



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 2022 Leadership

Lead Usher
Hope Morris

Audio/Visual
David & Lynn McDonald

Offering Counters
Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris

Kingdom Kids
Volunteer Needed

Transportation
Volunteer Needed



Please be in prayer
for the following:

General Prayer Requests

Cancer Treatment

Robin Tate
Chris Atkinson

Health and Healing

Nick Tate
Jim Greene
Jean McDonald

Military

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

*You're
Invited!*

October Events

- 4 Caps For Kids at 6 pm
- 11 MVMW at 11 am at the Red Barn
Women of the Word at 6 pm
- 18 Caps For Kids at 6 pm
- 24 Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm
- 25 Women of the Word at 6 pm
- 31 Munchkin Maze 6-8 pm

Wednesday Activities

SBS Chapel at 10 am
Youth at 5:30 pm
Bible Study with Donnie at 6 pm

**NOW
OPEN**

8:30 - 2:30
Monday - Thursday
Lynn McDonald
Administrative Assistant

A note from
PASTOR DONNIE

Dear Church Family,

For over two years, every aspect of our lives changed drastically—how and where we could work, eat, gather, serve and worship. Buildings closed, but the folks of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church stepped forward to assure ministry continued. Through activities such as your Worship Team providing a meaningful online worship experience when our church building was closed due to COVID to continuing with the Backpack ministry to checking on one another's physical and spiritual well-being, and as we try to get back to some sense of normality, you responded, in both word and action.

Even though some of you gave extra during the past couple of years, since February, our monthly expenditures have exceeded our monthly income. Your financial support is vital to carry out the church's work. Whether we gather for worship inside our building, in our parking lots or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness and our care for one another. We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love.

Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside the walls of our congregation. Some of you are faithful tithers, committing ten percent of your income to the work and missions of our church. Others give proportionally by committing a certain percentage. Still others give as they are able. Some who can't give financially, give of their time and talent. What is most important is that everyone gives and gives big.

Here is my pastoral appeal to you: I humbly ask that you prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the life of our church. If you feel a tug from God on your giving heart, will you increase your regular giving, or give an extra one-time gift. If you have not been giving, maybe God has blessed you enough that you can start, even if it is so small you think it won't make a difference. Every amount is important. Luke 21:2-4.

Generously Yours,
Pastor Donnie

CAPS FOR KIDS

Caps for Kids is a ministry in which we make all cotton surgical caps for kids. They are donated to Mercy Kids in Springfield.

There are jobs for all levels from cutting circles, cut elastic, run the elastic, and sewing the caps.

Caps For Kids will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Come and join us on Tuesday, October 4th and 18th!

MVMW!

Mt Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH:

We had 11 ladies at our September meeting at Keen Bean. Our business included several "Thank You" for our help with: SBS graduation, our graduation donation, the Backpack program, the "back to school" gift card to MV principals and stepping in to help SBS when they needed help this past month.

Many of our ladies have been helping the "Caps for Kids" project recently started again. We also sent our yearly donation to the Festival of Sharing. Ann Knott closed our meeting with her devotion on "Prayer".

Our next meeting will be:
Tuesday, October 11th
at the Red Barn at 11 am.

Marilyn will give the devotion.
All women are invited to
enjoy friendship and fellowship.

Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

The Sunday morning Small Group Bible Study known as the MUSTARD SEEDS is studying: "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!

Hey, Ladies- we are starting our fall Bible study again! We will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 6-8. Amanda will be available to babysit. This Fall we are going through a book called "*Trailblazers: Following the Path of our Unsung Sisters*" by Lori Boyd. The book was recommended to us by our sweet sister, Robin. The book can be purchased on Kindle for \$7.99 or paperback from Amazon for \$14.99. There are discussion questions we will talk about and share about our lives and pray for each other. Please join us if you do not have a small group to belong to. We would love to have you .



The 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, October 24th at 6 pm.



Dear Church Family,

We are so thankful for all the donations and time people have volunteered to us. These past few years with the pandemic have been the worst I've ever seen in childcare. We have been devastated financially and unable to hire employees. Luckily, this past week we have hired and trained two new employees, a blessing. We are now fully staffed and reopening a classroom. We have new leadership with Pastor Donnie, hopefully the worst is behind us and can move forward with this ministry. Again, SBS wouldn't have made it without your help. Special thanks to Les Crider and Sue Chappell.

Love SBS staff and children



Please consider helping our Child Care mission by donating items on their wish list.

They are in particular need of the food items.



Step By Step Wish List

Great Value leak proof plates
8 ounce cups
Baby Wipes
Paper Towels
Lysol spray
Disposable gloves (large)
13 gallon trash bags
Cheerios, Frosted Flakes
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Small tortillas
Whole grain crackers
Whole milk
1% milk
Noodles
Spaghetti sauce
Alfredo sauce
Snack foods
Canned chicken
Hot dogs
Corn dogs
Chicken nuggets
Pizza rolls
Fish sticks
Lunch meats
Cheese
Fresh or canned fruit and vegetables
(apples, bananas, little oranges, raisins, frozen blueberries, carrots, cucumbers)



The SBS Fall Party is Thursday, October 27th from 9-10:30 am. Anyone wanting to donate candy or volunteer to hand it out is welcome to.



Thank you for your generosity with our
"Cash For Backpacks" collections.
Our September "Cash For Backpacks"
collection brought in \$69.40!!

We are planning to continue the Cash for
Backpacks collections on the first Sunday of
every month. Now the work begins in
preparing for next year. We also plan to
apply for the Methodist Foundation and
Mt. Vernon Community Foundation Grants
again but we still need your help to make
this a successful ministry.



Happy

BIRTHDAY

3 Ann Knott
9 Whitney Mosley
11 Doug Immekus
13 Robert Perryman
16 Mike Pyle
20 Robin Tate
21 Judy Kitchen



BOO! BOO!

Our Annual Munchkin
Maze is set for Monday,
October 31st from 6-8 pm.

There will be a sign-up in
the foyer to reserve your
spot!

Our Food Pantry has seen an increase in need,
items we can use are:

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese,
Spaghetti noodles & Sauce, Cereal, Shelf milk,
Crackers, Canned Meats, Veggies, and Fruits,
Hamburger Helper, Boxed Meals

Or you can give Sue Chappell money and she
will be glad to do the shopping.

*The pantry is open Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 2:30 pm.*

*Happy
Anniversary*

11 Joel & Marion Belanger

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Cash For Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship	3	4 Caps For Kids at 6 pm	5 SBS Chapel at 10 am Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	6 ABMD Men's Emmaus	7 ABMD Men's Emmaus	1 <hr/> 8 ABMD Men's Emmaus
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BEST CHOICE LABELS

We finally made our goal of 1,000 labels. 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