



# 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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September 4	Cash for Backpacks
September 5	Happy Labor Day! Office & Step by Step Closed
September 6	Caps For Kids at 6 pm
September 11	Leadership Team after Worship
September 13	MVMW at 11 am at the Panda House Women of the Word at 6 pm
September 20	Caps For Kids at 6 pm
September 24	Emmaus Training
September 26	Prayer Focus Group at 6 pm
September 27	Women of the Word at 6 pm

### Coming Soon

October 2	Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team
October 4	Caps for Kids
October 7-9	ABMD
October 11	MVMW Women of the Word
October 18	Caps for Kids
October 24	Prayer Focus Group
October 25	Women of the Word
October 31	Munchkin Maze

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

## September 2022 Leadership

**Lead Usher**  
Volunteer needed

**Audio/Visual**  
David & Lynn  
McDonald

**Offering Counters**  
Sue Chappell  
& Hope Morris

**Kingdom Kids**  
Volunteer needed

**Transportation**  
Volunteer Needed

## A Note From Pastor Donnie

Dear Church Family,

Is there an evil conspiracy afoot to eliminate portions of the Bible?

There are some posts making the social media rounds accusing the NIV (New International Version) and NLT (New Living Translation) of being evil translations inspired by Satan himself. The accusations are that words and phrases are changed and entire verses are removed.

In looking up some of these words, phrases and verses, apparently, they are comparing these translations to the King James Version as if the King James Version is the Bible Jesus used. 🤔 However, The King James Version of the Bible is a translation from the Latin Vulgate which is a translation of the Septuagint which is a translation of the Hebrew. Therefore, it is quite common and expected that a post 1611 King James Version translation would choose some different words to convey the meaning of the Latin, Greek or Hebrew from which it is translated. Translators of the modern translations choose the words that they believe more closely convey the meaning of the Hebrew, Greek or Latin for those who are not familiar with the King's English.

I looked up some of the supposed discrepancies.

"Jehovah" is replaced with "Lord". I don't have a problem with that. Both words mean the same thing.

The word "Calvary" is only used in the King James Version once and the other times it's translated "Golgotha". The NIV only uses "Golgotha". Both words mean, "skull". "Golgotha" is a transliteration of the Aramaic and "Calvary" is from Latin.

"Holy Ghost" is replaced with "Holy Spirit".

"Omnipotent" is replaced with "Almighty".

I do not see a conspiracy to alter the Bible here. I see an attempt to be true to the original Scriptures.

As for the verses that are "removed", that is true. However, they are not removed because the translators are trying to "water down" the Bible. They are found in other parts of the Bible. For example, Matthew 17:21 which is not in the newer translations is found in Mark 9:29. The reason the translators didn't include Matthew 17:21 is because the earliest and most reliable manuscripts from the Greek and Latin do not include it. Furthermore, most of the modern translations have a note that explains why it is not in the body of the translation.

I do not believe that there is a crusade geared towards altering the Bible, however, each translation is different. That's why there are different translations. In all the translations that I have looked at, and there are many, I believe they all convey the same message, albeit, with different words and sometimes different nuances.

So, the best remedy is to read and study from the Hebrew, Greek and Latin. 🤔 Otherwise, do what I do. Use several different translations comparing one against the other. The NIV (New International Version), the NASB (New American Standard Bible), the NLT (New Living Translation), and even the KJV (King James Version), along with many others, are all trustworthy versions of God's Word.

Most importantly, ask the Holy Spirit to give you revelation and wisdom as you read and study God's Word. He loves to answer that prayer!

And now may the Word of God dwell richly within you!

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 on  
Monday, September 5th  
in observance  
of Labor Day

Please consider helping our Child Care mission by donating items on their wish list. They are in particular need of the food items.

September 2022



Gracious God,

As the summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers and staff as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts.

May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach share and challenge others to grow in faith and knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless the children and youth, along with their parents as they begin a new school year.

May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this new year.

Amen





**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

# 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 from 6-8 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month starting with Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.



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](http://www.mtvunited.org)**

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at:

**[office@mtvunited.org](mailto: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 have had the summer off, now it is time to meet again.

Mt. Vernon Methodist Women will meet:

**Tuesday, September 13th  
at the Panda House at 11 am.**

Our hostess/devotion will be by Ann Knott.

All women are invited to come enjoy friendship and fellowship.



♡ 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)**

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 semester 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.

## **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, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm.





Our Food Pantry has seen an increase in need and we are getting short on items.

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.



## Backpack Ministry

Thank you for your generosity with our “Cash For Backpacks” collections. We have collected **\$1320.15** with just your loose change and folding money since we started in November last year. Because of your generosity we were able to serve **305** students in the Mt. Vernon School District!!!

We plan to continue the Cash for Backpacks collections on the first Sunday of every month. Now the work begins in preparing for next year. We 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.



# September 2022



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Cash for Backpacks Mustard Seeds after Worship	<b>5</b> Happy Labor Day! Office Closed SBS Closed	<b>6</b> Caps for Kids at 6 pm	<b>7</b> SBS Chapel at 10 am Youth at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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**Happy  
Birthday!**

2	Brent Kitchen
4	Donnie Hudson
8	Jonathan Belanger
13	Peggy Therman
20	Tom Tate
29	David McDonald



18 Ryan & Kim Duwe  
30 Lance & Lauren McKinzie