



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

September 1

September 7

Leadership Team at 6 pm

Labor Day

Office Closed

SBS Closed

September 26

The Return Simulcast 9 am

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Coming Soon

October 6	Leadership Team
October 11	Picnic at the Pastor's House
October 31	Trunk Or Treat
	Set clocks back 1 hour
November 1	Daylight Saving Time Ends

September 2020

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Dale Scott

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Peggy Pyle & Robin Tate

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 735 labels – only need 235 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

Dear Church,

Live streaming a worship service is hard - when you don't know what you're doing; and when you are trying to learn it in a few days. Most of my learning came through trial and error. I desperately wanted to get it working by service time. I had the video portion up and running fairly quick, but the audio tried my patience and tested my persistence. Several times I just wanted to give up and tell everyone it would be one more week. Several times I held my head in my hands in exasperation. Several times I said a little prayer that God would help me (I should have prayed more). I watched, what seemed like, a thousand YouTube video's of other people hooking up their live streaming devices. They made it look easy, but there was always one element missing: they were not using a sound board. Finally, on Sunday morning with 20 minutes to spare I figured out the audio – sort of. Our worship service was Live Streamed to my Facebook page because I didn't have the password to the Church's Facebook page. Most people who watched it reported that it came through just fine, but a few said there was a problem with the audio. So, this week I'm back to "school" to figure out how to increase the quality of the audio. Hopefully, this Sunday at 9:00 am, if you are not able to make it to church, you will be able to join us on Facebook as we worship our Lord, Jesus.

Is there a moral to my story? Maybe. What do you think about the following possibilities?:

1. You don't know what you don't know, no matter how simple. As it turned out the fix for the audio was as simple as moving the audio cord from one jack to another. Simple right? Except for if you don't know the difference between one jack and another. Same thing if you have a spiritual question or issue. The solution may be simple, but not if you don't know it. Keep asking and seeking for answers.
2. Persistence pays off. Have you ever heard the saying, "Do something even if it is wrong"? That does not mean that you should do something you know is wrong, just sayin'. Sometimes God uses the process of elimination to guide us the way He wants us to go.
3. When you have a problem, find someone who knows more than you. I couldn't find anyone on Saturday, but have gotten some good advice since then. Actually, I know The One who knows infinitely more than all the human wisdom in the world. He doesn't share it all with me, but I'm comforted in knowing that He lets me know what I need to know in order to live a life pleasing to Him.

What are some Bible verses that substantiate the three morals to my story? Text me or call me with your answers at 870-350-5678 or email me at donniehud@me.com.

May we be as persistent in our love for God as He is in His love for us!

Pastor Donnie

Step By Step will be closed on
Monday, September 7th
in observance of Labor Day.

We will begin our fall academic year
on Tuesday, September 8th.

HAPPY



LABOR DAY

Step by Step
Child
Development
Center



A STUDENT'S PRAYER

Creator of all things, true source of **Light** and **Wisdom**, lofty source of all Being, graciously **let a ray of Your Brilliance** penetrate into the darkness of my understanding and take from me the **double darkness** in which I have been born, sin and ignorance.

Give me a sharp sense of understanding, a retentive memory, and **the ability to grasp** things correctly and fundamentally. **Grant me the talent** of being exact in my explanations, and the ability to express myself with **thoroughness and charm**.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, help in the completion.

THROUGH CHRIST, OUR LORD

Saint Thomas Aquinas



Youth

Sunday Morning Study

Starting after Worship

The Book of Acts

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to Pastor Donnie and Annette's house for a Picnic on the Lawn. This will be a "Bring Your own Picnic" event due to covid. Please bring enough food and drink and silverware, etc. for your family. Pastor Donnie will have a hot grill ready if you want to cook something. Please bring chairs and or a blanket. If you have trouble with bringing a chair, we do have some seating. We are going to plan for two dates in the event of rain. The first date will be **Sunday, October 1** am or soon thereafter, at your convenience. The second **Sunday, October 18th**, the same time. We have limited of things for kids to do, so, please invite anyone you know.

Our address is 17665 Lawrence 2075 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

More details will come later.



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 are happy to get together with our ladies again. Our September meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept. 9th, at 11 am, at Panda House**; we enjoy supporting our local businesses, and the food is great.

Judy Kitchen will have the Devotion. Our main business item will be getting the monetary donations ready for the Festival of Sharing. Our Southwest Region "Sharefest" donation location is Hood United Methodist Church in Republic on Sept. 19.

Other business will be our quarterly donation to Ludhiana Medical College and planning our annual visit to Ozark Methodist Manor in Marionville. Thanks to all who helped with the Backpack Program packing and distributing. It was a joyful time to work together. Our special thanks goes to Jean Duwe for putting everything together.

All women are invited to join us on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, at 11, at Panda House. Stay well and be glad; we CAN get through this season of our lives.



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.

**NATIONAL AND GLOBAL DAY OF
PRAYER AND REPENTANCE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

THE RETURN

**A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER
AND REPENTANCE**

MT. VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING A LIVE SIMULCAST OF THE RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 FROM 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM ON OUR BIG SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COME FOR ALL OR ANY PART OF THE EVENT.

For if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land – 2 Chronicles 7:14

IT BEGINS NOW

THE RETURN.ORG

THE RETURN

**IS A MOVEMENT AN AP-
POINTED TIME, AND A SPE-
CIFIC DAY SET APART FOR
ONE PURPOSE THE RETURN
TO GOD BY COMING BEFORE
HIS PRESENCE IN HUMILITY,
IN SINCERITY,**

**IN PRAYER,
AND REPENTANCE –**

REVIVAL COMES THROUGH REPENTANCE

Prayer, seeking God and His will, spreading the Word and being a shining light to others. You can commit to these things individually, as a family, church, or ministry. There will be multiple ways to participate, apply the principles of repentance, and start movements towards them with others. There will be official events concerning THE RETURN and resources.

Visit THEReturn.ORG to participate, sign up and learn more!

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