



**October 2023
Leadership**

Lead Usher
Shannon Williams

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

Offering Counter
*Hope Morris
& Sue Chappell*

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!*

October Events

- Oct 1 Homecoming at Homecoming
- Oct 7 Esther at Sight and Sound
- Oct 8 Leadership Team after Worship
- Oct 13-15 Apple Butter Makin' Days
- Oct 31 Munchkin Maze 6-8 pm

Upcoming Events

- November 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 23 Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Wednesday Activities

Come to the Table at 5:30 pm
Family Kids Club
from 5:30-7:30 pm

**NOW
OPEN**

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

A note from

PASTOR DONNIE

Dear Church Family,

We are in a new season!

Summer has passed (RIP); Fall has come!

I love Fall - cooler weather, Fall colors, football, campfires, Halloween celebrations, etc. What is your favorite characteristic of Fall?

Family Of Christ church is also in a new season. The tension of being in the United Methodist Church conflict is behind us. The stress of trying to keep SBS daycare financially stable is gone. The season has changed.

I sense renewed hope for our future. People are coming to church on Sunday mornings a few minutes early to greet and visit with each other, and are hanging around more after service laughing and talking with each other. Worship attendance is up and several new folks or folks who haven't been here in a long time have attended church. Women of the Word bible study has started back, Come To The Table meals on Wednesday nights started last week, as well as a brand new Family Kids Club for ages 4 through 7th grade. Come on men of God; let's get something going that will "make the boat go faster" (reference to last week's sermon).

Thanks for letting me be your pastor!

Pastor Donnie

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. - Isaiah 43:19 NLT

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 an as needed basis Marion Belanger will let you know when Caps will meet.

Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

The Mustard Seeds are doing a study titled:
"Jesus Calling: Putting Jesus First" by Sarah Young

"This Jesus Calling Bible study is designed to help individuals and groups meditate on the words of Scripture and hear them not just as words said to people long ago but as words said to us today in the here and now. The goal is to help the heart open up and respond to what the mind reads - to encounter the living God as He speaks through the Scriptures." Sarah Young

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 started the study: "Revelation: extravagant hope" by Margaret Feinberg.

"Revelation is a survival guide for the suffering, a book of promises for the persecuted, a banner of hope for the Beaten down. Not just for John in his time and his age, but for every church in every age, including you and me." Margaret Feinberg

There is still time to join us books are \$15 at the office.

Family of Christ Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH:

The Mt. Vernon Methodist Women are now the Family of Christ Women. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 10th at 11 am at the Red Barn.

FAMILY OF CHRIST WOMEN



Thank you for your generosity with our
 “Cash For Backpacks” collections.
 Our September “Cash For Backpacks” collection brought in
 \$67.22.

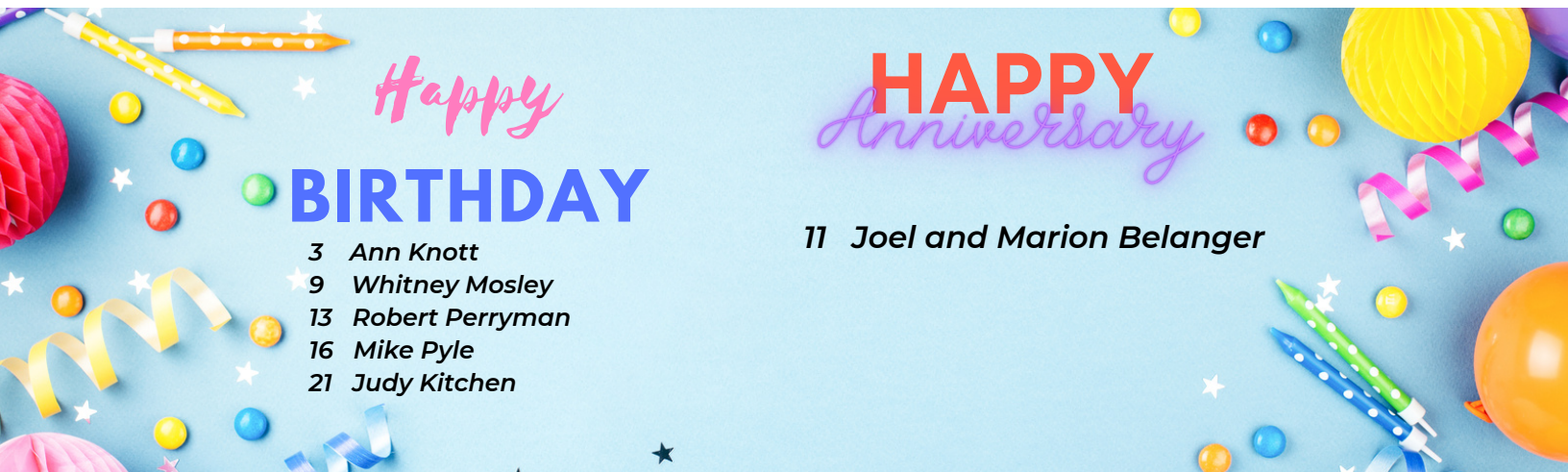
Our next Cash for Backpacks collection is
Sunday, October 1st.

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.

Marilyn Meyer has moved to be closer to family
 her new address is:

The Madison Senior Living
 14001 Madison Avenue
 Apt. 2016
 Kansas City, MO 64145



Happy
BIRTHDAY

- 3 Ann Knott
- 9 Whitney Mosley
- 13 Robert Perryman
- 16 Mike Pyle
- 21 Judy Kitchen

HAPPY
Anniversary
 11 Joel and Marion Belanger

Homecoming at Homecoming

Mt. Vernon High School's Homecoming is Friday, September 29th, so we thought it would be a great idea to have a Family of Christ Homecoming the following Sunday, October 1st.

We will have worship at the 9 am regular time but immediately following we will celebrate with a potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share and invite everyone you know who is coming back to town for homecoming. This is also a good time to invite people you know who haven't been to church in a while.



Our annual Munchkin Maze is on Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8 pm. We are serving hotdogs, chips and a drink.

All activities are inside!! Come decorate a table and hand out candy. Invite all the neighborhood kids and have a blast with us at the Family of Christ Church!!

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Homecoming at Homecoming Cash for Backpacks	2	3 Women of the Word at 6 pm	4 Come To The Table at 5:30 Family Kids Club until 7:30	5 Emmaus Walks	6 Emmaus Walks	7 Esther at Sight and Sound Theater Emmaus Walks
8 Praise Team at 8 am <i>Leadership Team after Worship</i> Emmaus Walks	9	10 <i>Family of Christ Women</i> 11 am at the Red Barn	11 Sewing Club 9am- 4pm Come To The Table at 5:30 Family Kids Club until 7:30	12	13 ABMD	14 ABMD
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