



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

September 6

September 14

Happy Labor Day

Office & SBS Closed

MVMW at 11 am at Panda House

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Coming Soon

October 4

Leadership Team

October 31

Trunk or Treat



September 2021 Leadership

Lead Usher
Mike Pyle

Audio/Visual
David & Lynn
McDonald

Offering Counters
Peggy Pyle
& Volunteer Needed

Kingdom Kids
Volunteer Needed

Bus Driver
Volunteers Needed

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 now have 324 Best choice labels, up from the 303 we had in August. If we want to get the bonus by the end of the year, we're going to need to come up with a lot more labels.

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,

Heat Advisory.

I've seen that term on my weather app several times this week. In the context of weather, a Heat Advisory is a cautionary statement. The Bible, however, uses heat to illustrate a healthy state of the Church and individual believers within the church. Could the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church legitimately place a "heat advisory" sign at the entrance of the church? Do you know anyone in our church who could wear a T-shirt with the saying "heat advisory - on fire for Jesus"?

There is a quote commonly attributed to John Wesley that says, "I set myself on fire and people come from miles to watch me burn", which, actually, is not found in any of John Wesley's published works. Nevertheless, I like it! Let's set ourselves on fire with the love of God!

John the Baptist prophesied that one is coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:16). On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came in the form of tongues of fire resting on the followers of Jesus symbolizing the very presence and power of God (Acts 2). In Zechariah 13 God is a refiner who brings the Israelites through the fire in order to refine them as silver is refined. The fire of sacrifice was described as "a soothing aroma to the Lord" in Leviticus 23 and Numbers 28. God spoke to Moses through a burning bush (Exodus 3:2) and protected the Israelites during the Exodus with a wall of fire at night (Exodus 40:38). King David wrote in Psalms 39:3, "my heart grew hot within me. While I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue."

So, when a Christian says, "I'm on fire", he or she is saying that the presence of God is emanating from them, that they are listening to the voice of God, that they are under the protection of God, and that they demonstrate the power of God in their lives.

...Or that they are excited to be a Christian!

Heat Advisory: I'm on fire for Jesus!

Jump in the fire with me!

Pastor Donnie

Step By Step Ministry Update

SBS is closed on
Monday, September 6th
to observe Labor Day.

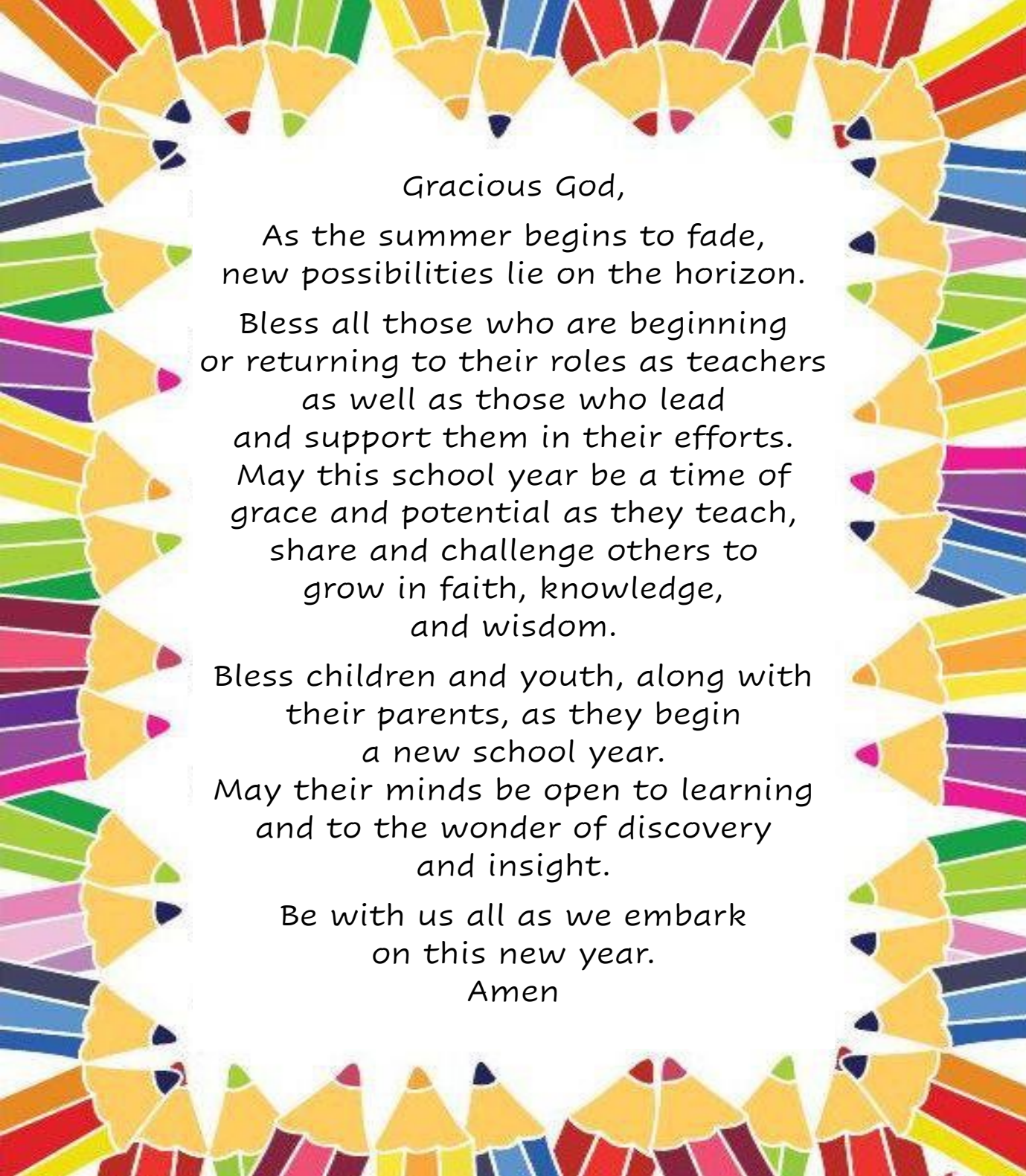
Our academic year
begins Tuesday,
September 7th!

LABOR DAY



Step By Step
Now Hiring

Please send resumes to
stepbystepfumc@gmail.com

A decorative border made of many colorful pencils (yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, green) arranged in a circular pattern, pointing towards the center of the page.

Gracious God,

As the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all those who are beginning
or returning to their roles as teachers
as well as those who lead
and support them in their efforts.
May this school year be a time of
grace and potential as they teach,
share and challenge others to
grow in faith, knowledge,
and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with
their parents, as they begin
a new school year.

May their minds be open to learning
and to the wonder of discovery
and insight.

Be with us all as we embark
on this new year.

Amen

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

Our people in the nursing homes:

Lawrence County Manor

915 Carl Allen Dr

Mt. Vernon

Wilma Wood

Lucille Newkirk

Reva West

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 planning our September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 11am, at the Panda House. We thank everyone who helped with the Backpack program. It was a great success with the leadership of Jean Duwe. A BIG Thank You to Jean. Judy will host the Sept. meeting and have the devotion. We will complete our Festival of Sharing and other needed donations. Join us if you can. We'd love to have you all; we always have fun, and remember, we have lots of great books in our church library for your reading.

Prayer Focus Group



We are starting a new prayer group on Monday, August 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Then, we will continue to meet every 4th Monday at 5:30 pm for focused prayer for our church, the ministries God has given us and the people He has called to fulfill them. In between our meeting times, Pastor Donnie will contact each prayer group member with any additional prayer focus and with prayer encouragement. If you would like to know more or believe God is calling you to a prayer ministry, please contact Pastor Donnie or come visit one of our meetings.

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.

♡ If a Tiny
Virus can do
this much
Damage.....
imagine what
a Mustard
Seed of Faith
can Do.... ♡

W.O.W.

Women Of the Word



Dear Ladies of the Church,

We are so blessed to have so many opportunities to gather at this church. The Mustard Seed Bible study meets Sunday after church, and the Mt. Vernon Methodist Women meet monthly in the day. As most of you know, we have also added a ladies Bible study based mostly on studies presented by Beth Moore. We have really enjoyed getting together two times a month on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 pm. If you need a little support, come join us!

Annette Hudson

Women of the Word (WOW) is starting a new study.

“Now that faith has come” is a
Beth Moore study on Galatians.

You can purchase this on Amazon if you need assistance
please contact the Church Office



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 pre-made bags for singles, couples, and families.

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



The Bible tells us not to worry about what tomorrow brings, Matthew 6:25. But being human I tend to stress about anything that could go wrong! This includes the worry of not having enough funds to meet the needs requested through the Backpack Program. As usual, God has proven me wrong with the help of my FUMC Church Family! Distribution was a rousing success on August 14th. Approximately 259 backpacks filled with supplies were available for pickup, meeting the request of 204 Mt. Vernon Children and their families! A special shout out to Lynn McDonald for her support in distributing / collecting data and moral support, Pastor Donnie, FUMC Youth, Geoff and Shelley Mosley, Sue Chappell, Hope Morris, Peggy and Mike Pyle, Shannon McKinzie, Marge Jones, Esther Perriman, Amanda Campbell, Travis Smith, Judy Kitchen, Robin and Olivia Tate for helping fill and distribute the backpacks! A special thank you to St. Suzanne Catholic Church for donating face masks, each student was provided 10 masks to start the school year. I also want to thank Price Cutter of Monett for supplying the paper bags to fill with supplies and The Hope Center for collecting the registrations.

Thank you all once again for your support in this mission to our community.

Blessings,
Jean Duwe