Pastor Donnie Hudson

August 2022

MTV MountVernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

Mark	Your	Calendar	

	August 1	Backpack Registration Ends
	August 7	Leadership Team after Worship
		Cash for Backpacks
/	August 10	Backpack Assembly at 6 pm
	August 13	Backpack Distribution 9-11 am
	August 17	Blessing of the MV Schools
		at 6 pm

August 22	Prayer Focus	Group at 6 pm
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Coming Soon

September 4	Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team
September 5	Labor Day Office & Step By Step Closed
September 13	MVMW
September 24	Emmaus Training
September 26	Prayer Focus Group



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

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August 2022 Leadership

Lead Usher Mike Pyle

Audio/Visual David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters

Peggy Pyle & Sandy Brecht

Kingdom Kids

Volunteer needed

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!

Best Choice Labels

We finally made our goal of 1,000 labels, and the redemption form has been sent in.

Thank you to all who donated labels.

We have not received a redemption since 7-9-19, that's 3 years ago!

Before that we had 1 or 2 sets of 1,000 turned in every year. I'm questioning if this project is worth doing.

Please let me know if you are interested in continuing this project.

Thanks to all who have helped with this project.

Judy Kitchen

A Note From Pastor Donnie

Dear Church Family,

Happy August! Here are some fun facts for August: National Watermelon Day is August 3rd, National Smile Week is August 5-11 (let me see those pearly whites that week!), and August is also known as the "dog days of summer". Do you know why August is also called the dog days of summer? It's probably not what you think.

I thought it had something to do with my childhood old, lazy hound dog. In August you could find him laying under the oak tree in a concave place in the dirt that he dug out with his paws looking for a little cooler spot of ground, tongue hanging out with a slow, slobbery pant. Actually, it has to do with the star Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, which rose at the same time as sunrise during the months of August in Ancient Roman times.

So there you go! But why would this be in a church newsletter, you may ask? It is an illustration of how far away from the true meaning of something we can wander if we don't keep going back to the original. So, whenever you hear a preacher (even me 🤣), teacher, radio personality or just a friend discussing spiritual things, always, always, always check it out with the One who knows all. Pray, meditate and study the Scripture.

Blessings,

Pastor Donnie



Blessing of The Schools

We will have our Annual Blessing of the Schools on Wednesday, August 17th. We will start at the Church at 6 pm and caravan to each school. We will be praying for administrators, staff, teachers and students for the upcoming school year! Come and join us to make this year the best year yet!! The Messenger

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

General Prayer Requests

Ian McDonald Those battling COVID-19 and their families



Cancer Treatment

Robin Tate Chris Atkinson

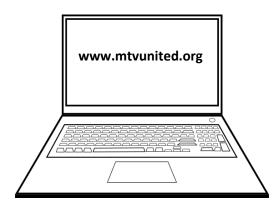
Health and Healing

Jim Greene Jean McDonald

Military

Nathan Harralson Lt. Anthony Richardson Landon Hull Lt. Jonathan Healey

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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



TO: <u>ALL</u> 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



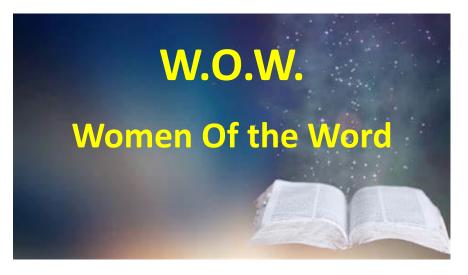
The Sunday morning Small Group Bible Study known as the <u>MUSTARD SEEDS</u> has a new study.

"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 getting ready to start back this fall. Keep your eyes and ears open to find out when and what Study we will be doing.

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, August 22nd 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, August 7th, 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, since we began a monthly Cash for Backpacks collection in November 2021 you have given a total of **\$1274.65!!!**

That is equal to approximately

55 Backpacks!

Backpack Distribution Saturday, August 13 from 9-11 am



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Cash for Backpacks August 7th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Backpack Registration Ends	2	3	4	5	6
7 Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship	8	9	10 Backpack Assembly at 6 pm	11	12	Backpack Distribution 9-11 am
14 Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	15	16	17 Blessing of the Schools at 6 pm	18	19	20
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- 5 Garrison & Kristen Earnest
- 7 Steve & Jeanne Jones
- 21 Doug & Phyllis Immekus