



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



April 2023 Leadership

Lead Usher
Hope Morris

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

Offering Counters
*Sandy Brecht
& Peggy Pyle*

Kingdom Kids
Volunteer Needed

Transportation
Volunteer Needed



**Please be in prayer
for the following:**

General Prayer Requests

Cancer Treatment

*Chris Atkinson
Matt Thomas*

Health and Healing

*Nick Tate
Jim Greene
Jean McDonald*

Military

Staff Sergeant Jim Weter

*You're
Invited!*

April Events

- April 2 Palm Sunday
Leadership Team after Worship
- April 4 Women of the Word at 6 pm
- April 6 Maundy Thursday Service at 6 pm
- April 7 Good Friday
SBS Closed
- April 9 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service at 7 am
Breakfast at 8 am
Celebration Service at 9 am
Egg Hunt at 10 am
- April 11 MVMW at 11 am at the Red Barn
Caps for Kids at 6 pm
- April 18 Women of the Word at 6 pm
- April 25 Caps for Kids at 6 pm

Upcoming Events

- May 5 SBS Graduation at 5:45 pm
- May 14 Mother's Day
Senior Sunday
- May 20 Picnic at the Tate's Farm at 4 pm
- May 29 Memorial Day
Office & SBS Closed

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,

Last Sunday night the church voted by a vote of 33-2 to leave the United Methodist Church. For some of you that may be exciting, for others it may be a bit scary. Some may be glad, some may be sad.

I understand.

I have been a United Methodist pastor for 30 years. There is a lot of history there; some good, some bad, but always meaningful. The United Methodist Church has a rich history and has provided me with a ministry platform for half of my life. However, over the past several years there has been a major shift. The momentum is switched from Scriptural Holiness in the Wesleyan Tradition to a focus on making the bible palatable, and even support, for an ever-increasing immoral culture where anything goes and you get to decide what is truth.

As for me, I'm sad that the United Methodist Church has come to this, but am excited to see how God will use our church to minister within our community being free from the never-ending tug-of-war between the progressives and conservative/traditionalists.

I pray that God will instill in each of us an excitement and anticipation for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit!

A recap of where we are in the process is as follows:

- Our new church name will be Family Of Christ.
- Cowherd Law Firm (Sam) has started the process of registering our name and getting a copy of the property deed which need to be in the Conference Office by mid April.
- Sam is also working on applying for non-profit status with the IRS and securing a new tax I.D. Number for us.
- The exact amount is not determined yet, but we need to present the Conference with not more than \$39,810 to be free of past, present and future obligations, and to retain ownership of our property. We have the possibility of getting a 0% loan from a benevolent benefactor!

Isaiah 43:19

19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Blessings,
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 second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Caps for Kids will meet on Tuesday, April 11th and 25th at 6 pm
Come and join us!

Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

Lenten Study

The Mustard Seeds will start a Lenten study titled: "Jesus In The Wild".

Jesus in the Wild is a close look into the meaning within the remarkable scene in Luke 4:1-14 of Jesus being challenged by the devil in the untamed and unruly wilderness. We will view and discuss a 6 video series presented by Dan Wilt. Dan has served the development of disciples internationally through his speaking and resources. He is part of the Seedbed Farm Team.

The Mustard Seeds can be found after Sunday morning Worship in Room 103. It's a casual, multigenerational small group. Walk-ins welcome!!

Women Of The Word!

Women of the Word meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 pm!!!

This month the meeting dates are: April 4th and April 18th.

The study is titled: "Seamless, Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story" by Angie Smith.

"Angie shows you how the whole Bible - From Genesis through Revelation - connects as one beautiful, seamless thread."

This is a very sweet, effective presentation of how to see the Bible as a single and complete story without getting caught up in the genealogy, laws, and hard to pronounce names.

Come and Join us!!

MVMW!

Mt Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH:

Our March meeting had 10 ladies at the Red Barn. We discussed our plans for the SBS graduation and the 2023 graduates. Shirley Greene had the devotion reminding us to keep praying.

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

Hope Morris will have the Hostess/Devotion. Come join us; we would be happy to see you.

Happy Easter



Have you seen the glass globes with the clear stones that were behind the sanctuary??

These are a staple in our decorating inventory. If you borrowed them or have seen where they were placed please contact the Church office.
Thanks in advance.



The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story~
the best news you'll ever hear.
~It's about Jesus dying on the cross
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for... Easter....
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave....
By His death, His children He did save

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed
as He died in our place.
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.

by Bethany Tapp

<http://ministry-to-children.com/easter-poem/>



Step By Step will
be closed on
Friday, April 7th in
observance of
Good Friday



Thank you for your generosity with our
“Cash For Backpacks” collections.
Our February “Cash For Backpacks” collection brought in \$33.85.
Our next Cash for Backpacks collection is
Sunday, April 2nd.
You can also bring your donation anytime to the Church office.

We will continue the Cash for Backpacks collections on the first Sunday of every
month. We need your help to make this a successful ministry.



Happy

BIRTHDAY

- 10 Marilyn Meyer
- 12 Jim Greene
- 17 Luke McKinzie
- 24 Lauren McKinzie

HAPPY
Anniversary




- 5 Mike & Peggy Pyle
- 28 Steve & Sandy Brecht
- 29 Les & Kitty Crider



NEEDED PLASTIC EGGS & CANDY

**We still need plastic eggs and candy for our
Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am Easter Sunday.
Please have them to the Church by
Wednesday, April 5th so we can fill them .**

APRIL 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2  Palm Sunday Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship | 3 | 4 WOW at 6 pm | 5 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm | 6 Maundy Thursday Service at 6 pm | 7 Good Friday SBS Closed | 8 |
| 9  Happy Easter 7 am Sunrise 8 am Breakfast 9 am Easter Service 10 am Egg Hunt | 10 | 11 MVMW at 11 am Caps for Kids at 6 pm | 12 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 Emmaus Training 8am-4pm |
| 16 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship | 17 | 18 WOW at 6 pm | 19 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship | 24 | 25 Caps for Kids at 6 pm | 26 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship | 1 | 2 WOW at 6 pm | 3 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm | 4 | 5 Step by Step Graduation  | 6 |

LENTEN COIN CALENDAR

April

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
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| | | | |  |  | 1  A coin for every bed. Luke 19:28-35 |
| 2 Palm Sunday Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night. | 3 A coin for every Bible. Luke 19:36-40 | 4 A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home. Luke 19:41-42 | 5 A coin for every cross in your home. Luke 22:14-23 | 6 A coin for every prayer you say today. Luke 22:44-46 | 7 A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell. Luke 23:50-56 | 8 A coin for every person in your family. Luke 24:1-6 |
| 9 Easter Sunday Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them. | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |