



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



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

March 3

Leadership Team at 6 pm

March 7

**FISH Women's Group at 8:30 am
at Keen Bean**

March 8

**Daylight Savings Time Begins
"Spring Forward"**

March 12

**MVMW at 11 am at The Golden Plate
in Sarcoxie**

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Coming Soon

April 7	Leadership Team at 6 pm
April 10	Good Friday Service at 6 pm Office & SBS Closed
April 12	<i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>He Is Risen!</i>
April 14	MVMW at 11 am

March 2020

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Dale Scott

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris

Bus Driver:

Volunteers Needed

Check Us Out Online!

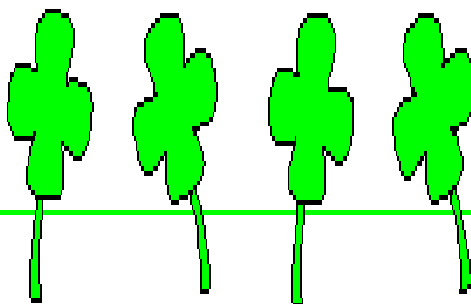
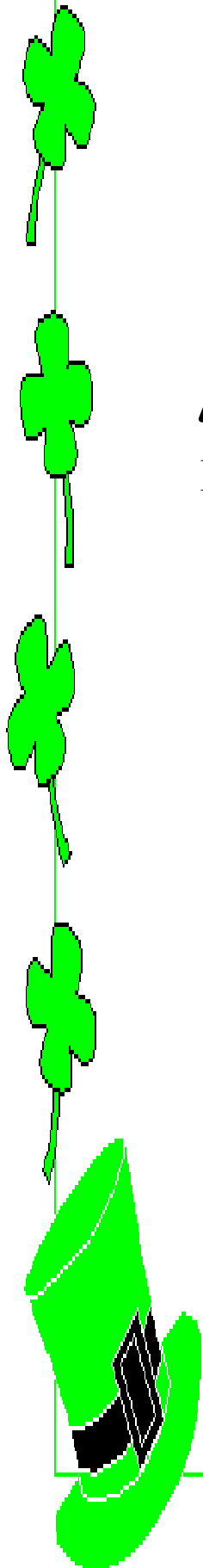
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Judy Kitchen

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Mark's Message

I've heard it said before that if you like a certain restaurant that you should never, ever go into the kitchen. The same can be said of your church.

Most Sunday morning pew sitters never know what it takes to run a church. They come to church, they sit through the service, put some money (maybe) in the plate and go home. They don't realize the work and the discussion and the decisions that went into organizing and producing that church service. They don't think about what it takes to run the building, pay the staff, and keep all that equipment working. If you're involved in church service or in church government, you know what I mean!

And the same can also be said for our Christian walk. We all know who we are. Even though the world may see a calm or joyful exterior, we know the spiritual battles that have gone on in our hearts and minds. We know the time we've spent on our knees asking God for guidance and wisdom. We know the history. We know what it has taken to get where we are. Only we know, only God knows. But hear the Good News! He loves us despite all that. Just as we did not come from our mother's womb fully formed, we do not spring into new life with Christ a mature and wise Christian brother or sister. Transformed certainly, but certainly not complete, not perfect.

So, if you know a pew-sitter or a Christian brother or sister that has work to do on themselves or their engagement with the church...encourage, don't discourage. Lift up, not put down. Believe the best and hold them accountable with love and grace liberally applied.

Lord we thank You for the process. For salvation, for growing in our Christian walk, and for ultimate perfection with You in Heaven. Thank you, Jesus. We pray in Your name. Amen.

Happy St. Patrick's Day
from Step By Step



Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group meets at 5:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays 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

Planting seeds in faith

Our Small Group meets in room 103 after Sunday morning worship. We are a multigenerational adult group, our format is casually studying, sharing, and fellowshiping together. We continue to work our way through John Ortberg's "If You Want to Walk On Water You Have To Get Out Of the Boat". Currently our conversation centers around the question; are you on a mission from God? And how will we know. Due to the informal nature of the group, drop-ins are always welcome!



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.

March Spotlight

Our new soup ministry will have their
first distribution on
Wednesday, March 25th.

They are asking for the
congregation to bring cookies.

We need them by 5 pm
on Wednesday, March 25th.

Contact Janice Casey, Jean Duwe or
Shannon McKinzie
for more information.



Calling the ladies
of FUMC Mt. Vernon.

Our FISH Group will meet
at 8:30 am at Keen Bean
on March 7th.

They are planning on collecting
items to send the college kids for
finals in April. Come and
fellowship and plan events for
the year.

We Need You

Check out the volunteer sign-up sheets for 2020 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

Ten ladies attended the February meeting at the TA Subway. We discussed the FUMC Emergency Food Pantry; Sue, Marge, & Martha have worked to organize the food items and pack items in a bag for 1 person or a family. Kitty brought the idea to put a devotional item in each bag. It was agreed to make the small washcloths and attach a short devotional message for each bag given out.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 12th**, at 11 am, at the Golden Plate in Sarcoxie. Note the date of Thursday instead of Tuesday due to the Election on Tuesday. Ann Knott will be the hostess and have our devotion. Join us if you can; the food is delicious. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 10:40 am.

Thank you

We would like to thank our Church family for your cards, visits, calls, encouragement and prayers during Jerry's illness and recent death. We greatly appreciate the lovely dinner Sally and the ladies of the church provided for our family after the funeral.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful Church family. May God bless each one.

Love,

Wilma Wood and family

