make our next 1,000!

Let's get this \$60 bonus check
this month.

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

Near Mobile, Alabama there was a railroad bridge that spanned a big bayou. The date was September 22, 1993. It was a foggy morning just before daybreak when a tugboat mistakenly pushed a barge into the bayou. The drifting barge slammed into the bridge. In the darkness no one could see the extent of the damage, but someone on the tugboat radioed the Coast Guard. Moments later, an Amtrak train, the Sunset Limited, reached the bridge as it traveled from Los Angeles to Miami. Unaware of the damage, the train crossed the bridge at 70 mph. There were 210 passengers on board. As the weight of the train crossed the damaged support, the bridge gave away. Three locomotive units and the first four of train's eight passenger cars fell into the alligator infested bayou. The darkness and fog were thickened by fire and smoke. The victims lay as food for the aroused alligators. Helicopters were called in to help rescue the victims. They were able to save 163 persons. One rescue stands out. Gery and Mary Chancey were waiting for rescue in one of the railcars with their 11-year-old daughter. When the car shifted and began to rapidly fill with water, there was only one thing they could do. They pushed their young daughter through the window into the hands of a rescuer, then succumbed to their watery grave.

What a picture of our salvation, especially when you know that their daughter was imperfect by the world's standards. She was born with cerebral palsy and needed help with even the most routine things. But she was so precious to her parents. And we too are imperfect--lives filled with mistakes and misjudgments, sin and helplessness. But we are still precious to Jesus--so precious that he sacrificed his life to save us. We should always remember that a perfect God sent his perfect Son to save an imperfect world.

"And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation." (Hebrews 5:9)

Lord help us to see that You love us, in spite of our imperfections. That you sent Your Son knowing full well that we were unworthy. But still You loved us that much. We love You Father and thank You for our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Have a Jesus filled day!

Yours in Christ,

Mark



Step By Step is closed

Monday, July 1st through Friday, July 5th.

Last day of the Park Program is Friday, July 12th.



July's water day is Friday, July 19th.



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.



**Lord Jesus,
Thou who art the Way,
the Truth, and the Life;
Hear us as we pray for the truth that
shall make all free.
Teach us that liberty is not only to be
loved but also to be lived.
Liberty is too precious a thing
to be buried in books.
It costs too much to be hoarded.
Help us see that our liberty is not the
right to do as we please,
but the opportunity to do what is right.
- Peter Marshall**

**Youth
Sunday Morning Study**
Starting after Worship
The Book of Acts

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.

July Happenings

Backpack and School Supply registration is well underway.

The registration deadline is set for **Friday, July 26th**.

We will be assembling each child's supplies on **Friday, August 2nd** (time to be announced) and distributing the supplies on **Saturday, August 3rd starting at 9 am**.

We are also planning to have a book for every student.

This is one of our biggest ministries and we need **YOU** to make it a success.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the call to help.

(Especially for assembly and distributing)

Registration Included

Please pass the registration information to everyone you know.





FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Backpack and School Supply Program

Registration Form – Please Print Clearly

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER OR A CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHILDREN'S FIRST AND LAST NAMES

GRADE

boy/girl

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The First United Methodist Church
is providing free grade appropriate supplies
to Mount Vernon School children (PreK-12th grade).

Please Register **before July 26th**

(Registration is Required).

Return the above form to the HOPE CENTER, or by mail to:

First United Methodist Church

P.O. BOX 108

Mount Vernon, MO 65712

--or in person to First United Methodist Church on HWY V--

Or call 417-466-2459 (church) or 417-466-3070 (HOPE)

Backpacks **must be picked up** at

First United Methodist Church

Saturday, August 3rd between 9 AM – 11 AM.

We Need You

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

count money
usher
operate the PowerPoint
drive the bus.



MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women



TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH

We are taking a break for the summer. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 11 am at Angus Branch. Hope Morris is the hostess, and Esther Perryman will have the devotion. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for everything you've done for me and for everything you've given me. I wouldn't be where I am today without my amazing, and supportive Church. I love you all so much and I'm grateful for all of you.

Love, Maddy Mosley

Dear Church Family,

Jerry and I are so very appreciative for all the letters and cards. Jerry especially appreciates getting mail.

Thank you, Wilma Wood