June 2022 Pastor Donnie Hudson



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Monday Thru Thursday

8:30 to 2:30 Lynn McDonald Administrative Assistant June 5 **Leadership Team after Worship Cash for Backpacks**

June 11-12 Annual Conference in Branson

June 19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 27 **Prayer Focus Group**

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Coming Soon

July 3	Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team
July 4	Independence Day! Office Closed
July 4-8	Step By Step Closed
July 15	Methodist Night at Springfield Cardinals
July 17-19	VBS—"Rocky Railway"
June 27	Prayer Focus Group



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 859 Best Choice labels, up from 846 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.

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A Note From Pastor Donnie

Dear Church Family,

According to the calendar, I should write something with a "beginning of summer" theme. However, it is in the 50's right now with the high only forecast to be 63 and it is hard to get into a summer mindset. As I was contemplating this conundrum it occurred to me that I am a pastor not a weatherman, so, it doesn't matter what the weather is like as long as I write something from the Scripture.

Lately, I've been contemplating some of my life choices. "Contemplating" may, actually, be too strong of a word. Let's just say that, occasionally, I think about a life choice and wonder what would have happened if I made a different choice. That could be a good thing, or it could lead down a long, dark road. Maybe there are some things that I could learn from to help me make better choices in the years I have left. Maybe there are some things that need repentance before God and/or persons. Perhaps, some things are in the category of "life happens; move on". Realizing these could be beneficial. But dwelling on bad choices could lead to discouragement, regret and even despair. This is not recommended!

Rather, lets follow the way of Scripture.

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9 NLT

Peace. That is what I want. How about you?

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,

Pastor Donnie

Step By Step Ministry Update



Step By Step Wish List

Great Value leak proof plates

8 ounce cups

Baby Wipes

Paper Towels

Lysol spray

Disposable gloves (large)

13 gallon trash bags

Cheerios, Frosted Flakes

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Small tortillas

Whole grain crackers

Fresh or canned fruits and vegetables (apples, bananas, little

(apples, bananas, little oranges, raisins, frozen blueberries, carrots, cucumbers) Whole milk

1% milk

Noodles

Spaghetti sauce

Alfredo sauce

Snack foods

Canned chicken

Hot dogs

Corn dogs

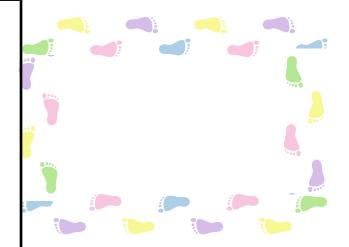
Chicken nuggets

Pizza rolls

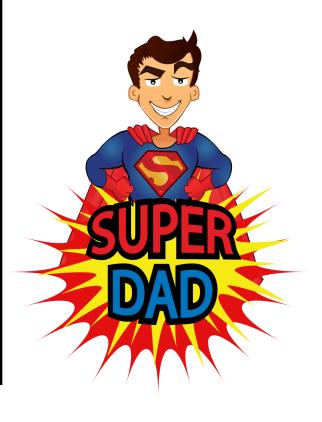
Fish sticks

Lunch meats

Cheese









A FATHER IS NEITHER
AN ANCHOR TO HOLD
US BACK... NOR A SAIL
TO TAKE US THERE...

BUT A GUIDING

LIGHT

WHOSE LOVE SHOWS
US THE WAY.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

PAVER PRAYER

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 The Messenger



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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



We had 10 members at out may meeting at the Panda House. We were blessed with another book from Shirley. Our library is a little more organized now, so, if you're looking for some good reading, drop by anytime.

Our business included: We took treats for the SBS graduation on Thursday, May 19th. We honored 8 of the Mt. Vernon school administrators with a \$20 gift card to Keen Bean. We appreciate all of our educators—from SBS through High School. We also honored our graduate Trinity Stacy.

Esther had our devotion closing out her study of the 23rd Psalm. We are taking the summer off; so our next meeting will Be Tuesday, September 13th at the Panda House at 11 am. Our hostess/devotion will be by Ann Knott.

♡ 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

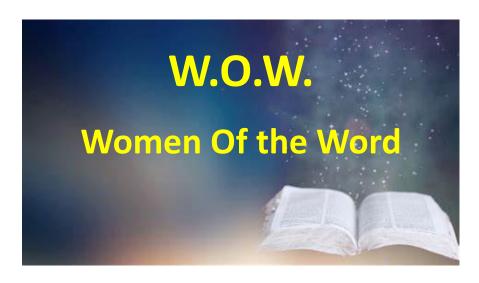
The Sunday morning Small Group Bible Study known as the MUSTARD SEEDS has a new study.

"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 June hear some chattering and laughing. Not disrespectful, just having fun.

Check it out!



Women of the Word (WOW)

The Women of the Word are doing a book club over the summer. We are reading "The Last Supper on the Moon" by Levi Lusko.

We will meet periodically to discuss the book and catch up. Keep your ears open as to when we are meeting and where.

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, June 27th at 6 pm.



We have an Emergency Food Pantry. We are stocked and ready to help <u>anyone</u> 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, June 5th, 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

\$42.22!

This is equivalent to nearly 2 complete backpacks!!



Backpack and School Supply Program

Registration Form - Please Print Clearly

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME:		
PHONE NUMBER OR A CONTACT NUMBER:		•å
EMAIL:	_	
ADDRESS:	-	
CHILDREN'S FIRST AND LAST NAMES		GRADE

The First United Methodist Church is providing free grade appropriate supplies to Mount Vernon School children (PreK-12th grade).

Please Register **before August 1**st (Registration is Required).

Return the above form to the HOPE CENTER, or by mail to:

First United Methodist Church P.O. BOX 108 Mount Vernon, MO 65712

--or in person to First United Methodist Church on HWY V
--Call 417-466-2459 (church) or 417-466-3070 (HOPE)
--Or by email to office@mtvunited.org

Backpacks <u>must be picked up</u> at First United Methodist Church

Saturday, August 13th between 9 AM – 11 AM.



FRIDAY, JULY 15

Game Time: 7:05 pm - Gates Open: 6:05 pm

Methodist T-Shirt Package: \$19*

- Reserved Field Box seat for the game
- Cardinals/Methodist T-Shirt
- T-Shirt Order Deadline: Tuesday, June 28

Also that night:

- Mercy Victory Blue Dry Fit Polo Shirt Giveaway (2,000)
- Friday Night Fireworks



Shirts available in Adult S-XXXL *[Additional \$2 for XXL and XXXL]



Sign-up Sheet

In Foyer at the Coat Racks

Please join us
For the wedding of
Shaelea Shepard

Luke McKinzie

Saturday June 4, 2022

4:30pm
Industrial grove
1024 state road AA
Fair grove, Missouri 65648

Reception to follow
Please RSVP at
Theknot.com/MeetTheMckinzies







Join us for a baby shower honoring

Lauren McKenzie

June 26, 2022 1:00 pm

Keen Bean 1031 S Market Street Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

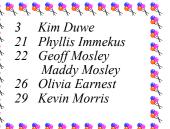
RSVP to (Robin) at (417-316-3183) by (6/18/22)

Lauren is registered @ Target

June 2022 Cash for Backpacks June 5th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	2	3	4
Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship	6	7	Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	9	10	11 Annual Conference
Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds at 10 am Annual Conference	13	14	Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	16	17	18
19 Foliation	20	21	Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	23	24	25
Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds at 10 am McKinzie Baby Shower at 1 pm at Keen Bean	Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm	28	Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	30	1	2







- 7 Bill & Marge Jones
- 13 Geoff & Shelley Mosley
- 20 Brent & Judy Kitchen
- 28 Dale & Kaye Scott