



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](http://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.



## June 2022 Leadership

**Lead Usher**  
Volunteer Needed

**Audio/Visual**  
David & Lynn  
McDonald

**Offering Counters**  
Sue Chappell  
& Hope Morris

**Kingdom Kids**  
Volunteer needed

## 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, let’s 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 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



# HAPPY FATHERS DAY







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

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*



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](http://www.mtvunited.org)**

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at:

**[office@mtvunited.org](mailto: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 10 members at our 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!!



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## Backpack and School Supply Program

Registration Form – Please Print Clearly

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER OR A CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILDREN'S FIRST AND LAST NAMES

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

Please Register **before August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(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](mailto:office@mtvunited.org)

Backpacks must be picked up at

First United Methodist Church

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM – 11 AM.



# METHODIST NIGHT

**FRIDAY, JULY 15**

**Game Time: 7:05 pm – Gates Open: 6:05 pm**

## Methodist T-Shirt Package: \$19\*

[+TAX]

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



Shirts available in Adult S-XXXL

\*(Additional \$2 for XXL and XXXL)

## Also that night:

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



**Sign-up Sheet**

**In Foyer at the Coat Racks**



Please join us  
For the wedding of  
*Shaelea Shepard*  
*And*  
*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](http://Theknot.com/MeetTheMckinzies)



# BABY *shower*

*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 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Annual Conference
<b>12</b> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds at 10 am Annual Conference	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds at 10 am McKinzie Baby Shower at 1 pm at Keen Bean	<b>27</b> Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Happy  
Birthday!**

3 Kim Duwe  
 21 Phyllis Immekus  
 22 Geoff Mosley  
     Maddy Mosley  
 26 Olivia Earnest  
 29 Kevin Morris



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