



# 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

**July 4**

*Happy Independence Day!!*

**July 5**

**Leadership Team at 6 pm**

**July 5-9**

**SBS Closed**

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### Coming Soon

August 2	Leadership Team
August 4	Backpack Registration Ends
August 14	Backpack Distribution

First United Methodist Church  
Worship 9 am  
Sunday School 10 am



## **July 2021 Leadership**

**Lead Usher**  
Robin Tate

**Audio/Visual**  
David & Lynn  
McDonald

**Offering Counters**  
Robin Tate  
& Peggy Pyle

**Kingdom Kids**  
Annette Hudson

**Bus Driver**  
Volunteers Needed

### **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 now have 274 Best Choice  
Labels; a BIG thanks to  
whoever put almost 100 labels  
in the basket in June. We need  
to keep up the good work.

Look for Best Choice items  
and save the labels for us. Let's  
see if we can get a couple more  
100's in July. Thanks to all  
who help with this project.

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,

“Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” ...NOT!

Well, maybe the crazy part, but I haven't yet experienced the lazy, hazy part. So far, my summer has been full of long days and short nights. My “To Do” list is never-ending. For every one I mark off; two are added. I admit that some of the list is self-inflicted. Ok, most of the list is stuff that I have added. I have expanded my garden, am in the process of organizing my workshop, am continuously fixing things around the house and on the motorized vehicles (cars, lawn mowers and go kart), and took a trip to my granddaughter's high school graduation in West Virginia, then to my daughter's in Wilmington, NC.

I looked at my calendar and it does not show any signs of letting up.

Maybe it sounds like it, but I am not complaining. I thank God for a full and active life, and people to enjoy it with. There is a caution, however. In the midst of all the activity I do not want to forget the One from whom all blessings flow! One of the reasons I love Sunday morning worship is that it is a time set aside for me to focus on worshipping and honoring God. And since I am the pastor, I almost, always have to be there. However, even though I love being the pastor, my main motivation to attend worship is the intimacy I feel with the Spirit of God through Jesus Christ. But it is not just for once per week. God is worthy to be praised at all times.

[1](#)Sing a new song to the LORD!  
Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!

[2](#)Sing to the LORD; praise his name.  
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

[3](#)Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.  
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

[4](#)Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! Psalm 94:1-4a NLT

In the midst of lazy, hazy, or crazy days may you sing a new song and experience the greatness of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Donnie



Step By Step will be closed  
July 5th—9th





July 2021



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**

We are enjoying a summer break from meetings, but we encourage all of our ladies to take part in the ongoing activities: the small groups (Mustard Seeds, Wednesday Night Bible study, and the Beth Moore Study); Our Food Pantry, SBS and the Backpack program; and the special events on July 4 and July 11.



Lastly, I remind you that we have many books available for your summer reading. Thanks to Shirley for her continuing donation of books.

Judy Kitchen



## Emmaus

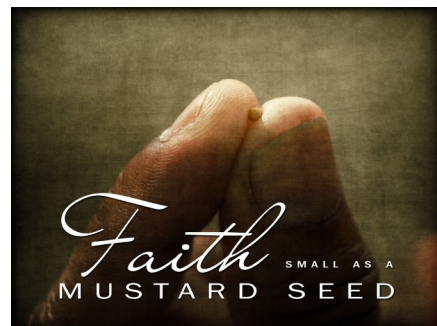
Our local Emmaus Reunion group meets at 5:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays at the Church. We encourage anyone who have attended or if you just wants some information to come and find out what the Walk to Emmaus is all about.

## 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!

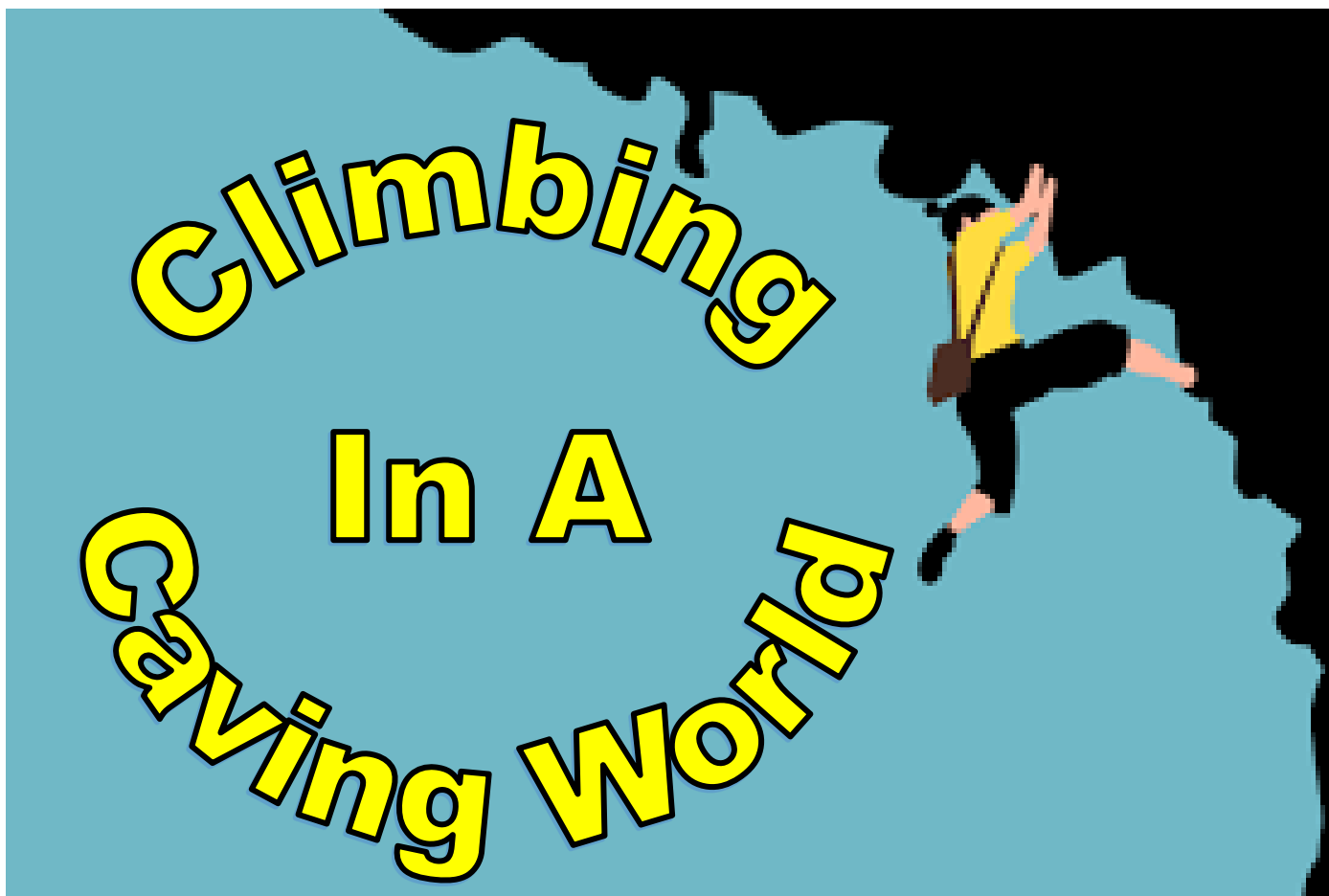




We have an Emergency Food Pantry. We are stocked and ready to help anyone who might need something to eat. If you know of anyone who might need this service please let them know we are here. We have premade bags for singles, couples, and families.

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





We have started a new small group at Annette and Donnie's home  
**address is 17665 Lawrence 2075.**

"Climbing in a Caving World" is a Beth Moore Study.

We will meet twice a month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm,  
our July meetings are July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The format will be as follows:

spend the first 30 minutes getting to know each other better,  
watch the video,  
then discuss and close with a prayer time.

# Save the Date!!

## July 4

On Sunday, July 4th, let's have a picnic at the Ewing Park (by the golf course) Pavilion right after church.

Bring your own meat to grill, drinks, and a dish to share.

You may grill your own or someone will be available to grill it for you. Plastic ware and plates will be provided. Then come and join some of us going to the pool at 2:00. To cap off a wonderful day, let's meet back at the church at dusk and shoot off fireworks. BYOF.

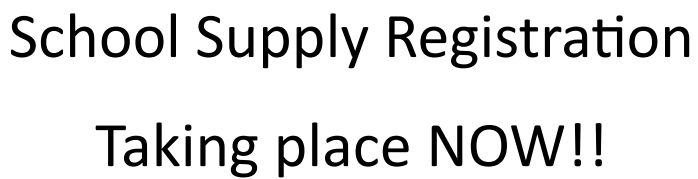


## Potluck Dinner



## July 11

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Pastor Donnie will be finishing up his sermon series on prayer. We will conclude this with a potluck after church and show the movie "War Room" in the sanctuary.



**we are taking registrations NOW!**

Registrations can be picked up at the Church or the Hope Center. You can also call the Church office to get registered. Registration ends August 4th so get your kids signed up!!!