MTV MountVernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger



Monday Thru Thursday 8:30 to 2:30 Lynn McDonald Administrative Assistant

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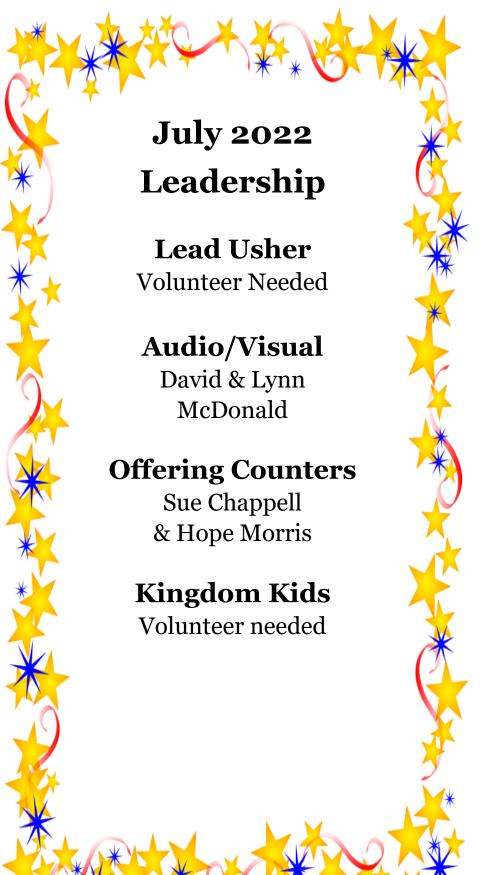
Mark Your Calendar

July 3Cash For BackpacksJuly 4Independence Day!
Office ClosedJuly 4-8Step By Step ClosedJuly 15Methodist Night
at the Springfield Cardinals
7 pm Game TimeJuly 17-19VBS—"Rocky Railway"
at First Christian 5-7 pmJuly 25Prayer 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

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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.

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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 Ministry Update



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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. — Inving Berlin



GROUP

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

General Prayer Requests

Ian McDonald Those battling COVID-19 and their families



Our people in the nursing homes:

Cancer Treatment

Chris Atkinson

Health and Healing

Jim Greene Jean McDonald

Military

Nathan Harralson Lt. Anthony Richardson Landon Hull Lt. Jonathan Healey Lawrence County Manor 915 Carl Allen Dr Mt. Vernon

Wilma Wood Lucille Newkirk

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Pastor Donnie Hudson

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: <u>ALL</u> LADIES of the CHURCH

♡ If a Tiny

Virus can do

this much

Damage.....

imagine what

a Mustard

Seed of Faith

can Do....♡

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.



The Mustard Seeds Planting seeds in faith



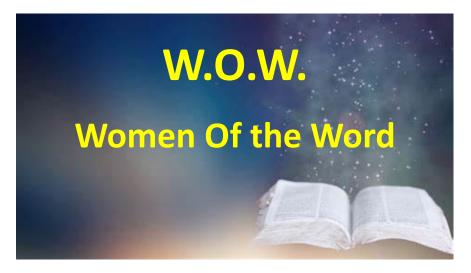
The Sunday morning Small Group Bible Study known as the <u>MUSTARD SEEDS</u> has a new study.

"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.

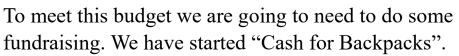


We have an Emergency Food Pantry. We are stocked and ready to help <u>anyone</u> who might need something to eat. If you know of anyone who might need this service please let them know we are here. We have pre-made bags for singles, couples, and families.

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.



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:	_	
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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 <u>Saturday, August 13th between 9 AM – 11 AM</u>.



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]





Do you want to be a movie Extra?

Register at <u>https://club222.square.site/</u>

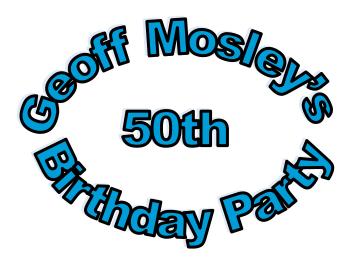
Be part of Kevin Sorbo's next film "Not Too Far From Here"







Saturday, July 9th From 6 to 8:30 pm



Come and enjoy fun with a BBQ Dinner

No gifts please, just come and celebrate with us

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Cash for Backpacks Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	4 Diffice 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 VBS 5-7 pm at First Christian	19 <i>VBS 5-7 pm</i> <i>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	277 Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	28	29	30
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Anniversary Blessings

David & Lynn McDonald
Norman & Suzanne Bolin