



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday thru Friday

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

October 1	Leadership Team at 6 pm
October 8	MVMW at Panda House at 11 am
October 10-13	Apple Butter Makin' Days
	Men's Walk to Emmaus
October 17-20	Women's Walk to Emmaus
October 31	The Munchkin Maze

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Coming Soon

November 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5	Leadership Team at 6 pm
November 17	Charge Conference at Hood UMC at 2:30 pm
November 28	Happy Thanksgiving Office & Step by Step Closed

October 2019

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Sue Chappell

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Kristen Earnest
& Hope Morris

Bus Driver:

Lee Dunbar

Children's Sunday School

Danielle Tabor

Check Us Out Online!

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www.mtvunited.org and leave
us a message!

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labels. We appreciate all your
help. Thank you.

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.

We often hear about the "ages". You know, the Iron Age, or the Golden Age, or more recently the "Space Age". But if we had to name the "age" we're living in just now, I think we would call it the "Age of Convenience", because we want everything to be easy. Right? We have drive through windows, ATMs, one-hour photo, on-line banking, gift cards (so we don't have to pick out a present!), remote control, and on and on! If we don't have to get out of our car or our chair, if it doesn't require any real effort on our part.... then count us in!!

This "Age" has even extended into our churches. We have one service for this group and another for that group. We have 3 or 4 services on Sunday morning so that everyone can find a service that's convenient.....

"Football comes on at noon today pastor! You can't expect me to miss the first quarter!"

"Well, we like to attend the early services that way we can brunch with our friends that don't attend church"

"Sunday night services! You've got to be kidding! That's my time!!"

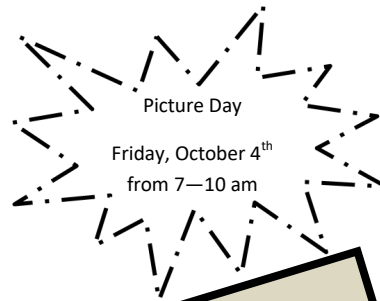
Consider with me this morning that maybe it shouldn't be so easy. Maybe making an effort or a sacrifice to attend worship or to live a Christian life is not an inconvenience...maybe it's essential. You see when Jesus talked about living the way we should live he used terms like "the narrow gate", and when he preached about service he said "the harvest is great, but the workers are few". Maybe I'm missing something, but to me it doesn't sound like He's saying "Oh, just follow Me and everything's going to be a breeze!"

Maybe it shouldn't be so easy. Are we being roped into what society would have us do rather than what we should be doing? Are we modeling our Christian walk after the secular world? Are we making Christianity a religion of convenience? Please understand that I am not speaking against having multiple services or programs at your church. What I am saying is that perhaps each of us should look at our own motives, our own heart, our own worship. Are we there because it's convenient? Or because our hearts cry out to worship Him? Are we there because it's convenient, or because we have a heart for service? Are we there because of habit, or have we come to praise God?

I would encourage each of you to examine your hearts. Is your Christian walk a walk of convenience, or of service? Is your Christian walk a meandering stroll, or a walk of purpose? Food for thought.

Lord help us to walk with purpose in Your will. We want to have a heart for true worship and praise. We want to live a life of sacrifice and service for You. Help us to avoid the pitfalls of the broad and easy way Father. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

October's Dates to Remember:



Mt. Vernon No School

**Friday, October 11
Monday, October 14
and Friday, October 25!**



Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group is meeting on Wednesdays at 11 am 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:

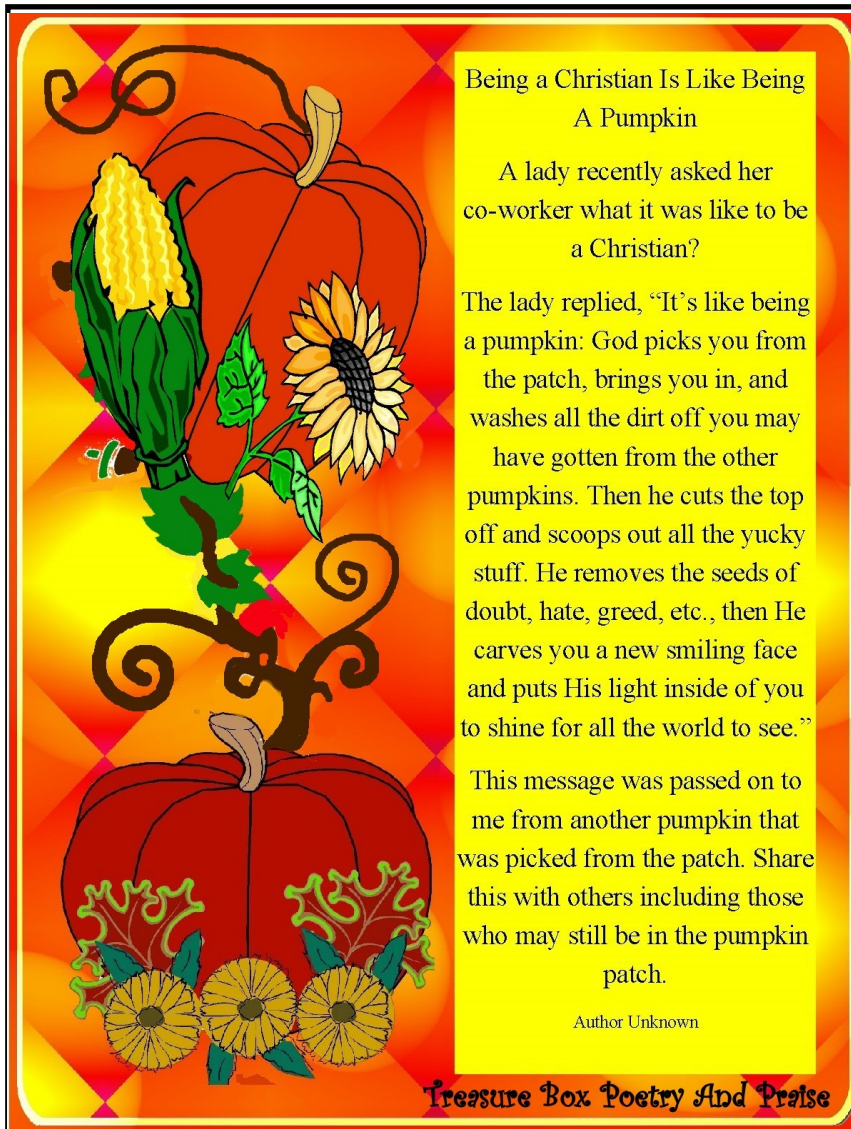
IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER,
YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT.

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.



Being a Christian Is Like Being
A Pumpkin

A lady recently asked her
co-worker what it was like to be
a Christian?

The lady replied, "It's like being
a pumpkin: God picks you from
the patch, brings you in, and
washes all the dirt off you may
have gotten from the other
pumpkins. Then he cuts the top
off and scoops out all the yucky
stuff. He removes the seeds of
doubt, hate, greed, etc., then He
carves you a new smiling face
and puts His light inside of you
to shine for all the world to see."

This message was passed on to
me from another pumpkin that
was picked from the patch. Share
this with others including those
who may still be in the pumpkin
patch.

Author Unknown

Treasure Box Poetry And Praise

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.

October Happenings

It is time to get ready for our annual
Halloween Extravaganza! We are calling it
The Munchkin Maze!

This year we have new plans.

IT'S INSIDE!!

The Belangers have an indoor maze in the
works and we will man table stations
throughout the maze. Very Cool!! Come and
join the fun!

Reserve your spot NOW!

Contact Marion Belanger
for more information



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

Thank you to all who donated to the Festival of Sharing. Martha Bartelsmeyer and Sue Chappell delivered our collection of: \$50 cash to be used where most needed; \$70 for 7 Women's Prison Packs; and 6 Paper Products Packs valued at \$15 each.

Our October meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 8th, at 11:00 a.m., at the Panda House. Sue Chappell is the hostess and she will also have the program. We will be planning our November visit to the Marionville Ozarks Methodist Manor; we usually take

needed items to be used as Christmas gifts for some of the residents.

We welcome all women to join us on Tuesday, October 8th at Panda House for lunch at 11.

Thank you

Thanks to my Church Family for taking time to come to my birthday party, send a card, or say a kind word. I appreciate each one of you!

Ann Knott

