



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

May 7 SBS Pre-K Graduation

May 9 *Mother's Day*

May 17 Backpack Registration Opens

May 31 Memorial Day

Office Closed
Step By Step Closed

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Coming Soon

June 7	Leadership Team
June 12-13	Annual Conference
June 20	Father's Day

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 118 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.

May 2021 Leadership

Lead Usher

Martha Bartelsmeyer

Audio/Visual

David & Lynn
McDonald

Offering Counters

Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris

Kingdom Kids

Jean Duwe

Bus Driver

Volunteers Needed



A Note From Pastor Donnie

Dear Church Family,

Did you know that Noah and his family worked on building the Ark for 50-75 years, then it rained for 40 days; that they had to stay on the Ark for about a year, and when they stepped on dry ground it took a week for them to get back their land legs?

I made up that last part, but can you imagine how unstable you might be after being at sea for one year? Have you ever had to wait for something? Have you ever had to endure unpleasantness while waiting?

If so, be like Noah. Work hard, as if you are working for God, while waiting. Trust in God's promises (find them in the Bible). And obey what you know is the word of God (find it in the Bible).

As the hymn says, "Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Blessings,

Pastor Donnie



**Step By Step
Pre-K Graduation
Friday, May 7th
at 5:45 pm**

Our Summer Curriculum begins
on Tuesday, May 25th .

Congratulations!

**Miss Kelly is
getting married!**



May 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

**congratulations
Seniors!**

**The 2021 recipients of the
Michael Bolin Memorial Scholarship are:**

**Payton Dennis
Jordan Downey
Abbie McDonald
Alexis Adams**

Each will receive \$200 at the awards ceremony
on Monday, May 3rd to help with college expenses.

Thank you Church Family for making this possible every
year to help the seniors in our community.

¹³ **For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.**

Philippians 4:13 NLT

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



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 April meeting was at the Panda House on April 14th. We had 12 ladies present. Our business included some new books from Kitty Crider. We also agreed to help with the SBS graduation on May 7, and we will be helping with the Garage Sale on May 22, by donating and working the sale. Our hostess Martha Bartelsmeyer had a devotional about “Taking time to do what’s needed.”

Our May meeting will be on **Thursday, May 13th, at 11, at the Panda House**. Judy Kitchen will be the hostess and have a devotional. Please remember there are lots of good books in our library waiting to be read.

All are welcome to join us. Have a wonderful May.



Emmaus

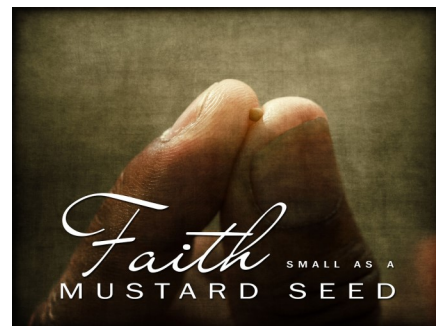
Our local Emmaus Reunion group meets at 5:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays at the Church. We encourage anyone who have attended or if you just wants some information to come and find out what the Walk to Emmaus is all about.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Garage Sale to support our Backpack Ministry is fast approaching. The date has been set for **Saturday, May 22, from 7am to noon**. All donations and support are appreciated. As I am not an experienced “garage seller”, it would help greatly if you could price your donations! Items for the garage sale can be dropped off after May 9th in the fellowship hall. All donated items will be given to the Hope Center or Crosslines if not picked up on the 23rd. If you need someone to pick up your donations, contact Jean Duwe at 417-737-1239 or the Church office. Thank you for your support of the Church’s on-going ministry to students and families of Mt. Vernon.

Jean Duwe



We have an Emergency Food Pantry. We are stocked and ready to help anyone who may need something to eat. If you know of anyone who might need this service please let them know we are here. We have premade bags for singles, couples, and families.

The pantry is open Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

A Note from Annette

I have been praying about what else God wants me to do at our church. On Sunday my friend Amanda Willson texted and asked me if I had ever heard of Beth Moore. Turns out, Beth Moore has a new video series called “Climbing in a Caving World.” I really felt like this was my answer to prayer. I am going to host this study at my house twice a month. We will meet from 6:30-8:30. The first two will be May 24th and then June 14th because I will be gone to see my granddaughter graduate from high school. I will put dates in later for the other times we will meet.

My address is 17665 Lawrence 2075.

The format will be as follows: we will spend the first 30 minutes getting to know each other better, watch the video, then discuss and close with a prayer time.

I'm so excited!

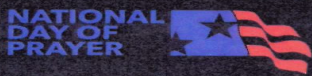


NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 6TH, 2021



LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

70
Years of Prayer
for America
1952-2021

**Please join Pastor Donnie and others from our
community for the National Day of Prayer event
on May 6, 2021 at noon on the
Green Space on the Square.**