



# Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Messenger

### Mark Your Calendar

All in person activities depend  
on current COVID-19 protocols.



**Monday Thru Thursday**  
8:30 to 2:30  
Lynn McDonald  
Administrative Assistant

**February 1**

**Leadership Team at 6 pm**

**February 10**

**MVMW at 11 am at Panda House**

**February 17**

**Ash Wednesday Service at ??**

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### Coming Soon

March 1	Leadership Team
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 28	Palm Sunday

First United Methodist Church  
Worship 9 am  
Sunday School 10 am

**February 2021**  
**Leadership**

**Lead Usher**  
Mike Pyle

**Audio/Visual**  
David & Lynn  
McDonald

**Offering Counters**  
Sue Chappell  
& Hope Morris

**Bus Driver**  
Need Volunteers

**Check Us Out Online!**

Check out our homepage at  
[www.mtvunited.org](http://www.mtvunited.org) and leave  
us a message!

**Save Your Best Choice!**

We received our reward check  
for the 1,000 labels we sent in  
last December. So, now it's  
time to start on this New Year.  
Buy Best Choice items when  
you can and save the labels for  
us. Thanks to all who help with  
this project.

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

Dear Church Family,

What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

Chocolate? Love notes? Flowers? (note to men: your wives and girlfriends always answer, "Yes", to this, even when they say, "No".)

Valentine's Day History:

I paused this writing to spend about an hour researching Valentine's Day history. There are very few historical facts to be found. Who cares, anyway? Just give me a box of chocolate!

O.K., but since there is a love connection to Valentine's Day – and I am a preacher – I must encourage you to allow Valentine's Day to encourage you to love others, to love God, and to receive God's love.

### Love others.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13.

(I must risk live and limb to make sure my friend has a box of chocolate.)

"Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." Philippians 2:3

(I must share my box of chocolate with others.)

Here's one just for husbands: "For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her." Just as Christ loved the church..., let that sink in!

(My wife gets my whole box of chocolate.)

### Love God.

"You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all you mind." Matthew 22:37.

"If you love me, obey my commandments." John 14:15

(I have forgotten all about chocolate. "Taste and see that the LORD is good. Psalm 34:8)

### Receive God's love.

"For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Romans 5:5.

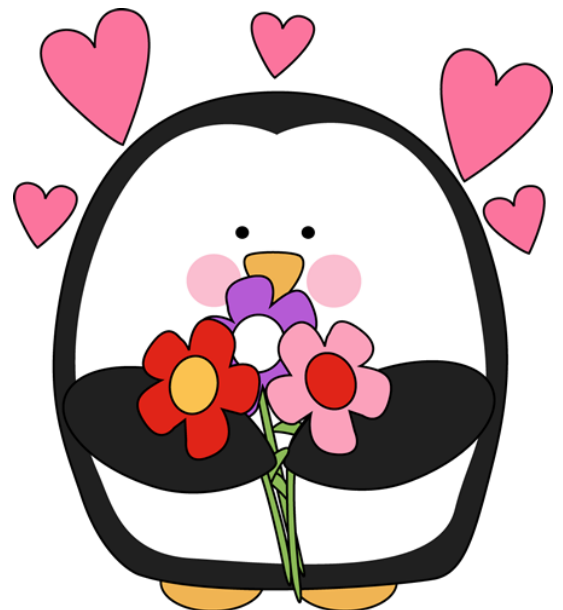
"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

(God's love is better than all the chocolate in the world!)

**There is no doubt. God is crazy about you!**



Step-By Step's  
Valentine's Day Party  
Friday, February 12th  
at 9:30am.



February 2021

We are meeting again!!!  
Masked and social distanced  
Wednesdays  
5:30 to 7:30 pm  
Dinner, Devotion and Fun!



**FUMC Youth**  
**Grades 7-12**  
**Meet at the Church**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Starting at 5:30 pm**

**"A Teenager's Prayer"**

**Each day brings new beginnings  
Decisions I must make  
I am the only one to choose  
The road that I will take**

**I can choose to take the road of life  
That leads to great success  
Or travel down the darkened road  
That leads to great distress**

**Please open up my eyes, dear Lord  
That I might clearly see  
Help me stand for what is right  
Bring out the best in me**

**Help, Lord, to just say "no"  
When temptation comes my way  
That I might keep my body clean  
And fit for life each day**

**When my teenage years are over  
I know that I will see  
That life is lived its very best  
With you walking next to me.**

**Author: J. Morse**

Please keep the following  
in your prayers:



**General Prayer Requests**

Ian McDonald

Those battling COVID-19  
and their families

**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**

*Shawna Woolsey*

**Lawrence County Manor**

**915 Carl Allen Dr**

**Mt. Vernon**

*Wilma Wood*

*Lucille Newkirk*

**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).



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Like us on Facebook or you can get an update on  
what is going on at Church on our website:

**[www.mtvunited.org](http://www.mtvunited.org)**

If you would like to announce an event you can email  
the church office at:

**[office@mtvunited.org](mailto: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**

Nine Mt. Vernon Methodist Women met for a lunch meeting in January at *Eight's* restaurant. We had thank you messages from Marionville Methodist Manor, SBS, and our Food Pantry for our donations to them in December. Ongoing projects are Prayer Squares to be attached to our Food Pantry bags, and our donations to the Ludhiana Medical College. Martha and Kitty were thanked for making the Prayer Squares. Our hostess, Ann Knott, shared a prayer and devotion.

Our February meeting is set for **February 10, at 11 am, at the Panda House.** Hope Morris is the hostess and will share a devotion. All are welcome to join us. We are happy to see everyone.