



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

March 1

March 14

March 28

Leadership Team at 6 pm

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Palm Sunday

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Coming Soon

April 1	Holy Thursday Service at 6 pm
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 5	Leadership Team



March 2021

Leadership

Lead Usher

Shannon McKinzie

Audio/Visual

David & Lynn
McDonald

Offering Counters

Shannon McKinzie
& Volunteer Needed

Bus Driver

Need Volunteers

First United Methodist Church

Worship 9 am

Sunday School 10 am

Check Us Out Online!

Check out our homepage at
www.mtvunited.org and leave
us a message!

Save Your Best Choice!

We've only gotten 35 labels so far this year. That's a long way from the 1,000 needed to receive the reward check. As we start getting out more, you might choose to shop at a bigger store that offers Best Choice items. We appreciate any Best Choice labels you can donate. Thanks.

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,

It's a beautiful day! The sun is shining, the temperature is a pleasant 67 degrees, and the cardinals, red wing blackbirds, sparrows and squirrels are having their fill around the bird feeder; even as the lingering snow is a reminder of the brutal winter storm of the last few weeks. Although I never wish for a storm like we just experienced, one of the benefits is that my anticipation and joy for Spring is greatly intensified. I can't wait for the arrival of hummingbirds and orioles; the blooming of flowers and fruit trees; and my garden vegetable sprouts breaking through the ground!

You know I'm gonna make a spiritual corollary, right?

Spring and all it brings is a yearly reminder that God causes new life to spring forth from what seems to be lifeless and hopeless. The old and bare gives way to luscious new growth. My favorite Scripture related to new life is “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

I love this Scripture because it is applicable every day, no matter what. I can be in the dead of winter, but I am a new creation in Christ. I always have some new growth in my relationship with Jesus to look forward to. The Holy Spirit is daily working within me to bear the fruit of Christ-likeness. Even though spiritual pruning takes place from time to time and it seems like three steps forward; two steps back, the purpose is to bear more spiritual fruit: more love, more joy, more peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. As a matter of fact, it is God's purpose and goal to cause you and me to eventually be made into the exact image of Jesus! Whoo hoo!

“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to **become like his Son**, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”
Romans 8:29 NLT

“Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday **be like the heavenly man**.”
1 Corinthians 15:49 NLT

“He will take our weak mortal bodies and **change them into glorious bodies like his own**, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.”
Philippians 3:21 NLT

“Put on your new nature, **created to be like God**—truly righteous and holy.”
Ephesians 4:24 NLT

Looking to the newness of Spring and new growth in Christ,

Pastor Donnie

Happy St. Patrick's Day



March 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

HEAVENLY FATHER,
GIVE US THE WISDOM TO KNOW
WHAT'S RIGHT AND
THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT
NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

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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

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).



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

Our February meeting was cancelled due to the severe weather. So, we’re going to try again this month. We will meet on **Wednesday, March 17, at 11 am at the Panda House**. Hope Morris is the hostess and will share a devotion on “Prayer.” All are welcome to join us; it’s so good to be together again.

Many of us have been doing a lot of reading during this pandemic; we enjoy sharing books with each other. I’d like to give a BIG Thank You to Shirley Greene for buying new books and donating them to our church library. If you need some good reading, stop by our library and get a few books for those days of staying home. Happy March to everyone!



Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group meets at 5:00 pm on the first and third Thursdays at the Church. We encourage anyone who have attended or if you just wants some information to come and find out what the Walk to Emmaus is all about.

The Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

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’ve started a new study: “When Christ Comes” by Max Lucado.

Due to the informal nature of the group,
drop-ins are always welcome!

