



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

April 1

Maundy Thursday Service at 6 pm

April 2

Good Friday—SBS Closed

April 4

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 7 am

Breakfast following Sunrise Service

Easter Service at 9 am

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am

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April 5

Leadership Team at 6 pm

Coming Soon

May 3

Leadership Team

May 7

SBS Pre-K Graduation

May 17

Backpack Registration Opens

May 31

Memorial Day

Office & Step By Step Closed

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 received 83 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.

April 2021 Leadership

Lead Usher
Peggy Pyle

Audio/Visual
David & Lynn
McDonald

Offering Counters
Peggy Pyle
& Amanda Campbell

Bus Driver
Need Volunteers

A Note From Pastor Donnie

Dear Church Family,

Here is a verse that I think goes well with Easter:

“And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:27-28 NLT

This Scripture reminds me that Easter Is Past, Present, and Future.

Easter past is the actual resurrection event. Can you imagine what that was like? After seeing Jesus beaten, crucified and buried; hiding away for three days in fear that the same fate awaits you; now he is standing in your presence. You are talking with him, touching him. He is real; not a ghost. As we look back we are confident that the resurrection was a real event because of the many convincing accounts from people who were there and because the Spirit of God confirms within our spirit that the resurrection is a real-world, physical event. “He is risen!”

Easter present is our celebration every year of the resurrection of Jesus, plus.... Every year Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox. Luckily, we don't have to remember that or figure it out every year; just look on the calendar. But, also, did you know that every Sunday is a recognition of the resurrection? The early Christians, having been excluded from worshipping in the temple and synagogue began to meet for worship on the day of the week of Jesus' resurrection - Sunday! The “plus” of the resurrection is that now the Holy Spirit lives within us permanently! That is a cause for celebration every day!

Easter future is the hope we have of Jesus' return. In the verse above it says, “He will come again.” He will come again to make all things right. He will come again to eradicate sin. He will come again to set up his rule on the earth. He will come again to take away sorrow, sickness and death. We have the best hope, and it is substantiated by the resurrection of Jesus!

Happy Easter!

Pastor Donnie

Step By Step is Closed April 2nd in observance of Good Friday.



April 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

**The Youth are leading the Sunrise
Service on Easter Sunday,
April 4th at 7am.**

(Outside, weather permitting)



Breakfast will be in the Sanctuary following the Sunrise Service. Any love offering collected at breakfast will go toward the Michael Bolin Memorial Scholarship. We give this scholarship to 4 or 5 deserving Mt. Vernon Seniors every year.

There will also be an opportunity to give to this scholarship during our Easter Sunday Service At 9 am.

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 March meeting was at the Panda House on March 17th. We had 9 ladies present. Our Hostess Hope Morris opened the meeting with an Irish prayer. Our projects this month are: donations to the “Back Pack” ministry and, since we don’t have any graduates this year, we are making a donation to the “Mary Grace Cowherd Scholarship Fund.” Also, Sue gave us a list of needed items that we/anyone may donate to Step By Step. If you’d like to help, Sue Chappell has lists at church.

Our April meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 14th, at 11 am, at the Panda House.** Martha Bartelsmeyer will be the hostess and have a devotion. We’ve also had some more book donations from Kitty Crider, Shirley Green, and Ann Knott. Everyone is welcome to borrow any books from the library. Hope closed the meeting with her devotion on PRAYER.

All are welcome to join us. Happy Spring and *Happy Easter to all!!!!*



Emmaus

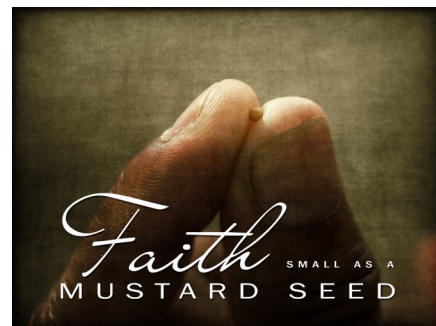
Our local Emmaus Reunion group meets at 5:00 pm on the first and third Thursdays at the Church. We encourage anyone who have attended or if you just wants some information to come and find out what the Walk to Emmaus is all about.

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!





Backpack Ministry

As you are doing your Spring cleaning this year, please be aware that we are planning a Garage Sale in late May to support our Backpack Ministry! There has not been a specific date set. Just wanted you to know it is coming up. So, please start gathering donations! We will let you know when to bring items to the Church. It would be a huge help if you could price the items as you set them aside. As time nears someone can pick your donations up for you by contacting the office or Jean Duwe at 737-1239. Thank you for your support in this on-going ministry of the Church to our community's families.