



# Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Messenger

### Mark Your Calendar



**Monday Thru Thursday**

8:30 to 2:30

Lynn McDonald

Administrative Assistant

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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

### 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

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!

### 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



## August 2022 Leadership

**Lead Usher**  
Mike Pyle

**Audio/Visual**  
David & Lynn  
McDonald

**Offering Counters**  
Peggy Pyle  
& Sandy Brecht

**Kingdom Kids**  
Volunteer needed

## 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

August 2022



# 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!!

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



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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 22<sup>nd</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, 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**

We will be assembling  
the Backpacks on  
Wednesday,  
August 10th  
at 6 pm.



# August 2022



Cash for Backpacks  
August 7<sup>th</sup>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Backpack Registration Ends	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Backpack Assembly at 6 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Backpack Distribution 9-11 am
<b>14</b> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Blessing of the Schools at 6 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	<b>22</b> Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Youth at 5:30 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Praise Team at 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Youth at 5:30 pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**Happy  
Birthday!**

2	Jean Duwe
8	Tristan Morris
11	Nancy Hurn
13	Nicole Morris
22	Norman Bolin
23	Lance McKinzie
	Emma Morris
26	Opal Pearson
29	Sandy Brecht



5 Garrison & Kristen Earnest  
7 Steve & Jeanne Jones  
21 Doug & Phyllis Immekus