



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Monday Thru Thursday

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

February 6

**Leadership Team after Worship
Cash for Backpacks**

February 8

**MVMW at 11 am at the Panda House
Women of the Word at 6 pm**

February 13

Chili Cook Off!!

February 14

Happy Valentines Day!!

February 22

Women of the Word at 6 pm

February 28

Prayer Focus Group at 5 pm

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Coming Soon

March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 6	Leadership Team Cash For Backpacks
March 8	MVMW Women on the Word
March 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 17	Happy St Patrick's Day
March 22	Women on the Word
March 28	Prayer Focus Group

First United Methodist Church
Worship 9 am
Sunday School 10 am



February 2022 Leadership

Lead Usher
Hope Morris

Audio/Visual
David & Lynn
McDonald

Offering Counters

Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris

Kingdom Kids
Volunteer needed

Check Us Out Online!

Check out our homepage at
www.mtvunited.org and leave
us a message!

Save Your Best Choice!

We now have 711 Best Choice labels, up from 692 labels we had last month. We did not make our goal for this year, but we will continue into 2022. 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,

Wow! January is gone. Just like that! The emphasis on new beginnings, New Year's Resolutions and starting out the year with a bang have all settled down.

Now we are in February.

Love is in the air, if Valentine's Day is your thing.

The excitement of the Super Bowl is building, if that's your thing.

I like February because Valentine's Day AND the Super Bowl are my thing, plus - and even more exciting - it is Annette's birthday month! Whoo hoo!

All of this excitement in February reminds me that January is not enough to propel me through the entire year. If I had to wait from January until December for another celebration I would be utterly drained emotionally.

God made us for celebration!

Celebration helps us renew in body, mind, and spirit. We see that pattern in God's early dealings with His people in the establishment of "feast days" throughout the year. R&R is one of the purposes of the Sabbath Day. In the New Testament, Jesus uses a wedding celebration to illustrate that we need to continually keep our relationship with God strong.

In the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13) oil is used to represent the Holy Spirit. The parable makes it clear that we are to keep ourselves filled to overflowing with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We do this by intentionally directing our hearts and minds toward God, expressing our love for Him through prayer and acts of kindness to others, and through heartfelt worship (not an extensive list).

So, my encouragement for you this February is to chase after Jesus with the same intensity that Cupid chases after the couple in love and the Chiefs chase after the Super Bowl!

Blessings,

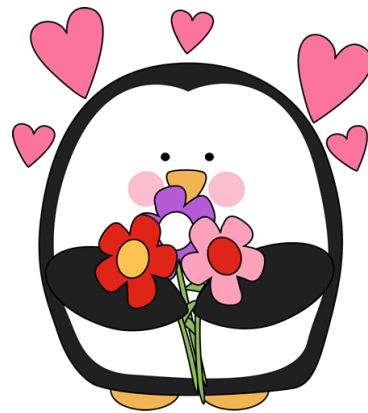
Pastor Donnie



Happy Valentines Day!!

Step By Step Wish List

Great Value leak proof plates	Whole milk
8 ounce cups	1% milk
Baby Wipes	Noodles
Paper Towels	Spaghetti sauce
Lysol spray	Alfredo sauce
Disposable gloves (large)	Snack foods
13 gallon trash bags	Canned chicken
Cheerios, Frosted Flakes	Hot dogs
Peanut Butter	Corn dogs
Jelly	Chicken nuggets
Small tortillas	Pizza rolls
Whole grain crackers	Fish sticks
Fresh or canned fruits and vegetables (apples, bananas, little oranges, raisins, frozen blueberries, carrots, cucumbers)	Lunch meats
	Cheese



Our Valentine's Day party is
Friday, February 11th
at 9 am



Step By Step
Now Hiring

Please send resumes to
stepbystepfumc@gmail.com

February 2022



Let's Have A Chili Cookoff Sunday, February 13, 2022

This will be a fun way to raise \$ for the Michael Bolin Scholarship Fund!
We need at least 10 pots of chili (more than 10 would be even better).

We will vote for the winner with our \$!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

The winner will win a trophy and bragging rights!

We will worship with round tables set up
as we have been doing and eat afterwards.

Let's throw in a Valentine's Day game and
a Super Bowl game to make the day awesome!

We'll have you on your way home ready to watch the Super Bowl
no later than 1:00!

Bolin Scholarship

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

Philippians 4:13

**Please keep the following
in your prayers:**



General Prayer Requests

Family of Reva West

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

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 next meeting will be the second Tuesday in February. We will meet at
Panda House on Tuesday, February 8th at 11 am.

Esther is the hostess and will have the devotion.

Please join us if you can;

we always have a fun and informative time and a delicious meal.

Happy Valentine's Day

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

The Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

The Sunday morning
Small Group Bible Study known as

the MUSTARD SEEDS have started a new study.

Life Lessons “Genesis” by Max Lucato.

Adults of any age are invited to go to room 103 down the east hall
after Worship and join in. It's OK to come any time
because the study is informal.

(Spoiler alert:) You may hear some chattering and laughing.
Not disrespectful, just having fun.

Check it out!



Women of the Word (WOW)

We are changing the day and time we meet to the **second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 pm.** Come join us in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, February 8th and February 22nd.

Our new study will be:

“Defiant Joy: What happens when you are full of it”
by Candace Payne.

The books are available on Amazon for \$15.

Contact the Church office if you need assistance.

Prayer Focus Group



The Prayer Focus Group meet on the fourth Monday of the month 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 next meeting is
Monday, February 28th at 5 pm.



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.

Backpack Ministry

We are basically starting from scratch fund wise for our Backpack ministry. We received a \$4000 grant from the Mt. Vernon Area Community Foundation that brought our funds to \$4785. I will be writing another grant in the spring through the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. I am estimating a budget of \$6500 for next year, considering cost increases and an increase in the number of students served.

To meet this budget we are going to need to do some fundraising. We have started “Cash for Backpacks”.

On the first Sunday of each month, February 6th, we are asking you to donate your loose change (checks and bills will happily be accepted). All funds will go to the Backpack Ministry.

This ministry is very close to my heart and I hope yours!
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Jean Duwe



Thank you for your generosity, our last “Cash for Backpacks” collection brought in

\$68.80!!

This is equivalent to
3 complete backpacks!!

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 SBS Chapel at 10 am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Leadership Team after Worship \$\$ for Backpacks	7	8 MVMW at 11 am WOW at 6 pm	9 SBS Chapel at 10 am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Praise Team at 8 am Chili Cookoff after Worship	14	15	16 SBS Chapel at 10 am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	21	22 WOW at 6 pm	23 SBS Chapel at 10 am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	28 Prayer Group at 5 pm	1	2 Ash Wednesday SBS Chapel at 10 am	3	4	5

**Happy
Birthday!**

4 Bill Jones
 Annette Hudson
 8 Layne Morris
 14 Suzanne Bolin
 19 Sally West
 25 Joel Belanger
 26 Dale Scott
 27 Joanne McCann
 Hope Morris



**Cash for Backpacks
February 6th**