



# 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

**August 2**

**August 4**

**August 14**

**August 18**

**August 21**

**August 28**

**Leadership Team at 6 pm**

**Backpack Registration Ends**

**Backpack Distribution 9-11 am**

**Prayer Walk at 6 pm (School Blessing)**

**Church Float Trip**

**Summer Jam 4:30 to 7:30 pm**

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### Coming Soon

September 6

Happy Labor Day

Leadership Team

Office & SBS Closed



## **August 2021 Leadership**

**Lead Usher**  
Hope Morris

**Audio/Visual**  
David & Lynn  
McDonald

**Offering Counters**  
Sue Chappell  
& Hope Morris

**Kingdom Kids**  
Volunteer Needed

**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 303 Best Choice labels, up from the 274 in June. Please keep looking for Best Choice items and save the labels for us. 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,

Back in 1988, a Polish railway worker named Jan Grzebski was hit by a train. He lived ... but only barely. For the next 19 years (until the year 2007), Grzebski was in a coma.

He awoke in 2007 to a whole new world. Nineteen years earlier, Poland was a communist state. Grzebski noted that back then meat was rationed and there were huge lines at nearly every gas station. And, “there was only tea and vinegar in the shops.”

But 19 years later, he awoke to a free nation where he said there were “people on the streets with cell phones and there are so many goods in the shops it makes my head spin.”

But something puzzled him. “What amazes me is all these people who walk around with their mobile phones and yet they never stop moaning.”

These people had freedom, and food and wealth greater than Poland had had for decades ... and yet Grzebski woke from his coma to find that ALL they seemed to want to do was grumble!

If you don't get into the habit of thanking God for what you DO have, you'll soon become ungrateful because of what you DON'T have.

-from [ChurchLetters.org/church-bulletin-articles/be-thankful-bulletin-article#more-24057](https://ChurchLetters.org/church-bulletin-articles/be-thankful-bulletin-article#more-24057)

A good reminder to stay thankful!

God bless your August!

Pastor Donnie

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



August 2021



Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual prayer walk to bless the schools. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray for our schools, administrators, staff, teachers and students beginning the new school year.

We will start at 6 pm at the Church and go to each school and pray.

# Summer Jam



## Summer Jam Back to School Event

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30—7:30 pm**

Our Church and community will spend a fun night of fellowship, good food, Laser Tag, video game truck, bouncy houses and more!!

Come out and enjoy  
the Back To School Bash at Summer Jam!!

If you would like to help with this mission  
or have any questions contact  
Shelley Mosley or Jean Duwe.

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:

**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 continuing our summer break during August, but we encourage everyone to take part in our on-going activities: the small groups (Mustard Seeds, Wed. night Bible Study, & the Beth Moore Study). We will also help with the Backpack Program as school is starting on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our love and sympathy to our Melba Carrington on the loss of a daughter & son this past month.

Don't forget we have lots of excellent books if you're looking for some summer reading. Stay cool and have a wonderful August.



## 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.

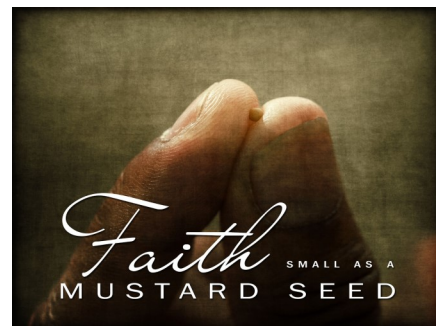
## The Mustard Seeds

### Planting seeds in faith

The Sunday morning small group, the MUSTARD SEEDS, is beginning a new lesson series called “Standing on the Promises or Sitting on the Premises?” by James Moore  
Marilyn Meyer is the facilitator.

This group is intended to be a multigenerational group of adults desiring to dig deeper into what it means to apply biblical truth to daily living.

If want to know more, come to room 103 and check them out.





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.



The Monday evening Bible Study has finished “Climbing in a Caving World” and is starting a new study in August. Now is a great time to jump in and join this group.

We will meet twice a month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, our August meetings are the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</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.

**Distribution  
on Saturday,  
August 14<sup>th</sup>  
9-11 am**



School Supply Registration

Taking place NOW!!

**Registration ENDS Wednesday, August 4th!!**

Pick up your schools supplies on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Between 9 and 11 am