



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar

Depending on COVID-19 restrictions
continuing to relax



Monday Thru Thursday
8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald
Administrative Assistant

August 1

Backpack Distribution 9-11 am

August 4

Leadership Team at 6 pm

August 19

Pray for Schools Parade at 6 pm

August 23

School Supply Blessing Service

August 26

MV School Begins

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Coming Soon

September 1	Leadership Team
September 7	<i>Labor Day</i>
	Office Closed
	SBS Closed

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church

Worship 9 am

Sunday School 10 am

August 2020

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Hope Morris

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Martha Bartelsmeyer
& Judy Kitchen

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 just passed 700 labels – only need 300 more! A **big thanks** to whoever left a big bag of labels in the basket this past month. Let's keep up the good work and try to reach the 1,000 labels this month.

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.



A Note From Pastor Donnie

Do You Have A Nickname?

Names have meaning. You may have been named after a relative, an event that happened around the time you were born or just because your parents like the sound of the name they chose for you. But a nickname; a nickname is usually very descriptive of your person. It usually has meaning about who you are. Sometimes they are more humorous than serious.

In the last century when I was playing high school football, one season I played with a sprained ankle about 60 to 70 percent of the time. Once I sprained my ankle just jogging in my warmup lap at the beginning of practice. A teammate started calling me “Hurt Foot”, it caught on and that was my name even after I grew out of that clumsy stage. It was, however an apt moniker for a certain time of my life.

Some Bible characters have nicknames. Barnabas, for example is a nickname given to Joseph of Cypress by the early church. It means, “Son of Encouragement”. Barnabas is referred to as a “good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.” Through his ministry, “a great number of people were brought to the Lord” (Acts 11:24). Barnabas is mentioned 23 times in Acts and five times in Paul’s letters. Perhaps the best example of Barnabas living into his nickname is after he and Paul had a sharp disagreement on taking John Mark on a mission trip. Paul and Barnabas had taken John Mark on their first mission trip, but he turned back soon after they started. So, when they were assembling the team for the second trip, Paul refused to take John Mark. Barnabas, willing to give John Mark a second chance and obviously seeing potential in him decided to split with Paul and become a mentor to John Mark. It paid off. Paul later calls him a “fellow worker” (Philemon 1:24). And near the end of Paul’s life, Paul sends a request to Timothy from a Roman prison: “Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11). This would likely not have happened without Barnabas encouraging John Mark to fulfill his calling in Christ.

What can we do in this time of Covid-19 to be encouragers?

1. Ask God to make you and encourager. Ask him to give you a heart that loves others and creativity to know how to show it. Ask him to help you die to self-centeredness and grow in a desire to build others up. Because God delights in helping his people obey his commands, we can trust that his Spirit will teach us how to bless others for his glory and their spiritual good.
2. Make encouragement a daily discipline. Sometimes a well-timed smile can change a persons disposition. Maybe a card, note or phone call would brighten someone’s day. An act of kindness for someone in need could be the thing that keeps them going another day.
3. Share Scripture with each other. The New Testament reveals that encouragement was a regular part of the early church’s life together (Acts 13:15, 16:40, 18:27, 20:1-2, 27:36). They shared Scripture-saturated words with each other to spur one another on in faith (Acts 14:22), hope (Rom. 15:4), unity (Rom. 15:5; Col. 2:2), joy (Acts 15:30), faithfulness (1 Thess. 2:12), perseverance (Heb. 10:25), and the certainty of Christ’s return (1 Thess. 4:18).
4. Get started. Who can you encourage right now? Who has blessed you recently that you can thank? What verse can you share with them? How might God use it?

Maybe you can earn the nickname “Barnabas” I would rather have it instead of “Hurt Foot” any day! I hope this note is an encouragement to you!

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.

Do you have garden overflow??

Consider donating to Step By Step.

We will take all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables.



Opal is ready



Are you??

August 2020



Youth

Sunday Morning Study

Starting after Worship

The Book of Acts

Calling ALL Students!!

From PreK to adults going back to school, bring your School Supplies to Church on Sunday, August 23rd let us bless you in a special Blessing Service.

Prayer Parade

Join us on Wednesday, August 19th for our Prayer Parade. We will leave the church at 6pm and drive to all the schools to say a prayer over the students, teachers, administrators and staff, and Step By Step for the coming year.

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

Wilma Wood

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 hopes to begin meeting again on Sunday evenings at the Church at 5 pm for study very 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 so keep listening for our start date.

MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH

We plan to take the month of 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.

Judy Kitchen



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.



AN INTRODUCTION TO DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ALICE FOWLER

District Superintendent Alice Fowler grew up in a pastor's family, married a pastor, then became a pastor herself. She was born in South Dakota and has lived in many different places including Lincoln, NE, where she got her Bachelor's in Music Education from Nebraska Wesleyan University; Van Buren, MO, where she served three years while getting her Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary; and Bloomfield, MO, where she served as a full-time pastor for seven years before being asked to be a District Superintendent in 2019. She is married to David, who is the pastor at First UMC in Carthage, MO, and they live between Carthage and Joplin. Besides her love for the Lord, the church, and her family, she loves music, reading, gardening, walking, swimming, and pickleball. She and David have three wonderful children and two fabulous grandchildren. If you ask her, she has pictures!



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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.