



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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Pastor's Letter

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:1, 6)

Dear Congregation,

And just like that, it's June already! Graduations have been celebrated, and continue to be celebrated, school is wrapping up, both kids and teachers are itching to get outside into the fresh air and move through the summer.

It is our faith which offers us the belief that God exists, and that God is good. Our faith offers us an assurance of the things that are unseen, and offers hope for the future. Faith is a deep and incredibly vibrant thing in our lives. Our faith traces through every bit of our waking moments, from the first time we put our feet on the floor in the morning through each thing we walk through in the day, as we go to soccer, softball, baseball games, as we head to dance recitals and band concerts, our faith reveals to us the God who teaches us how to live and respond in each situation.

Tonight I've been meditating on the scripture from Isaiah 40: Our God never grows weary... though youths stumble and fall, we will renew our hope as we soar on wings like eagles. I don't know where you are today, but I encourage you to remember, that the God who is faithful, the God whom we serve, and whom first loved us is a God who never grows weary.

I don't know about you, but from time to time I grow weary. The walk of faith can be a challenging one, but it is a good one. When you begin to grow weary, it's time to reach out to the one who never does grow weary. The one whom reaches out to you, the one who cares for you. This is the God we serve. This God who lives and reigns with you.

Friends, let us continue to live into the confidence of what we hope for and the assurance of what we do not see. Let's continue to allow our faith in God to carry us through, let us allow the salvation of Jesus Christ to bring healing and hope, and our delight and to challenge us to walk faithfully with God.

Let's allow our faith in the scriptures to transform our lives. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to carry us further. Where have you seen God be faithful to you? Where are you seeing others around you offer faithfulness? How have you been faithful? Where is God calling you to walk more deeply into faithfulness?

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.

This promise is for you, it is for me, and it is for our church.

Our Lord does not grow weary. In fact he promises if we lean into him, we will soar on wings like eagles, we will run and not grow weary, we will walk and not faint.

Let's keep leaning in! I'll see you soon!

Blessings, Pastor Joy Mitchell

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:30 am

**Praise
Worship**

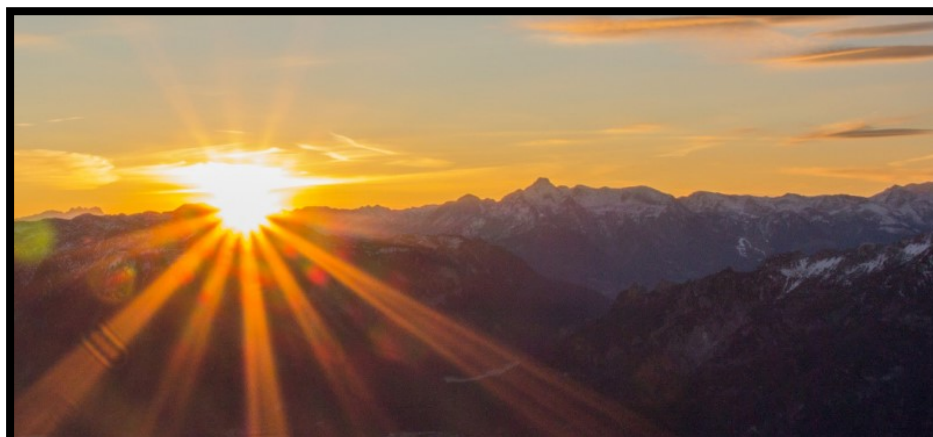
9:30 am

**Breakfast in
Fellowship Hall**

10:15 am

**Traditional
Worship**





faith~ful~ness

Have you noticed God's faithfulness today?

Let's take a deeper look together.

How will you respond?

Our June
Sermon series
continues
around
Hebrews 11:1
says, “Faith is
the reality of
what we hope
for, the proof of
what we don’t
see.” (CEB)

When life gets you down, and it’s hard to see outside of ourselves, the best place to go is to look to find the goodness of God. So often that is found in faithfulness. Maybe you are thinking, life is really great for me right now. Wonderful! Let me point you to Jesus to help us to always remember to keep our gaze fixed on Christ alone.

This may we are going to spend our time primarily in Hebrews 11. This chapter is a list of people who responded to God in faith in different situations. In each story and each situation we will look to see God’s faithfulness along with the faithful responses of the people. These are all stories we can learn from, they are stories of real people in real places with real relationships that we can relate to. We will do just that. We will look to God’s faithfulness in the here and now, along with God’s faithfulness in years long before we existed. The sermon titles and topics are following:

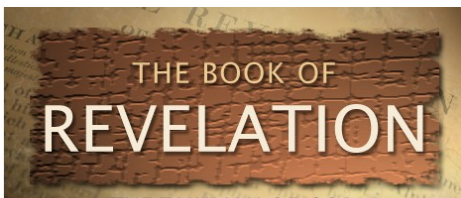
Faithfulness through the word, faithfulness through sacrifice, faithfulness in trying to please God, Faithfulness with Godly fear, Faithfulness in obedience, faithfulness in changing the impossible into the possible, faithfulness in offering, Faithfulness in blessing. Please join us! And... bring a friend too!

JJ Scholarship Available

College students who are entering either their junior or senior year at an accredited 4-year institution for the 2019-20 academic year and who are members of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church are eligible for the Julian Johnston Scholarship award administered by the church's memorial committee.

Julian Johnston, a former Mt. Vernon businessman, provided for this scholarship in his will as appreciation for money he received from this church to enable him to finish his education at Cornell. Dividends from his Chevron stock given to the church provide the funding for this scholarship. Awards may be \$500 or \$1000 depending on the number of applications and the actual funds available

Applicants need to 1) fill out a form, 2) write a one-page letter describing the financial need and their career goals, and 3) provide a letter of recommendation in order to be considered by the evaluation committee. Application forms were mailed to our church members who were high school graduates in 2016 or 2017. In case anyone is missed an application form may be obtained from the church office. There is no age limit. Applications must be received at the church office by Friday June 7, 2019. Awards will be announced within the next 30 days. —Cot Graber, Memorials Committee



Summer Bible Study with Pastor Joy

The summer can be a hectic season full of travel and athletics, and all kinds of opportunities. It's hard to stay connected, but please, keep leaning in. I want to invite you to join me as I lead a Bible Study online on the book of Revelation. We will begin on June 17th, and it will be offered 5 days a week, through the summer.

I will send out each day's post on UMCconversations, you can sign up by contacting the office, or emailing me at pastorjoymitchell@umcmv.com. I will share the passage of the day and some thoughts from it, and things I've picked up from my own studies, and then invite you to answer questions and converse with one another from wherever you are. The glory of this is that you don't even have to be in Mt. Vernon to participate! And, you can participate at a time that works for you. All are welcome to join.

Check this [video](https://www.seedbed.com/the-book-of-revelation-and-apocalypticism) out to get inspired. (<https://www.seedbed.com/the-book-of-revelation-and-apocalypticism>)

The best thing you can do right now is read through the book of Revelation on your own as fast as you can. Before we dive too deep into study, it'll be helpful to get a good overview of the book.

Bless you as you read and prepare. I'm excited to go on this journey with you. -Pastor Joy

#UMCNext and What Is Next for the UMC

By Jim Baty, Council Chair

Greetings friends. In the spirit of transparency, I want you to be aware of some recent happenings in the UMC from a post-#GC2019 perspective, namely an event called UMC Next (#UMCNext). This event took place two weeks ago at the Church of the Resurrection in Overland Park, KS. Some of you may recognize that Resurrection is the largest UMC in the U.S. and has been a leading influencer in this discussion leading into #GC2019 and since. #UMCNext was a “by invitation” event with an intent to bring together twelve representatives from each Annual Conference in the U.S., six laity and six clergy, so that the total attendance was around 600. Over 3,000 people applied or were nominated for attendance. I was fortunate to receive an invitation from a self-nomination and I joined the Iowa delegates on the third day. The first two days I spent at a table of clergy from all across the U.S. Why did I attend? It is because our Church Council passed, by a strong majority, a declaration that the actions of #GC2019 does not reflect the social principles of our Church, nor the stated principles of the UMC. The statement disavows the action at that event and the implementation schedule for the UMC that begins January 1, 2020, which is to say we both deny responsibility for the action and we refuse to accept it. There has been significant backlash throughout the U.S. and much discussion has taken place here in this church. I wanted to find out more about what plans are being considered for “the church” to report to you.

#UMCNext was a conference intended to bring together a broad cross section of passionate interests representing persons with perspectives on social justice for LGBTQIA+ that are somewhere in the middle (Centrists) all the way to those continuing to call for full inclusion and acceptance of all people to the UMC (Progressives). The first two days we dissected the issues facing the church and heard passionate testimonies from a broad spectrum of both clergy and laity. We worshipped God together first and often and prayed constantly. We broke bread together, cried together, laughed when possible and appropriate and yes, argued and dreamed in unique and common ways. On the third day we reaffirmed our baptisms and our covenant to the church to fight injustice, oppression and persecution of all forms. With collective hearts we centered ourselves on the damage continuing to be done to persons of LGBTQIA+ orientation but were reminded continually that work continues to also fight for full racial and gender equality. You can read the public statement from the conference or here is a quick summary.

Four Commitments

The one unanimous agreement of the gathering was a set of four core principles that define both purpose and intent. They are related to the work that our Church Council has already completed but are stated in some different phrases. They were released publicly later in the week along with. In summary, they are:

1. We long to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.
2. We commit to resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and toward all people and build a church which affirms the full participation of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.
3. We reject the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and will resist its implementation.
4. We will work to eliminate discriminatory language and the restrictions and penalties in the Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons. We affirm the sacred worth of LGBTQ persons, celebrate their gifts, and commit to being in ministry together.

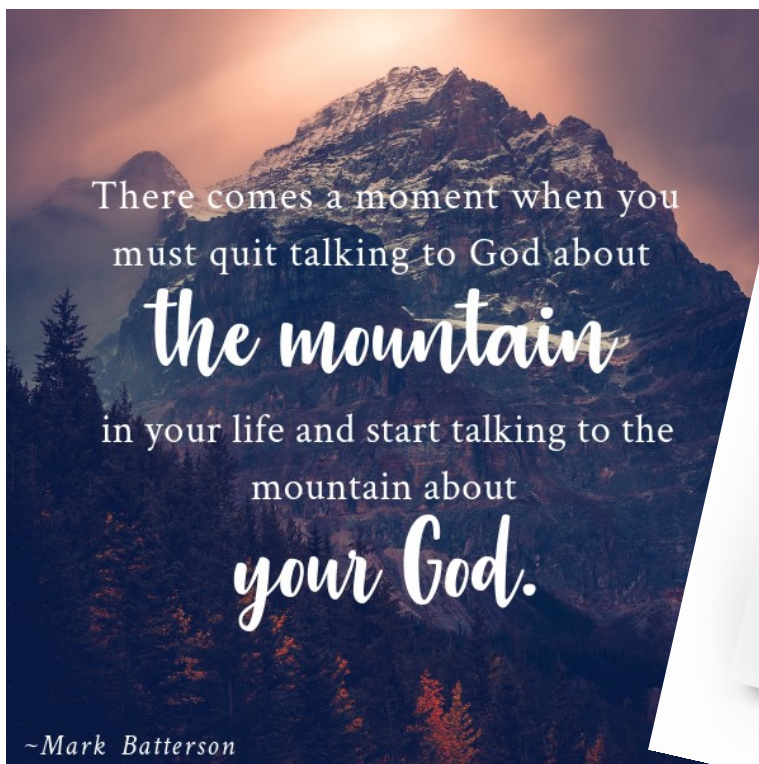
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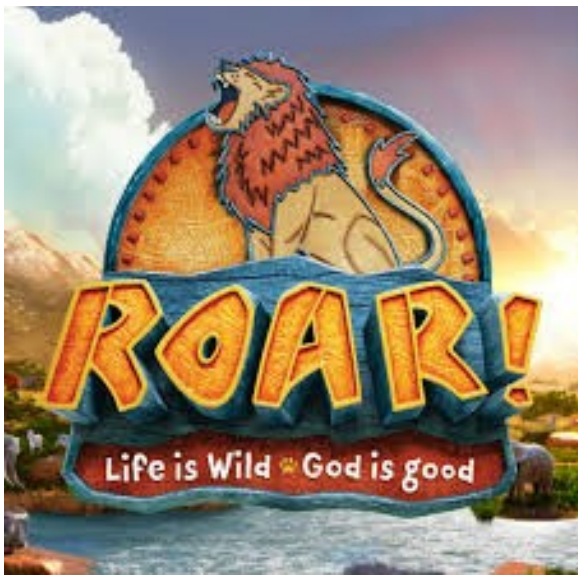
#UMCNext and What Is Next for the UMC—Continued...

New Strategies

Along with this statement, the conference recognized there will be much work to do today and for many days within each local church, annual conference and jurisdictional conference in order to affect change within a denomination that is so severely divided. Such change will result in either a transformation of the church or the UMC dissolving entirely for new birth of perhaps two or more Methodist Churches united under uniquely individual principles.

This church has persons representing all perspectives on this issue and there will be significant intensity throughout the UMC Annual Conferences over the next couple of months addressing the same. Therefore, as a church family the Council also believes it is right for us to give everyone a voice toward determining if the reconciling statement the Council passed in the 1990s as well as its recent action are in fact the will of the church. From this position, we will all be better informed for whatever is asked or offered next by the UMC. Look for information soon about this all-church gathering likely to take place in the second half of June.



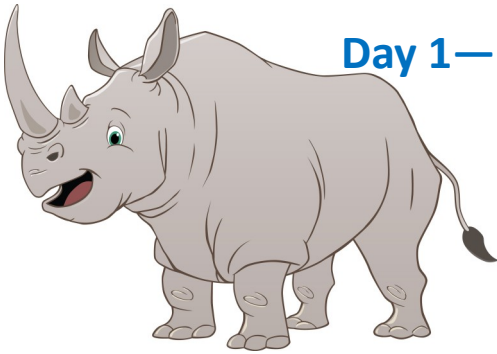


ROAR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Sunday July 14 through July 18

[Sign up online today!](#)

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9e077>



Day 1— Mack says...When life is unfair...God is good!



Day 2—Hooper says...When life is scary...God is good!



Day 3—Marge says... When life changes... God is good!



**Day 5—Savanna says...
When life is good... God
is good!**



**Day 4—Zion
says...When life is
sad... God is good!**

Printable form also available at <https://www.umcmv.com/familyministry-blog/vacation-bible-school-2019/>

June 2019 United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CANCELED : Chocolate Stroll Fund-raiser- Kitchen & Front Lawn 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
2 Ray Reasland Guest Message SE Linn Bulk Food Special Offering 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Summer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM VBS Meeting, Old Library	3	4	5 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:30 PM Youth Group-Board Game Night, Fellowship Hall	6	Julian Johnston Scholarship Deadline Pastor Joy, Truman Jordan & Dillon Fawcett @ Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines	8 8am VBS Decorating Pastor Joy, Truman Jordan & Dillon Fawcett @ Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
9 Kim Guarado Guest Message Pastor Joy, Truman Jordan & Dillon Fawcett @ Iowa Annual Conference SE Linn Bulk Food Special Offering 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Summer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Traditional Worship, Summer Start Time	10 Pastor Joy, Truman Jordan & Dillon Fawcett @ Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines	11 Pastor Joy, Truman Jordan & Dillon Fawcett @ Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines	12 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:30 PM Youth Group -- Tie Dye Night, Fellowship Hall	13 9:00 AM Mission of Hope Lunch, Cedar Rapids	14	15 8am VBS Decorating 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
16 UMCOR Peace with Justice Special Offering 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Summer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM VBS Meeting, Old Library	17 6:30 PM All Committee meetings- Fellowship Hall	18 11:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel Room	19 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:00 PM Youth Group - Boot Camp @ Community Bible Church	20	21	22 8am VBS Decorating 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
23 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Summer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Traditional Worship, Summer Start Time 6:30 PM Talent Show-Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser, Sanctuary	24 Lovely Lane UMC Mission Trip -- Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 6:30 PM Evening Book Club, Common Ground Meeting Room 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Balcony Classroom	25 Lovely Lane UMC Mission Trip -- Fellowship Hall & Youth Room	26 Lovely Lane UMC Mission Trip -- Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:30 PM Youth Group-BBQ & Games @ Davis Park	27	28	29 8am VBS Decorating 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
30 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Summer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Traditional Worship, Summer Start Time	1	2	3 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:30 PM Youth Group - Trivia Night, Fellowship Hall	4	5	6 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall

Kennedy Hunter	06/01
Lincoln Traynor	
Alison Dix	06/04
Dixie Raiber	
Keaton Wenz	
Alexa Roos	06/05
Lane Stewart	
Tena Pratt	06/06
Lance Lineburg	06/07
Benjamin Moss	06/08
Kristin Stewart	
Gavin Reinken	06/09
Sarena Vizcarra	
Ryder Bunch	06/10
Ray Reasland	
Cassidy Reinken	06/13
Ann Booth	06/14
Kaige Sneed	
Becky Woodward	
Travis Cooper	06/15
Preston Ellis Johnson	

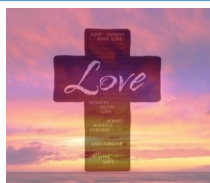
June Birthdays

may your birthday bring
you as much happiness
as you give to everyone
who knows you
Happy Birthday

Andrew Morf	06/17
Jim Rebhuhn	
Zoey Jones	06/18
Isabelle Krapfl	06/19
Nathan Stewart	06/20
Jacob Leopold	06/21
Maya Davis	06/24
Mitchell Kragenbrink	
Payton Schwiebert	
Doug Shannon	06/25
Christopher Stoner	
Joseph Timm	06/26
Warren Havill	06/27
Elsa Lafollette	
Lindsey Hotz	06/29
Mae Krapfl	06/30
Adam Zehms	
Erik Zehms	

June

Anniversaries



Loren & Renee Nydegger	06/01
Emily & Shea Stamp	
Ron & Stephanie Frantz	06/03
Mick & Jeanne Snodgress	06/06
Stacey & Brock Barber	06/07
Bill & Marilyn Meyer	06/12
Vern & Arlene Sand	06/14
Bill & Courtney Micheel	06/15
Bill & Doris Bacher	06/16
Dan & Lynda Hakken	
Mike & Suzette Kragenbrink	
Andrew & Reagan Morf	
Dick & Nancy Thomas	
Nyla & Dean McCall	06/17
Samantha & John Zehms	06/19
Jeff & Donna Walters	06/26
Jeremy & Lindsey Hotz	06/28
Dillon & Emily Fawcett	06/30

SPRC THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the members who helped clean our Church from January until May 1st. The outpouring of help was a great testimony of the love for our beloved Rosa Moss and honored the 23 years of service she has given to the church. The volunteer support allowed the Church to provide her medical leave pay to bless her with financial support. Having many hands involved made the work light and no one had to do a lot.

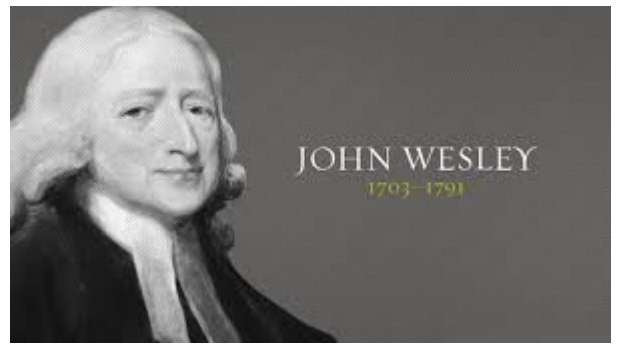
Tammy Nerhing from Night Shift LLC is now doing our cleaning. When asked to share a little about herself, she said: "I love Jesus. Married 17 years to Eric, Mom of four great children. My interests include fitness and crafting".

She is here during the days Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If you see her, be sure to welcome her.



DID YOU KNOW?....

John Wesley is known as the founder of the Methodist Church but he really didn't spend much time in America. As a little boy growing up in a Church of England family, he nearly lost his life in a fire in his home, being "saved" only by jumping out his second-floor bedroom window. To him, it was a message that he was to use this miracle to bring people the word of God.



After his education at Oxford, he began preaching outside the coal mines and on street corners to reach those whose lives were needy and empty of hope. It was a different sort of message than the one offered by the Church of England.

Soon he learned about the "heathen natives" in the new settlements in America and felt a call to go there to spread the word of Jesus Christ. He had difficulty finding the money to make the trip but eventually in 1735, he married a wealthy widow and she funded the trip for him and his brother Charles to the American colonies. Unfortunately, the American Indians were not very receptive to his message.

After a short time, he returned somewhat bitterly to England and continued his ministry there, but not before he persuaded other preachers to also spread the Word in the colonies. One of the most eloquent of those preachers was George Whitefield (sometimes written as "Whitfield"). Whitefield was very handsome, personable, and a great preacher. He easily spread the Word, encouraging others to follow in his footsteps. Thus, the American Circuit Rider movement began.

The new state of Iowa was a prime place for the success of the Circuit Riders. "Stations", which were small one-room wooden cabins with a rope bed, a fireplace, and a small amount of supplies were placed all along the newly created road from Dubuque to Ivanhoe to Iowa City. The Circuit Riders were extremely welcome, not only as bearers of the Word but also as a link with civilization.

(Next month, we'll begin the saga of Methodist worship in actual church buildings and the beginnings of the town of "Pinhook", later to become Mount Vernon.)

---Kay Graber, MVUMC Historian

Summer bells!

If you have been curious about ringing, join one of the short sessions in either June or August. We will meet twice, learn a few pieces with chords and one with melody. Each group will decide if they will add special music to a Sunday service. Both services are welcome. Dates will be determined based on membership. Contact Kristi Keast in the office.



Circuit Rider Deadline for **July 2019** will be June 25, 2019—please email any information you want included to: alisondix@umcmv.com - Thanks!

Did you know.... United Methodist Church has a Discipleship Pathway.

Our pathway provides opportunities, direction and resources to help anyone discover and grow in faith according to our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Have questions? One of the team would be honored to support you — Pastor Joy, Julie Baty, Nancy Reasland, Ray Reasland, Ruth Miller and Jim Baty.



June Giving Schedule



6/2/2019	SE Linn Bulk Food Offering
6/9/2019	SE Linn Bulk Food Offering
6/16/2019	UMCOR Pease with Justice Special Offering

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

A Big Dumpster is coming!!!

The dumpster is coming May 31 for a week.

Trustees are requesting that everyone throws anything they can out to help clean out the church.



Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far in 2019 we have raised over \$784 for the general operating expenses of the church! Please put your order form/check in the collection plate or drop them off in the church office.

Give Scrip a Try!

Are you planning to make a big purchase this summer? A new appliance, a computer, or patio furniture? Please considering using Scrip – the regional clearinghouse offers cards from Target, Menards, Lowe's, Best Buy, Home Depot, Amazon and many other retailers. Scrip is an easy way to raise funds for the church simply by planning your purchases in advance. You will always receive your cards within a week of the order. Thanks for giving Scrip a try! Jackie Morrical, Scrip Coordinator morrical@mchsi.com



Mission of Hope Lunch

June 13, 2019

Mission of Hope, in Cedar Rapids, serves 2000 hot lunches every month **AND WE HELP!**

Volunteers need to prepare and to serve the meal. Let's continue to work as the hands and feet of Christ.

Sign up online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44afa72aa31-2019>

HERITAGE DAYS FOOD BOOTH SIGN UP

We are gearing up for the Mount Vernon Heritage Days Festival and our lunch booth out front of the church. Rik Smith and Jay Currie will be leading this effort once again and we would appreciate your support in signing up to donate and /or volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44afa72aa31-heritage1>

[SIGN UP TODAY!](#)

Have a Heart for Hands-on Service?

Matthew 25 in Cedar Rapids is once again holding its TRANSFORM WEEK to transform homes in impoverished neighborhoods (yes, they are NOT done yet after all these years!)

From June 24-28, they are seeking volunteers for 22 projects to restore Cedar Rapids homes. Projects include painting or replacing outdoor siding, replacing windows and doors, removing debris, plumbing repair, installing new flooring, planting trees or flowers, and landscaping a school playground.

Construction experience is welcome but not required! You won't be asked to do something that is beyond your skill level and experience. Work days will be from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. with lunch and snacks provided. Interested? Go to www.hub25.org/event/transform-2019 or call 319-362-2214. You will not only be blessed and thanked for what you have done, but you'll make a lot of new Christian friends with hearts like yours! Bring along some of your buddies or your whole family!

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Healing:

- Emily Smith, as she recovers from surgery and awaits further news regarding treatment moving forward
- Jeanne Snodgress as she deals with some heart health issues and undergoes testing
- Tiffany Snodgress and her family (husband-Chauncey, daughter-Celia), as she continues to deal with complications from Lupus. Prayers for extended family members too, as they support this young family.
- Clive Cook (Sandy Sill's father) who had total knee replacement this week. Also for Sandy's mother, during this time. Both are 90 & are in assisted living in Cedar Falls .
- Judith Pim for quick and thorough healing for her broken upper arm bone. Also for endurance during physical therapy.
- Jack Mitchell (nephew of Weston and Pastor Joy Mitchell) who had a biopsy on May 22nd. Prayers for a benign biopsy and a hopeful plan moving forward
- Donna Walters, that she will be able to advance her diet, as her recovery continues.
- For Michele (friend of Kim Guardado) (dealing with a liver and lung cancer diagnosis) and also a friend who is recovering from a heart attack (prayers for life changes that need to be made).
- Paulette Hearn (Marsha Light's sister) dealing with recurring cancer and treatments
- Marty (Fred and Marion Lehman's son-in-law), is now home. Continued prayers to support the family and for health and strength for Marty

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- The family & friends of Kelsey Knoke as they mourn her sudden unexpected death.
- For the friends and family of Kitty Chadbourn (Karen Stoll's cousin) who passed away in the morning on May 19th, following a battle with ALS
- For the family and friends of Ken Hunter (Kraig Hunter's Dad) who passed away last week.
- For family and friends dealing with mental illness
- For persons trying to manage depression
- For people who are dealing with self doubt and worry
- For all not mentioned by name who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- Safety and travel mercies as families begin to take summer trips and vacations.
- May God guide conference leaders, clergy and laity in the Iowa Annual Conference and here at UMCMV as the future is discerned.

Prayers for Transition:

- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life.
- For college graduates as they enter the work force and transition to life beyond college
- For High School graduates as their HS career comes to an end and they experience bittersweet moments in the last few weeks of school. Prayers for them as they enter the work force or go on to continue their education.

Prayers for Sustenance:

- Please pray for lots of children to attend Vacation Bible School and volunteers to lead and guide them
- For the children in Sibiu, Romania being served at The Super Kids Day Center and the staff who are ministering to them . Specifically, prayers for Pastor Cristi and Ligia.
- Agape Ministry in Cedar Rapids (leader Abraham Boniface)
- UMCMV pastor, staff, lay leader, and committee members
- UMCMV Life Group ministry
- UMCMV Stephen Ministers and Care Ministers
- Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids, volunteers and attendees
- Women at the Well United Methodist Church, Pastor Lee Schott, and the women of Iowa Correctional Institute for Women

Prayers for our World:

- For all the marginalized members of the LGBTQIA community. For all of the transgender POC who are assaulted & killed for being true to themselves
- Praying for all humanity to reach out to each other in love, fellowship and peace.
- Prayers for peace and truth among all people of the world
- Prayers for unconditional love; loving one another even amongst disagreements
- The United Methodist Church

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Terry Sill received a good report at his check up at Mayo Clinic this week!
- Caleb Benjamin Smith was born on May 22nd. He weighed 7 lbs and 14 oz. Thrilled parents are Rik and Jamie Smith and excited big sister, Ellie. Proud grandparents are Jim and Jackie Wallace. Congratulations to all!
- Ann Currie enjoyed a surprise 60th birthday party (good job Jay!). Happy 60th to Ann!
- For our bell choir & thankfulness for Kristi Keast's leadership with these musicians.
- Congratulations to our High School and College graduates!!!

June 2019 Worship Assistants

Check out the Schedule ONLINE and let Alison know if there is a time you would like to cover or need changes. Your reminders will be coming from Sign Up Genius the Friday before you are scheduled. Thanks!! (Please check out this link or call the church office)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44afa72aa31-2019>

Help send **ROOTED** to
MILWAUKEE!

UMCMV MISSION TEAM
HEADED OUT
JULY 21-27

ROOTED

Mission Trip Talent Show

Bake sale

Sunday June 23 6:30 pm

Talk to Dillon Fawcett if you want to participate

Mark YOUR Calendars:

**Pastor Christi from Romania UMC
& SuperKids Academy**

Guest Sermon July 14



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 Mount Vernon, IA 52314
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 of Mount Vernon
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Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:30 am Praise Worship

9:30 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:15 am

Traditional Worship