



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 2023 Leadership

Lead Usher
Lance McKinzie

Audio/Visual
*David, Lynn
McDonald
& Jill Hauswirth*

Offering Counters
*Sue Chappell
& Hope Morris*

Kingdom Kids
Volunteer Needed

Transportation
Volunteer Needed

**Happy
New
Year**

POWER of PRAYER

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!*

January Events

- 2 Office and SBS Closed
- 8 Discernment Meeting at 3 pm
Leadership Team Meeting to follow
- 11 Bible Study Resumes
- 24 WOW Potluck Dinner at 5 pm
- 29 Charge Conference at 5 pm via Zoom

Upcoming Events

February 22 Ash Wednesday Service
at 6 pm

Wednesday Activities

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

**NOW
OPEN**

10:30 - 4:30
Monday - Thursday
Lynn McDonald
Administrative Assistant

a note from
PASTOR DONNIE

Dear Church Family,

I HATE THE NEW YEAR!

Not really; just thought that might get your attention. Now that I have your attention, what is your feeling? Do you love it, hate it, or are you indifferent?

My thoughts about the new year:

1. It can be a time to reflect on the past year, remembering both the good and the bad. If you're reminiscing and it serves to help you finish grieving and celebrating past events, then good.
2. It can be a time to set realistic goals for the coming year. I would not recommend the classic New Year's resolutions. They hardly ever work. I read a study that said, most people have forgotten about their New Year's resolutions within three months. But setting realistic goals with a plan for achieving them, then good.
3. The best way to utilize the new year is to renew your commitment and relationship to Jesus!

Reflect on the following word from God to you.

"...At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God...."

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 NLT

Last year is gone!

Christ is making you new for 2023!

Loving Jesus and you in 2023,

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, January ??? and ???

MVMW!

Mt Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH:

We had 8 ladies at our December meeting at the Red Barn. Thanks were given to all who donated to the Ozarks Methodist Manor Christmas Project.

We discussed projects and agreed to continue helping our Step By Step. We voted to have a Christmas lunch for the staff of Step By Step.

Devotion was given by Judy based on Psalm 89:47

"Remember how fleeting is my life."

Tim is God's gift to you. What will you do with your time is your gift to God.

Our January meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday, January 10, at 11 am at the Red Barn. Martha will have the devotions. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Happy New Year to all!

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.

Come and check it out!

Women Of The Word!

Dearest Ladies,

As some of you might know, but others might not, Karen Benson is going to be leading our Women of the Word study this semester. I

am very excited about this because she has many studies to choose from and has led these studies. We plan to meet on

Tuesday, January 24th for a potluck at 5:00 p.m. At this time we will have an opportunity to look at all of her studies. From this meeting, we will decide which study we will do for the Spring 2023 semester. The study will

begin on Tuesday, February 7th. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from

6-8 p.m. Since Karen is new to this particular group of women, she would like to know some things about you before the

January 24th meeting. In particular, she would like to know what motivates you to participate in this group. Please let her know via texting at 417-466-5406 or email at krnbnsn55@gmail.com.

If you could do this before January 24th, this will help us in our planning so much! If you do not already belong to a small group, please consider joining us!

Love, Annette



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Bible Verses



SBS Closed

Monday, January 2nd
in observance of New
Years



Thank you for your generosity with our
“Cash For Backpacks” collections.

Our December “Cash For Backpacks” collection brought in \$8.32.

Our next Cash for Backpacks collection is
Sunday, January 1st.

You can also bring your donation anytime to the Church office.

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 need your help to make this a successful ministry.

Happy
BIRTHDAY

3 Sue Chappell
9 Janice Casey
10 Darrin Morris
18 Travis Smith
31 Trinity Stacy

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> Cash for Backpacks	2 Office Closed SBS Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8 Discernment Meeting at 3 pm Leadership Team to follow	9	10 MVMW at 11 am	11 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	12	13	14
15 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	16	17	18 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	23	24 WOW Potluck Dinner at 5 pm	25 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship Charge Conference at 5 pm	30	31	1 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	2	3	4