



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

October 6

Leadership Team at 6 pm

October 11

Picnic at the Pastor's at 11 am

October 14

MVMW at 11:30 at the Church

October 31

Munchkin Maze from 6 to 8 pm

****Set your clocks back 1 hour****

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Coming Soon

November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 3

Leadership Team

November 25

NO Evening Activities

November 26

Thanksgiving

Office & SBS Closed

November 27

SBS Closed

October 2020

Leadership

Lead Usher:

Marilyn Meyer

Audio/Visual Technology:

David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters:

Ann Knott & Kent Casey

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!

We did not get any labels this month; so, we need to work extra hard this month to get 250 labels to reach the 1,000 goal. Thanks for trying to help out on this project.

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,

Fall has fell, uh felled, uh fallen. Fall has arrived.

I love the change of seasons. Each one has its own distinct beauty. What I love about fall is the crispness in the air and the colors of the trees. It reminds me of the Scripture that says that the glory of God is shown in His creation (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1). You are also God's creation, created for the glory of God. But with humans we have a choice. We can choose to dishonor God or when can choose to reflect the glory of God. Fall is a good time to examine ourselves (actually, it is always a good time to examine ourselves) to see if we are glory revealers.

How can you reveal God's glory? Here are a few suggestions.

1. Share the gospel message with someone telling what God has done in your life.
2. Perform a random act of kindness. You make it up. Anything qualifies.
3. Help someone in need.
4. Worship from your heart.
5. Exhibit excitement about Jesus and your church.
6. Pray for your pastor. He desperately needs it, just ask his wife. :)

That's enough for now.

Go and reveal the glory of God.

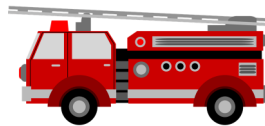
Pastor Donnie

October Dates to Remember:

Mrs. Shelbi's class field trip: Tuesday October 13



Fire safety/Emergency week: October 19-23



Fall Party: Thursday October 29 from 9-11



Step by Step
Child
Development
Center



2nd Annual Munchkin Maze

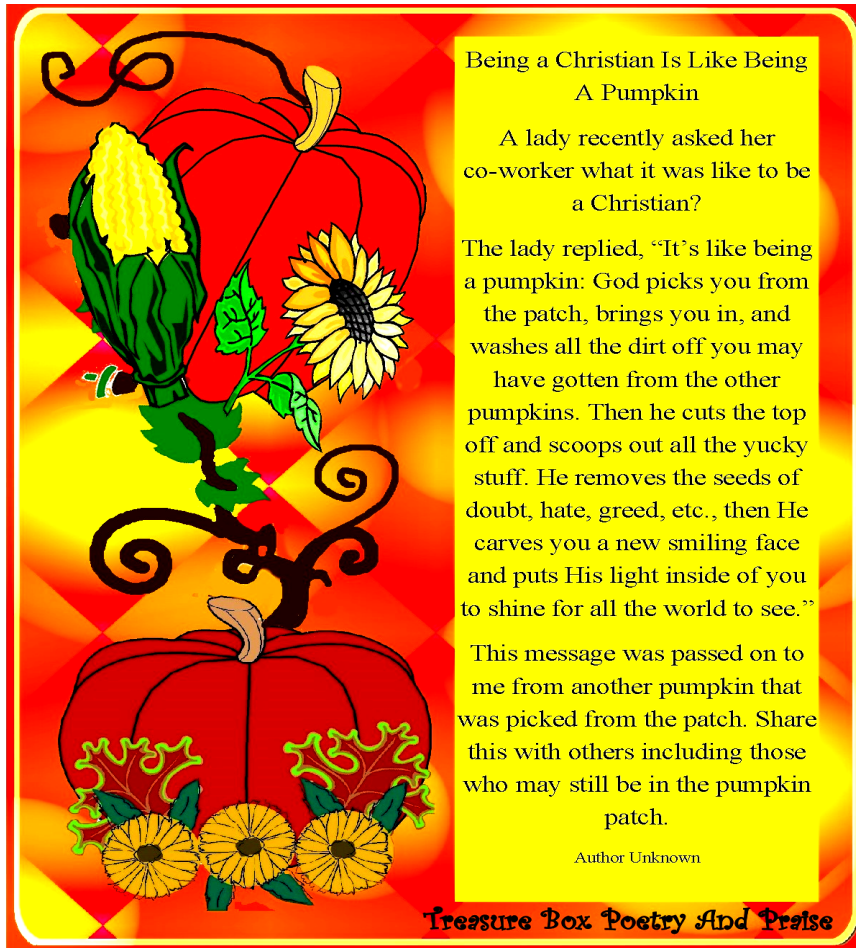
Rain or Shine

The Munchkin Maze is an
inside alternative to a
Trunk or Treat event.

On Saturday, October 31st
from 6 to 8 pm.



October 2020



Being a Christian Is Like Being A Pumpkin

A lady recently asked her co-worker what it was like to be a Christian?

The lady replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

This message was passed on to me from another pumpkin that was picked from the patch. Share this with others including those who may still be in the pumpkin patch.

Author Unknown

Treasure Box Poetry And Praise

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 11th.

We will be ready to receive guests at 11:00 am or soon thereafter, at your convenience.

In case of rain, the second date would be the following

Sunday, October 18th,

at the same time. We have limited parking so please try to carpool. We have lots of things for kids to do, so, please invite anyone you know to come for an afternoon of fun.

Our address is 17665 Lawrence 2075

Parking is limited so we encourage sharing rides or contact the Church Office to ride the bus.

Please keep the following
in your prayers:



General Prayer Requests

Ian McDonald

Cancer Treatment

Chris Atkinson

Health and Healing

Jim Greene

Jean McDonald

Holly Wright (Ann Knott's
Granddaughter)

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

Lucille Newkirk

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.



Oak Pointe of Monett
1011 Old Airport Rd
Monett, MO 65708

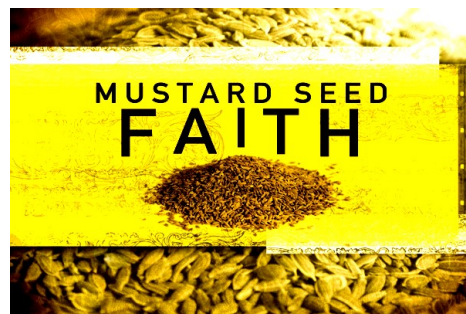
Lonnie Baugh

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).

The Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

We meet after Sunday morning worship in room 103. We are a multigenerational group, and enjoy fellowship, coffee, prayer and spiritual growth activities. Recently we completed one study and began a new one with Judy Kitchen facilitating. It is titled "Oh Say Can You See" by James Moore, and discusses tendencies toward spiritual blindness. Walk-ins and occasional attendees are always welcome! Faith, even as small as a mustard seed can grow when we learn to trust God!



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.

MVMW Mt. Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH

We had 10 ladies at our September meeting at Panda House. Judy gave the devotion on "patience and perseverance," something we all need during this time of the virus. We approved sending our annual donation to Festival of Sharing and a quarterly donation to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College.



Our October meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday, October 14th at church. Meeting will start at 11:30. Our hostess Sue Chappell will have lunch for us. We will make plans for our annual November visit to the Methodist Manor in Marionville.

We welcome any and all of the ladies of the church. Come join us. Happy Fall.



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.