



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar

Subject to CoVid-19 restrictions being lifted



Tuesday thru Friday

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

May 5 Leadership Team at 6 pm

May 10 Happy Mother's Day



**May 21 MVMW at 11 am
at the Church**

May 25 Memorial Day—SBS Closed

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June 2	Leadership Team at 6 pm
June 5-7	Annual Conference
June 11	MV Graduation
June 21	Happy Father's Day

May 2020

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Dale Scott

Audio/Visual Technology:

David McDonald
& Shannon McKinzie

Offering Counters:

Martha Bartelsmeyer
& Shannon McKinzie

Bus Driver:

Volunteers Needed

Check Us Out Online!

Check out our homepage at
www.mtvunited.org and leave
us a message!

Save Your Best Choice!

Best Choice labels just contacted me saying that the bonus will now be on every 1,000 labels turned in. We currently have just under 500, so we only need another 500 to get the \$60 reward. Since our Walmart doesn't offer Best Choice products, if you can get out to Aurora or Monett, they have many of the Best Choice items in the grocery stores. It would be a good excuse to get out of the house and go for a little ride to get some needed groceries for the label collection.

Thanks to everyone who has put the labels in the basket in the entry. Stay safe.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

We Need You

Call the Church for information.

There are still opportunities to:

count money

usher

operate the worship presentation

drive the bus.



Mark's Message

What if we did a little experiment at church? Picked a random sampling of people over the next few Sundays and ask them this question: Why are you here this morning?

Here are some of the responses I believe you'll get:

Huh?
I'm here every Sunday.
My husband/wife/parent made me come
I teach Sunday School
I'm one of the musicians
It's Christmas/Easter
We're having a pot luck after church!
We're visiting
I serve on the church board/committee
It's raining. We couldn't go _____

Why do you come to church? Notice anything about that list? No one in my imaginary list said "I came to worship", no one said "To glorify God".

In his book "The Purpose Driven Life" Rick Warren says...."Worship is our first responsibility to God....God wants our worship to be motivated by love, thanksgiving, and delight. Not duty."

Being in a community of believers is important. However, we should be careful that our church going does not turn into just a habit. You are there for a reason. And here's the important part. IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU. It's about God. It's about worship and praise, about letting go, confessing sin, giving glory to God, using your talents to lift Him up. It's not about you. It's not about your preacher, your Sunday school teacher, your position in the church, or anything else you can think of contains the word you or your. It's about God. So if you're reading this, and you think I might be right. How will it change the way you think about worship? What will you DO differently. How will you think differently?

Because if you do think these things are true, but then just say to yourself "Boy, I'm glad he's not talking about me!" you've missed something. Go ahead, conduct the experiment. Let me know what you find.

Heavenly Father, just like the song says, help us to get back to the heart of worship. It's all about You Jesus. We love you so much Lord. Help us to put away our foolish pride and any sense of embarrassment we have about worshiping You openly and freely. Help us to glorify You all the more in everything we do. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Mark

Step By Step is reopening on May 4th.

Thank you to everyone for your support and understanding during this time.

We will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th.



Donut says

Hi!!



Hello from the Youth!

We hope you are all staying healthy and are not going to stir crazy during our “stay home” time. We have been missing all of you so much!

I can not believe Wednesday March 4 was the last time we got together in person for youth group. Two months is way too long!

We have been creative in our new way of social distancing youth group time!

We have sent bible verses back and forth via text

Sent Bible lessons via text

Funny memes

Pics of what we have all been up to

A few different style photo scavenger hunts

Fun pics of Opal (Donut) of course!

Zoomed and played different Jack box games together

(it was so good to finally see all the kids again in “person”)

With the help of Lynn, Bella, and Donut we cleaned and shampooed the Whole youth room!

It is ready for us all to start gathering again soon!

“May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.”

Genesis 31:49 (NIV)

God is our safe place and our strength. He is always our help when we are in trouble.

Psalms 46:1 (NIV)

See you soon!

Love,

Geoff and Shelley



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.

Church Family,

This Saturday, the 2nd of May will be our last day of residency in Mt. Vernon as we are moving back to Tulsa, OK. We regret that we are not able to visit with you in person before we leave and we want you to know that the fellowship with you during a good part of the past thirty-four years has meant a lot to us, we care about you and we will miss you greatly. We wish the best for you and the church and thank you for your rewarding friendship.

Sincerely,

Dick and Jacquie Healey

Please keep the following
in your prayers:



General Prayer Requests

Ian McDonald

Cancer Treatment

Alan Miller (Marilyn Meyer's
nephew)

Michelle Vivio

Holly Wright (Ann Knott's
Granddaughter)

Health and Healing

Dick Healey

Martha Toft

Kathy Berberich

Jean McDonald

Military

Nathan Harralson

Lt. Anthony Richardson

Landon Hull

Lt. Jonathan Healey

Jacob Lamkins

Our people in the nursing homes:

Mt. Vernon Place Care

1425 S Landrum St

Mt. Vernon

Larry Carl

Doris Duwe

Shawna Woolsey

**Lawrence County
Manor**

915 Carl Allen Dr

Mt. Vernon

Larry Brumfield

Carl Hult

Oak Pointe of Monett

1011 Old Airport Rd

Monett, MO 65708

Lonnie Baugh

Drop a card off to our
Nursing facility members. If
you would like an updated
directory contact the Church
office.



If anyone needs anything during this
time of uncertainty you can call the
Church office or contact
Shelley (417-366-0296) or
Geoff Mosely (417- 366-0283).

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!



Sonshine Group

The Sonshine Group is having a Zoom Small Group Sunday, May 3rd at 5 pm. If you have access to the internet join us with the information below.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6622162019?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6622162019?pwd=OHA0eIFCZVFFSFJZSWp0aFA5WW42QT09)

[pwd=OHA0eIFCZVFFSFJZSWp0aFA5WW42](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6622162019?pwd=OHA0eIFCZVFFSFJZSWp0aFA5WW42QT09)

[QT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6622162019?pwd=OHA0eIFCZVFFSFJZSWp0aFA5WW42QT09)

Meeting ID: 662 216 2019

Password: 4H2D6G

Contact Geoff or Shelley

Mosley for more
information.

MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH

For May, we are going to try to meet as a group, if it is allowed. We picked the 3rd Thursday – **May 21st** – to meet at the church at **11 am**. Shirley Greene will have the devotion. Lunch will be provided by the officers. Let's hope we can all be together again.

If you're looking for something to do during this virus time, check out our library at church. Shirley Greene recently donated 7 books from the "Mysteries of Lancaster County" series. I've read all of them; they are an easy read and it's fun to try to figure out the mystery before the end. There are lots of books in the library. Help yourself. Remember, Lynn is in the office Tuesday through Friday in the mornings.

Stay safe and be grateful for all the blessings we have.
Judy Kitchen

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 Annual Michael Bolin Memorial Scholarship

The High School is still having Scholarship Night
for the Seniors of 2020!

They will be awarded to the students
via internet announcement May 4

We have given four scholarships
of \$200.00 each to these students:

Cade Shepherd
Erin Shelton
Cale Miller
Raelin Swillum

Be full of joy always because you belong to the Lord.

Again I say, be full of joy!

Philippians 4:4 (NLV)

Mission Opportunity

Covenant Baptist Church needs our help!

Their youth are having a shoe fundraiser and they are collecting gently new or used shoes to be sent to children in other countries. During this stay at home time we have been doing a lot of spring cleaning! If you have any you can donate (they are collecting any Women, Men, Boys, Girls, and Infant sizes) or when we are able to shop pick up a pair that would be wonderful! Their goal is 2500 pairs of shoes. They currently have 700 pairs. You can keep hold of them and as soon as we return to Church, I will have a box set up in the foyer to collect them all!

Shelley

