



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Monday Thru Thursday

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

Inside this issue:

Meetings	1
Sunday Helpers	2
Note from Donnie	3
Step-By-Step	4
Youth	5
Joys & Concerns	6
Small Groups	7,8
Backpacks	10
Easter Needs	11
Calendar	12

April 3

**Leadership Team after Worship
Cash for Backpacks**

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 12

**MVMW at 11 am at the Church to
carpool to the Golden Plate in Sarcoxie
Women of the Word (WOW) at 6 pm**

April 14

Maundy Thursday Service at 6 pm

April 16

Emmaus Training all day

April 17

**Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service at 7 am
Breakfast at 8 am
Easter Service at 9 am
Egg Hunt after Worship**

April 25

Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm

April 26

Women of the Word (WOW) at 6 pm

Coming Soon

May 1	Leadership Team Cash for Backpacks
May 5-8	Men's and Women's Emmaus Walk
May 8	Happy Mother's Day
May 10	MVMW Women of the Word
May 23	Prayer Focus Group
May 24	Women of the Word
May 30	Memorial Day Office & SBS Closed

Check Us Out Online!

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

Save Your Best Choice!

We now have 790 Best Choice labels, up from 740 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.

**April 2022
Leadership**

Lead Usher
Mike Pyle

Audio/Visual
David & Lynn
McDonald

Offering Counters
Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris

Kingdom Kids
Volunteer needed

A Note From Pastor Donnie

Dear Church Family,

This is the month of Easter when all Christians make a special effort to remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Remember. “Do this as often as you do in remembrance of me,” said Jesus during that last Passover meal just before the crucifixion and resurrection. Remember that it was for our sake that he endured the suffering and shame of the cross. “For the joy set before him he endured. It was the joy of the resurrection; the joy of providing salvation for all who believe. His joy is now our joy because we are the beneficiaries of his death and resurrection!

So, celebrate! Celebrate your new life in Christ. In Christ, we are new creations. The old has passed. All things are new. The guilt of sin is gone. Fear of punishment is gone. Actually, if we walk in the Spirit, all fear is gone. Perfect love (the love of God) casts out fear! Read the Bible. You will find that there is a LOT to celebrate. Celebrate by singing songs **about** Jesus and singing **to** Jesus. Sing in church; sing while alone. Sing out loud; sing in a whisper. Sing in your mind; sing in your heart. Sing along with recorded music; make up your own song to the Lord. I’m serious. It might sound stupid to you, but Jesus loves it (he told me to tell you). Psalm 96 says that we should sing a new song to the Lord and Psalm 40 says that He put a new song in our mouths. Ok, fine. If you are not ready to bolt out a song from your heart, start by humming or whistling a praise to God. Go ahead. Try it. I’ll wait.

Humming and Whistling to Jesus,

Pastor Donnie



We are Closed on
Friday, April 15th in
observance of
Good Friday.

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



**Step By Step
Now Hiring**

Please send resumes to
stepbystepfumc@gmail.com

April 2022



We have a graduate this year!! Trinity Stacy will graduate from Mt. Vernon High School in May. We have the opportunity to bless Trinity and let her know how proud we are of her.

A basket will be available starting mid-April.



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

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 had 11 members at our March meeting at Keen Bean. Our business included making a donation to our graduate Trinity Stacy and a plan to give SBS a \$50 donation every month.

Our devotion was a continuation of Esther's study of the 23rd Psalm. We shared some times the “Good Shepherd” did something to help a situation; we also were reminded that we are to be leaders to turn others to be followers of Christ.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 12th at the Golden Plate in Sarcoxie. We will meet at 11am at the church to carpool to the restaurant.** Ann will be our hostess and have a devotion. Please join us if you can; we always have a fun and informative time and a delicious meal.

Happy Easter

♡ 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 has a new study.

“The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi” by Kathy Lee Gifford

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, April 12th and April 26th.

Our study is:

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

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, April 25th at 6 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, April 3rd, 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

\$167.92!!

This is equivalent to nearly 7 complete backpacks!!



Easter Sunday is April 17th.

Our Easter schedule is:

Sunrise Service featuring our Youth at 7 am

Breakfast, cooked by the men at 8 am

Easter Worship at 9 am

and our Easter Egg Hunt will follow Worship



April 2022



Cash for Backpacks
April 3rd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Leadership Team after Worship \$\$ for Backpacks	4	5	6 SBS Chapel at 10 am Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	7	8	9
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	11	12 MVMW at 11 am carpooling to Golden Plate in Sarcoxie WOW at 6 pm	13 SBS Chapel at 10 am Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	14 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Service at 6 pm	15 <i>Good Friday</i> Office Closed SBS Closed	16 Emmaus Training (all day)
17 <i>Easter</i> Sunrise Service at 7 am Breakfast at 8 am Easter Service at 9 am Egg Hunt after Worship	18	19	20 SBS Chapel at 10 am Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	21	22	23
24 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	25 Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm	26 WOW at 6 pm	27 SBS Chapel at 10 am Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	28	29	30

Happy
Birthday!

10	Marilyn Meyer
12	Jim Greene
17	Luke McKinzie
21	Kylee Smith
24	Lauren McKinzie



5 Mike & Peggy Pyle
28 Steve & Sandy Brecht
29 Les & Kitty Crider