



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark Your Calendar



Monday Thru Thursday

8:30 to 2:30

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Administrative Assistant

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- July 3** **Cash For Backpacks**
- July 4** **Independence Day!**
Office Closed
- July 4-8** **Step By Step Closed**
- July 15** **Methodist Night**
at the Springfield Cardinals
7 pm Game Time
- July 17-19** **VBS—"Rocky Railway"**
at First Christian 5-7 pm
- July 25** **Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm**

Coming Soon

- August 1 Backpack Registration Ends
- August 7 Leadership Team
Cash for Backpacks
- August 9 Women Of the Word
- August 13 Backpack Distribution
- August 17 Prayer Walk for MV Schools
- August 22 Prayer Focus Group
- August 23 Women Of the Word

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 992 Best Choice
labels, up from 859 labels we
had last month.

**We only need 8 more labels
to reach the 1,000 needed to
collect the redemption
requirement.**

So, let's all try to find a few
more Best Choice labels to get
to our goal. Also, a BIG thank
you to who turned in 51 labels
just this week, and they were
trimmed in groups of 10.

Yeah!! It saved me a lot of
time. 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.

July 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,

July 4th is a great holiday: hot dogs, ice cream and fireworks. Fun with family and friends. Such a great celebration is warranted because it marks the day of freedom from tyranny and the beginning of a land with the opportunity of the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness!

FREEDOM!

The Bible says a lot about freedom.

Freedom from sin.

Freedom from the guilt of sin.

Freedom from fleshly desires that keep you from growing close to Jesus.

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:32 NLT

“And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.”
Romans 8:2 NLT

I am very glad to live in a country that was founded on the idea of freedom and is still the most free country in the world. I hope we can keep it!

Regardless, my hope is not in the red, white, and blue. It is in the red that flowed from the cross of Christ that cleanses me from all sin and establishes, for me, a place in God’s kingdom for all eternity.

I know the truth, have the Spirit living in me, and live in freedom from guilt, shame, and the power of sin.

I hope you do, also!

Happy Independence Day!

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

Step By Step is closed Monday, July 4th through Friday, July 8th.



July 2022



God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

— Irving Berlin



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

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 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.

“Revelation: Extravagant Hope” by Margaret Feinberg

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 might 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, July 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, July 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

\$25.83!

This is equivalent to
1 complete
backpack!!

**Get Your Registrations In
Registration Closes August 1st**



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Backpack and School Supply Program

Registration Form – Please Print Clearly

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER OR A CONTACT NUMBER: _____

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 1st**
(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 must be picked up at
First United Methodist Church
Saturday, August 13th 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





Do you want to be a movie Extra?

Register at

<https://club222.square.site/>

Be part of Kevin Sorbo's next film
"Not Too Far From Here"

You are Invited



Saturday, July 9th

From 6 to 8:30 pm

**Geoff Mosley's
50th
Birthday Party**


Come and enjoy fun with a BBQ Dinner

No gifts please, just come and celebrate with us

July 2022



Cash for Backpacks
July 3rd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 <i>Cash for Backpacks</i> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	4  Office Closed SBS Closed	5 SBS Closed	6 SBS Closed	7 SBS Closed	8 SBS Closed	9 Mosley Party 6-8:30 pm
10 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	11	12	13	14	15 Methodist Night at Springfield Cardinals 7pm Game time	16
17 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship <i>VBS 5-7 pm</i>	18 <i>VBS 5-7 pm at First Christian</i>	19 <i>VBS 5-7 pm at First Christian</i>	20 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	27 Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	28	29	30
31 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	1 Backpack Registration Ends	2	3 Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	4	5	6

**Happy
Birthday!**

1 Brett Jones
15 Kristen Earnest
21 Jeannie Meier



11 David & Lynn McDonald
31 Norman & Suzanne Bolin