



Mount Vernon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2023 Leadership

Lead Usher
Mike Pyle

Audio/Visual

David, Lynn
McDonald
& Jill Hauswirth

Offering Counters

Peggy Pyle
& Sandy Brecht

Kingdom Kids

Volunteer Needed

Transportation

Volunteer Needed



Please be in prayer for the following:

General Prayer Requests

Dale Scott

Cancer Treatment

Chris Atkinson
Matt Thomas

Health and Healing

Nick Tate
Jim Greene
Jean McDonald

Military

Staff Sergeant Jim Weter
Nathan Harralson

You're Invited!

May Events

- May 2 Women of the Word at 6 pm
- May 5 SBS Graduation at 5:45 pm
- May 7 Cash for Backpacks
Leadership Team after Worship
- May 9 MVMW at 11 am at The Red Barn
Caps for Kids at 6 pm
- May 14 Mother's Day
Senior Sunday
- May 20 Picnic at the Tate's Farm at 4 pm
- May 23 Caps for Kids at 6 pm
- May 29 Memorial Day
Office & SBS Closed

Upcoming Events

- June 4 Leadership Team
Cash for Backpacks
- June 10 Summer Splash
Family of Christ Grand Opening
- June 18 Father's Day

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,

Our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church is coming fast. We have all of the administrative tasks completed or are on track to be completed by Annual Conference, June 9, 2023. What we do not have is a clear vision of who we are after we are no longer United Methodist. Have you thought about what that will look like? I know that as a church we can say that we love Jesus and want to follow him, believe the Bible, trust in the saving work of Jesus on the cross and through the resurrection, want to be bearers of God's grace and love to all we come in contact with, etc., but how do we walk it out?

With such a radical change coming right around the corner we have the opportunity for a clean, new start. What new thing can we do to make disciples of Jesus Christ? How can we radically serve our community? How do we live our lives in such a way that truth-seekers will be drawn to us because we are truth-livers?

As you contemplate these things, the temptation will be to focus on changes you would like or to keep your favorite thing. I challenge you to not succumb to that temptation. Rather, begin to ask God what He would like and where is He leading. God has a particular calling for us in this community. It is peculiar to us.

““But forget all that (all that has gone before)— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?”

Isaiah 43:18-19a NLT

All in for Jesus,

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, May 9th and 23rd at 6 pm
Come and join us!

Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

The Mustard Seeds are doing a 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 are going to take some time off, while we think about the next study. Stay tuned for more information on what is next for this group.



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.

MVMW!

Mt Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH:

Our April meeting had 9 ladies at the Red Barn. Our business was to finalize the plans for our 4 graduates and our help with the SBS graduation. Our May project will be to help the Diaper Bank at the Presbyterian Church. We plan to take a vacation for June, July, and August. Hope Morris had the devotion using butterflies to make her point.

**Our next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday in May on:
May 9th, at 11 am, at the Red Barn.**

Marge Jones will have the devotion and Judy will be the hostess.

Happy Mother's Day



A box is set up in the Foyer for gift cards. The gifts will be divided equally between our Grads unless you specify the individual graduate.



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Change is hard, very hard! Our life has gone in a bit of a different direction in the past couple of years and we now have another little one in the house (and no big ones anymore)! Geoff and I are announcing that at the end of the school year we will step down as youth leaders for the Church. We have loved every minute of leading our youth for more than 10 years (helping in anyway we could before that) as our girls have grown up in the church. We are so blessed to have been able to teach, love, guide, support, and pray with so many amazing teens along their faith journey. It fills our hearts with so much joy to watch them fall in love with God and want live their lives for him. We will still be here to help in anyway we are needed. We have been praying and know God is preparing someone and the church for a new direction with our kiddos. We have also been praying for it to fit the mold of the new path our church is currently on. We love our Church family so much and we look forward to the new beginnings for all of us as we move forward.

Love and prayers,
Geoff and Shelley



Step By Step will
be closed on
Monday, May 29th
in observance of
Memorial Day.



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

Our April “Cash For Backpacks” collection brought in \$54.69.

We also received a large donation of \$2500 from a member of the community.

Our next Cash for Backpacks collection is

Sunday, May 7th.

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

- 7 Lynn McDonald
- 8 Marge Jones
Steve Jones
- 12 Peggy Pyle
- 24 Brenda Deetz
- 26 Patti Robb

HAPPY
Anniversary

18 **Dustin & Nicole Morris**

Super Splash Saturday

June 10th, 2023

Time: TBD

At Family of Christ

Water Slide

Bounce House

Chips

Water Balloon Wars

Drinks

Hot Dogs

And More

Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult

621 W Sloan St. Mt. Vernon

417-466-2459



You are invited

*Saturday, July 29th
At 2:30 pm*

RSVP to: [theknot.com/jimmyandshannontietheknot](https://www.theknot.com/jimmyandshannontietheknot)

MAY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	4	5 Step by Step Graduation at 5:45 pm 	6
7 Cash for Backpacks Leadership Team after Worship	8	9 MVMW at 11 am Caps for Kids at 6 pm	10 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	11	12	13
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> Senior Sunday	15	16	17 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm Youth at 5:30 pm	18	19 MV Graduation	20 Tate Cookout 4 pm at the Farm
21 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	22	23 Caps for Kids at 6 pm	24 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm MV Last Day	25	26	27
28 Praise Team 8 am Mustard Seeds after Worship	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office and SBS are Closed	30	31 SBS Chapel at 10am Bible Study at 5 pm	1	2	3