



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday thru Friday

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

November 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5	Leadership Team at 6 pm
November 12	MVMW at 11 am at the Church
November 17	Charge Conference at Hood UMC at 2:30 pm
November 28	Happy Thanksgiving Office & SBS Closed
November 29	Office & SBS Closed

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Coming Soon

December 3	Leadership Team at 6 pm
December 10	MVMW at 11 am
December 23	SBS Closed
December 24	Christmas Eve Service at DRC Office & SBS Closed
December 25	Merry Christmas Office & SBS Closed

November 2019

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Mike Pyle

Audio/Visual Technology:

David McDonald &
Emily Horrell

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 and leave
us a message!

Save Your Best Choice!

We received our \$60.00 check from the last 1,000 labels we sent in. But, I have received zero labels in the last month (except for my own labels). We need to stay alert and buy Best Choice items when we can and save the labels. Let's try to get the next 1,000 labels by the end of this year. Thanks to all who help out 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.

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 was 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 an 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

November's Dates to Remember:

Step by Step will be closed
on Thursday, November 28th
and Friday, November 29th
for Thanksgiving.



Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group is meeting on Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Church. We encourage anyone who has attended or if you just wants some information to come and find out what Emmaus is all about.

The Mustard Seeds

We are beginning a new study:

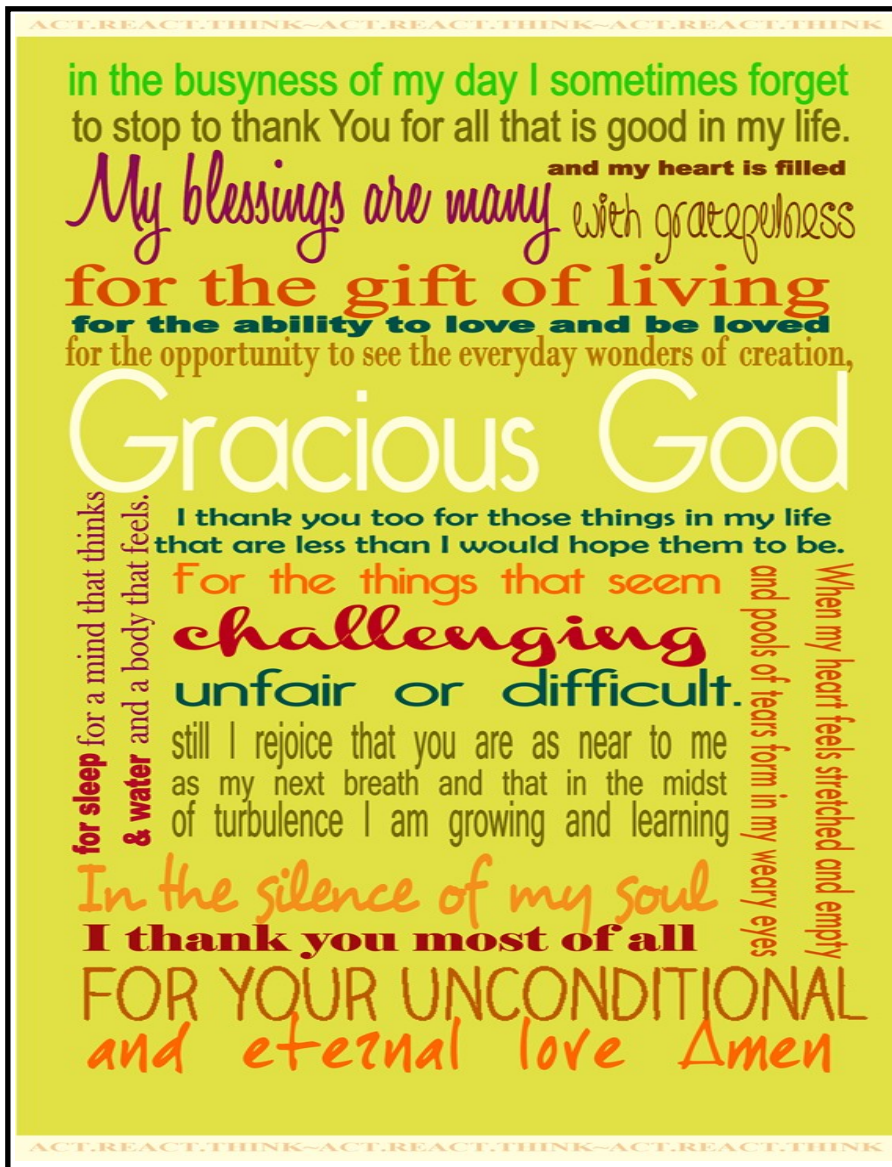
IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER,
YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT.

We meet every Sunday morning in room 103 right after morning worship. If you have children, there is an excellent Sunday School for them to learn valuable lessons about Jesus while we fellowship and share ideas.



Sunday Evening Small Group

The Sunday Evening Small group has a new name: The Sonshine Group. The Sonshine Group meets Sundays at the Church at 5 pm for study and finishes up with a potluck dinner at 6 pm. All are invited to come and enjoy the Word and fellowship.



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

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.

November Happenings



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

We now have a sign-up for Worship Volunteers for 2020!!! We need your help to make Worship time successful.

Please sign up to:

count money
usher
operate the PowerPoint
drive the bus.



MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women



TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH

We had 11 ladies at our October lunch at Panda House, and then a very interesting devotion/program given by Sue Chappell. She shared the story of her great grandfather Rev. J. T. Upchurch. He founded the Beracham Home Foundation for prostitutes/abused women in 1903, in Waco, TX. She became more interested when the book Home Erring Outcast Girls by Julie Kibler came out recently telling the whole story of Rev. Upchurch. His fascinating history is now collected at the University of Texas.

Our November meeting will be on the **2nd Tuesday, Nov. 12.** We will meet at the church at 11 to carpool to Marionville to visit the Ozarks Methodist Manor. We will have lunch there, visit some of the residents, deliver our Christmas gifts, and hear from Pam Jenkins, the Marketing Director. We have made this trip in November for many, many years. We always participate in bringing Christmas gifts for residents in need. The items are **NOT** to be wrapped, and they can be almost anything. If you would like to send something, I have posted a list on the Information Table outside the sanctuary which gives examples of needed items. Items should be given to Lynn in the office by Tuesday, November 12th. Join us for the outing to Marionville, or we are happy to deliver your donations. Everyone is welcome to join us on

Tuesday, November 12th, at 11 a.m. to head south to Marionville.