



# Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Messenger

### Mark Your Calendar



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

**September 2**

**Labor Day**

**Step By Step Closed**

**September 3**

**Leadership Team at 6:30 pm**

**September 6**

**Office Closed**

**September 7**

**SBS CPR Certification at 9 am**

**September 10**

**MVMW at 11 am**

**at Panda House**

**September 15**

**Ann Knott's 80th Birthday**

**Reception at 2:30 pm**

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### Coming Soon

October 1

Leadership Team at 6:30 pm

October 8

MVMW at 11 am

October 11-13

Apple Butter Makin' Days

October 31

Trunk or Treat

**September 2019**

**Leadership**

**Lead Usher:**

Marilyn Meyer

**Audio/Visual Technology:**

David McDonald  
& Shannon McKinzie

**Offering Counters:**

Martha Bartelsmeyer  
& Shannon McKinzie

**Bus Driver:**

Volunteer Needed

**Children's Sunday School**

Danielle Tabor

**Check Us Out Online!**

Check out our homepage at  
[www.mtvunited.org](http://www.mtvunited.org) and leave  
us a message!

**Save Your Best Choice!**

Let's get going on our next  
1,000 labels. Thanks to all who  
help with this project.

Judy Kitchen

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.

### CHILDISH THINGS

"Kids! What's the matter with kids today!?" Goes the line from a musical written more than 50 years ago. Seems not much has changed in the past half century. People are still asking the same question. So what's the answer? Just like yesterday, I think it can be distilled to a very simple answer. Too much society, not enough Jesus.

Now I don't mean to sound overly simplistic, I mean the six words in the sentence "Too much society, not enough Jesus" contain at least our of five whole sermons! Certainly kids today have problems and influences that you or I never even thought about. I mean when you were in jr. high school, had you heard of crack cocaine? body piercing? kid's with tattoos? mass murder in high schools? cell phones? metal detectors? violent video games? terrorism attacks? .....me either. But yet this is the world in which our children are growing up. Too much society.

Have you watched television lately? The networks are promoting violence, sex, perversion, homosexuality, greed, avarice, and the lowest common denominator. And that's just in prime time on the major networks. We can't even talk about cable! Yet we pipe these images into our homes packaged in slick and stylish presentations that we watch but don't really see....and it creeps in....Too much society.

In the 13th Chapter of Corinthians Paul says this: "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me." Paul is speaking of natural progression. Just as the speech and thoughts of a child might be seen as imperfect as they give way to adult speech and thought, our current way of worship and communion with Christ will be made perfect as He comes again in glory. This natural progression is certainly our goal as parents. We want our child to grow up in the right season and in the right time. Unfortunately, our society wants to make 12 year old little girls into 35 year old floozies! And 9 and 10 year old little boys into gun toting drug dealers. You might think I am being overly dramatic, but you'll have to admit it's true. Kid's aren't allowed anymore to make that natural progression. And they go willingly because they are searching for something to fill a void in their lives.... Not enough Jesus.

I heard a statistic the other day that only 6% of people living in apartments go to church. Six percent! Do you know how many children that represents? That means that 94% of the children who live there have never heard the good news. Never owned a Bible. Never stood in a children's choir and sang "Jesus Loves Me".....Not enough Jesus.

So what do we do? Again I'll go back to Paul. Love is the most excellent way. If you love your children get them in church! Even if they sleep through the service it beats the alternative. Now if you are a parent that requires their children to attend church...God bless you! But be sure that you make that commitment a 7 day a week event. Don't raise a generation of "Sunday Morning Christians". The Bible says that if you bring up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it. They will live YOUR example. (That'll wake you up in the middle of the night!) The example YOU SET will be how they live.

It's time for us as Christian parents to put away childish things. Stop letting the world dictate how our children will live and act and dress. Live the example for your child. Bring them up in a Biblical household. Love them through all things. Set their feet on the right path. Give them the gift of your faith.

Lord help us to raise our children as you would have it. Be our Rock and our Refuge when we have to make hard decisions on their behalf. Help us to put away childish things and love up to our responsibility as parents. Help us to love them as you love them Father. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Have a good day!  
Yours in Christ,  
Mark



Step By Step will be closed  
Monday, September 2, 2019  
to observe Labor Day.

Fall curriculum will begin  
on September 3, 2019.



## 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.

## The Mustard Seeds

### MUSTARD SEEDS STARTING NEW STUDY:

IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE  
BOAT by John Ortberg

What's Water Walking?

*There is something -- Someone--inside us who tells us there is more to life than sitting in the boat. You were made for something more....There is something inside you that wants to walk on the water - to leave the comfort of routine existence and abandon yourself to the high adventure of following God.*

..John Ortberg

The Mustard Seed small group meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in room 103.

All are invited to come enjoy coffee and conversation.

Study facilitator, Ann Knott





*Labor Day Poem*

*God of shop and marketplace,  
Of farm and studio,  
Factory and shipping lane,  
Of school and busy home:  
Bless the produce of our hands.  
Redeem our work for Kingdom-use.  
By Your grace, our efforts stand,  
All offered up to You.*

*There in Eden, You proclaimed  
That we should work the earth –  
Stewards over all we named,  
Delighting in their worth.  
Through our fall we brought decay,  
Lost access to Jehovah' s rest.  
Through the cross, we rest in faith  
And all our labor' s blessed.*

*In Your image we are made:  
Creative like You are,  
Forming goods for use and trade  
Just like You formed the stars.  
Send us out in power and skill  
To worship through each task assigned.  
By Your Spirit we fulfill  
The holy, grand design.*

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



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.



# September Happenings



*You are invited to a  
Birthday Reception  
Celebrating Ann Knott's  
80th Birthday*



*2:30 pm Sunday, September 15th  
At First United Methodist Church*



It's that time of year again!

We are collecting supplies and donations for  
Operation  
Christmas Child!

We will pack boxes in  
November so begin gathering items NOW!!  
We need personal items such as: bars of soap,  
combs and wash cloths. We also need small  
toys to put in each box.

Please contact Shannon McKinzie if you have  
any questions or donations.

## 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

Thanks to all who helped with the Backpacks. Special thanks to Kim Duwe and Jessica Wiener for doing all the organization. Super job, ladies!!!

Our Sept. meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. at the Panda House. (Note: This is a change from previous listing.) Hope Morris is our hostess, and Esther Perryman will have the devotion. We will also be organizing the Festival of Sharing items. Thank you to all who have donated the Paper Products and/or cash. If you still have a donation,

please have it to church by Sept. 10. Thanks.

We invite any and all ladies of the church to join us for our Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 11 a.m. at the Panda House for lunch, and then back to church to take care of the business. We hope to see you then.

## Thank you

Thank you for the birthday wishes and cards,  
I have enjoyed them all very much.

Jerry Wood

