



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

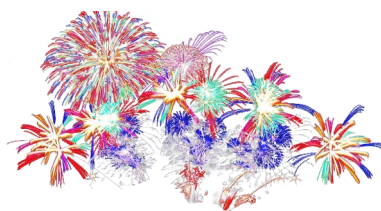
Mark Your Calendar

Depending on COVID-19 restrictions
continuing to relax



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

July 3 **SBS Closed**



July 4 *Happy Independence Day*

July 7 **Leadership Team at 6 pm**

July 24 **Backpack Registration Ends**

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Coming Soon

August 1	Backpack Distribution
August 4	Leadership Team
August 15	Emmaus Board
August 26	MV Schools Begins



July 2020 Leadership

Lead Usher:

Mike Pyle

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Sue Chappell & Hope Morris

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 600, so we only need another 400 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.



A Note From Pastor Donnie

Reverend Donnie Hudson
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Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
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May 5, 2020

Dear Church,

I am humbled and excited to receive the appointment as pastor of First United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon beginning June 28, 2020.

I retired from the Arkansas Conference last July where I pastored small and medium sized churches for 28 years. The reason I decided to retire was so that my wife, Annette, and I could live close to our kids and grandkids. We have 2 girls and their husbands, and 6 (soon to be 7) grandkids who live in Springfield. Our oldest son lives in Fayetteville, AR with his wife and 3 kids. Our other son and his kids live in West Virginia. We love spending time with them in any setting, but our favorites are hiking, camping, floating, a day at Silver Dollar City or just having them all hang out at Granny and Papa's.

Since last July, after retiring from the Arkansas Conference, one thing I have noticed about myself is that I haven't lost my desire for preaching and ministering to the Church. I look forward to working with you to achieve the short and long term goals that God has established for us. I am committed to caring for your spiritual needs, encouraging you through the Word of God and helping you to mature in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Annette and I look forward to getting to know you all!

If you have any questions for me, please text, email or call.

Blessings,

Pastor Donnie



Step By Step is seeking full time and part time teachers.

Applicants must be dependable, have experience with young children and be able to pass a background check.

Apply at the Church or email your resume to stepbystepfumc@gmail.com.

For more information call Jessica at 417 466 2459.

**SBS will be closed
Friday, July 3rd for
Independence Day**



Opal says:



July 2020

THE LORD'S PRAYER

with Emojis



Youth
Sunday Morning
Study
Starting after Wor-
ship

Our 👨👩👦 who is in ☁️, 😇 be your
name. Your 👑-dom come, your 👉 be
done on 🌍 as it is in ☁️.
Give us this 📅 JUL 17 our daily 🍞 and 🙌
us our 😞 as we forgive those who 😞
against us. And 🐾 us not into 💰 but
deliver us from 😈.
For yours is the 👑-dom, the 💪 and the 🙌
∞ and ever 🙏.



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.

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

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 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 meets Sundays at the Church at 5 pm for study and finishes up with a potluck dinner at 6 pm. We currently aren't meeting but be looking for a start date soon. 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

11 ladies attended our meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, at the Panda House.

We were very pleased to have Clara Spurlock back in town to join us. She will be moving back to Mesa, Arizona, in a couple of months. We plan to take the months of July and August off, but we will continue our missions of the FUMC

Food Pantry, the Backpack Program, the Methodist Manor in Marionville, and the Festival of Sharing. Our next meeting will be in September at a date to be decided later based on the virus situation. Have a wonderful and safe summer.



Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group meets at 5:00 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



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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.