



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar

Depending on COVID-19 restrictions
continuing to relax



Tuesday thru Friday
8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald
Administrative Assistant

June 2

Leadership Team at 6 pm

June 11

MV Graduation

June 21

Happy Father's Day



Pastor Mark's last Sunday

June 28

Pastor Donnie's first Sunday

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Coming Soon

July 3	SBS Closed
July 4	Happy Independence Day!!
July 7	Leadership Team
July 24	Backpack Registration Ends

June 2020

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Marilyn Meyer

Audio/Visual Technology:

David McDonald
& Luke McKinzie

Offering Counters:

Peggy Pyle & Robin Tate

Bus Driver:

Volunteers Needed

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.

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.



Mark's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Followers of Jesus,

It has been a privilege to serve you as pastor for these past 2 years. We've come a long way and we've gotten a few things accomplished. I truly believe that we are better off than when we started. We have more to do, and my prayer is that you'll work together with your new pastor to keep up the great momentum we've built.

I never thought I'd be a pastor during a pandemic, nor did I ever think that I would be a pastor to close a church (DRC). But God works things in His timing and for His purposes. Rest assured of that fact, and renew your trust in God to guide our church. These are trying times for the UMC, and I've seen and heard things that I never thought I would. Much of it saddens me and even more makes me shake my head in pure amazement at the flailing and falling over ourselves trying to meet the expectations of the culture. Especially when the prescription and plan that we need is right there in God's Word. We simply have to believe it and do what it says! It's not always easy, but it is always right.

You can also rest assured that even though I won't be your pastor anymore, I will still be in ministry. That's something that God has called me to, and no appointment system or denomination changes that truth. I have no idea yet what that will look like, but I'm trying to listen to what God has in store, and I pray that you'll pray with me for direction and fulfillment.

I have made, what I hope will be, some life-long friends at MTV. I pray that you feel that same way. I am thankful for all of you that have served in leadership and lent a hand when needed. And even though I won't see you every week, I will always be there if you need me...I will always be your friend.

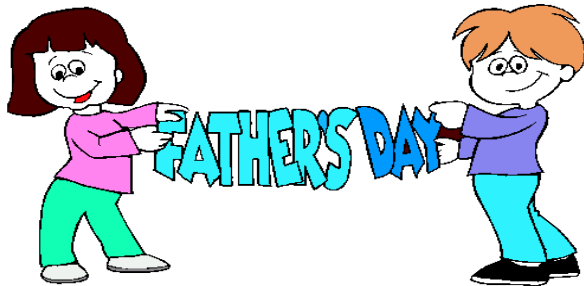
This month we all start a new chapter. Our Mighty God tends to do things in seasons. This season is behind us and a new one begins. Embrace it and make it your own. I am, as always, your servant.

Much love,

Mark

We are in desperate need of disinfectant spray.

We need to disinfect all our toys, floors, furniture and bedding. The COVID-19 crisis has caused stores to limit our purchasing ability. If you are shopping consider picking up a can of disinfectant spray and donating it to Step By Step.



Donut says

Hi!!



June 2020

EMOJI PRAYER REMINDERS



PRAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS SAD AND ASK GOD TO COMFORT THEM.



THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU.



PRAY FOR SOMEONE WHO IS HURT AND ASK GOD TO HELP THEM GET BETTER.



THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU FRIENDS AND PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU LAUGH.



ASK GOD TO HELP YOU FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU ANGRY.



PRAISE GOD FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD HE HAS MADE ALL AROUND US.



PRAY FOR SOMEONE WHO IS SICK AND ASK GOD TO HELP THEM FEEL BETTER.



THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU CLOTHES TO WEAR AND A PLACE TO LIVE.



Youth
Sunday Morning Study
Starting after Worship
The Book of Acts

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
² So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
³ Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
⁴ A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.

- ⁵ God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it.
⁶ The nations are in chaos,
and their kingdoms crumble!
God's voice thunders,
and the earth melts!
⁷ The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

Psalms 46:1-7 (NLT)



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,

The Duwe Family would like to thank our FUMC Family for their expressions of sympathy and condolences in the passing of Doris. Not an ideal time to celebrate her life of service and love of family. Your sharing of memories and expressions of kindness are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Craig and Jean Duwe

Please keep the following
in your prayers:



General Prayer Requests

Ian McDonald

Cancer Treatment

Michelle Vivio

Holly Wright (Ann Knott's
Granddaughter)

Health and Healing

Jim Greene

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

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

COVID-19 restrictions may be relaxing for most of us, our nursing home residents are still on lockdown. So why not 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 the fellowship hall 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 meets Sundays at the Church at 5 pm for study and finishes up with a potluck dinner at 6 pm. When we are able to meet again we are starting a new study:

“Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough” by Kay Warren.

“Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things.” Kay Warren

All are invited to come and enjoy the Word and fellowship.

MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH

We are going to try and meet sometime in June. If you would like to join us please contact the Church office or Judy Kitchen for more information.



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 Emmaus to join us, or if you just wants some information to come and find out what Emmaus is all about.

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. I will have a box set up in the foyer to collect them all!

Shelley



presents

Backpack and School Supplies Program.



Providing free grade appropriate supplies with a backpack to Mount Vernon School children (PreK-12th grade).

Registration is required.

Register from June 1st to July 24th.

Forms are available at the **HOPE Center** or **First United Methodist Church**.

Return the form to the HOPE Center or mail to:

First United Methodist Church

PO Box 108

Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

Backpacks must be picked up, in person,
at First United Methodist Church, 621 W Sloan (Hwy V)
on Saturday, August 1st from 9-11 AM.