

Pastor's Letter

Hello United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon,

As May rolls in, we are watching flowers pop up, even in the midst of late snow falls. I'm grateful for this. I have just completed an on-line training called "Prepare-Enrich". This is training to walk with couples through a premarital, and marital assessment to strengthen relationships. It's been filled with good reminders for me. One of these reminders is that some people love change, others are challenged by it. So, this upcoming season in our church will be filled with hope, and challenge.

As Pastor Mark Johnson has received a new appointment as of July 1st to Broadway United Methodist Church, in Council Bluffs, IA, we are looking at a lot of change. Pastor Mark has brought a heart of discipleship, and small groups to our congregation. He has brought relationship, and he will be missed. His move date is not yet firmed up, so we don't have his last day on the books yet. Stay tuned.

With this move, and the work our Staff Parish Relations committee and myself are doing, we are re-aligning some of our resources in regards to staffing. SPRC completed a unanimous vote upon my recommendation to move to a one pastor congregation. This was taken to Church Council, and then to a specially called generally conference. We had some great dialogue, and then completed the vote to move forward in this manner.

We are working diligently to create a staffing structure that will uphold the direction we are going to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by offering opportunities for all to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. I have a small group working on a discipleship pathway, and we are making forward momentum. We are thinking about how we can best meet folks in our community, and offer the growth opportunities for our students, youth and adults currently in the church.

We are also moving to a new worship schedule for the summer. Beginning on Memorial Day weekend and going through Labor Day weekend we will have one worship service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings, and it will be of a new format. Please come join us! For a second worship opportunity I'll be offering a communion service at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. This will be a brief service of 20-30 minutes. Come, pray, worship, commune and be blessed on your way home. Please pray that we keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus for all of our decisions, that we stay mission focused in all that we do.

Thank you. You are beloved. I'm grateful for you.

Blessings, Pastor Joy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 6 8:30 am Praise Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time Common Ground

11am Traditional Worship

May 13 & May 20 8:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time Common Ground 11am Traditional Worship

NEW Summer Worship is HERE!

One service at 9:30 am starting Sunday May 27, 2018







ASCENSION SUNDAY—May 13 PENTECOST SUNDAY—May 20

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS!!

Congratulations to the high school seniors & college grads in our congregation. Our church family will recognize, pray over and celebrate these graduates on Sunday, May 13th.

Our seniors include:

Marissa Cranston	Trey Holets			
Nicholas Leopold	Matt Morrical			
Aubree Vlasek	Catherine Yeoman			
Cornell grad: Hannah Robertson (Honoring May 6)				



Endowment Distribution– Projects requested

Our endowment funds held at the Iowa United Methodist Foundation earned an exceptional return in 2017. In accordance with our endowment policy, the Endowment Ministry Team requested, and the Church Council approved, a distribution of \$10,000 from the endowment funds. Endowment distributions typically are used for special projects or ministries that are not part of the church's annual budget.

The Church Council will act to approve one or more specific uses of this year's distribution at its meeting in June. In order to be eligible to receive funds from the endowment, the Council agreed on the following procedures and asks everyone wishing to request funds to follow them:

- All the UMCMV program ministries (Missions, Education, Evangelism, Youth, Stewardship, Worship, Memorials, Membership Care, Peace/Justice) and administrative ministries (Trustees, Staff Parish, Finance, Lay Leadership) are eligible to request funds from the distribution.
- If there is a request or idea for use of the funds from an individual in the congregation, it must first go through one of the program or administrative ministry teams above.
- All requests must include the following:

 name of the project/program/event, etc. to be funded with this distribution name of the Council member or committee making the request description of what outcome is expected estimated cost availability of other funding sources if full funding from endowment is not possible

All requests should be sent to Alison Dix in the church office by June 1. The requests will be presented to the Council at its June meeting for discussion and a vote for selection.



Congratulations to the Confirmation class

of 2018!

Tessa Baty Lilly Booth Ava Claussen-Tubbs Ali Ott Anna Hoffman Ben Johnson Lauren Swartzendruber



May 2018 Anniversaries

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

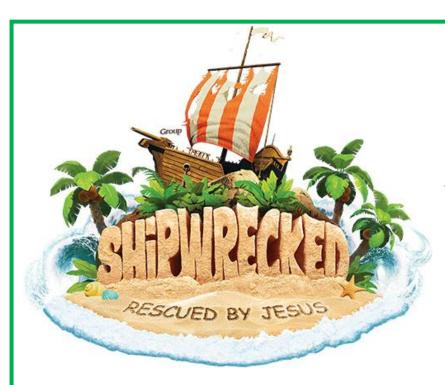
Matt & Teresa Stewart	05/12
Weston & Joy Mitchell	05/14
Jason & Amy Anderson	05/15
Clint & Jen Stanerson	05/16
Ann & Jay Currie	05/17
Ron & Amy Jackson	05/20
Karen & Mike Stewart	05/25
Natalie & Hollis Weber	
Darin & Angie Swartzendruber	05/26
Angie & Bryon Watson	05/28
Trude & Rick Elliott	05/31



Reece Olsen	05/01
Loren Nydegger	05/02
Beckett Meyer	05/04
Ann Niehaus	
Al Shepley	
Shea Stamp	
Eleanor Smith	05/05
Erin Schaller	05/06
Shirley Ryan	05/08
Max Siders	
Jackie Wallace	
Nyla Mccall	05/09
Reagan Light	05/10
Nancy S. Thomas	05/11
Annika Morf	05/12
Hannah Whitley	
Mike Ryan	05/13
Rick Schwiebert	
Kinsley Kamaus	05/14
Jackie Morrical	
Brody Nosek	05/15
Vanessa Vizcarra	

Happy May Birthdays!

Jackson Jaspers	05/18
Betty Walton	
Lucy Maddock	05/19
Marci Schmatt	
Colton Hof	05/20
Kevin Sill	
Pat Sorgenfrey	
Gretta Zehms	
Lewis Micheel	05/22
Maura Arnold	05/23
Ann Currie	
Jessica Johanningmeier	05/26
Gary Leopold	05/28
Roger Schnittjer	
Kevin Woods	
Walt Krambeck	05/30
Mary Leopold	
Emily Moss	
Quinn Roos	
Taya Roos	



SHIP-WRECKED

Vacation Bible School **RESCUED BY JESUS**

SIGN UP HERE!

https://www.vbspro.events/p/events/mtvernonlisbonvbs18

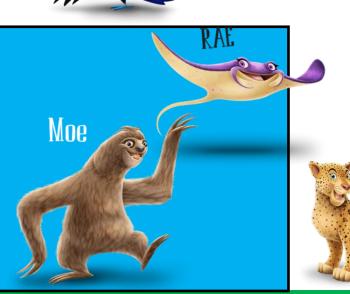
June 24 to June 28 6:00 PM - 8:35 PM

Guac

Hope



https://www.facebook.com/groups/MVLVBS/



If you can't make it every night– STILL SIGN UP! We know summers are busy but please consider signing up participants AND volunteers even if you are unavailable some of the nights. We can work around volunteer schedules if they can't help all 5 nights.

May 2018 @ United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Hall	mittee & Praise Team	Classroom 6:00 PM Youth Group- middle school & high school, Fel- lowship Hall & Youth Room 6:30 PM Sacred Par- enting- Balcony Classroom 6:45 PM Praise Team	Lisbon Iowa 6:00 PM 2nd An- nual Benefit Con- cert Ministries to Linn County Jail - Cedar Hills Com-	4	5 7:00 AM Revelation Wellness - Fellow- ship Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
6 Teacher Appreciation - dur- ing services & opening of Sunday School 8:00 AM Sunday School - Using Fellowship Hall Sunday School hour 8:30 AM Praise Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School - Classrooms & Kitchen 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Traditional Wor- ship 4:00 PM Girl Scouts- Com- mon Ground Meeting Room	7 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall	8 6:00 PM Adult Bells, Balcony 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Fellowship Hall and Main Floor Classrooms	9 9:30 AM UMW Board Meeting, Chapel Meeting Room 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:00 PM Youth Group- middle school & high school, Fel- lowship Hall & Youth Room 6:30 PM Sacred Par- enting- Balcony Classroom 6:45 PM Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary	10	11	12 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
13 Ascension Sunday, Mother's Day, Senior Recognition, Mission trip send off 8:30 AM Praise Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Traditional Wor- ship	mania- Super Kids Day Center 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 Mission Trip to Romania- Super Kids Day Center 6:00 PM Adult Bells, Balcony 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Fellowship Hall and Main Floor Classrooms	16 Mission Trip to Ro-	17 Mission Trip to Romania- Super Kids Day Center	18 Mission Trip to Romania- Super Kids Day Center	19 Mission Trip to Ro- mania- Super Kids Day Center 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Traditional Wor- ship 4:00 PM Caring Ministry &	mania- Super Kids	22 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Fellowship Hall and Main Floor Classrooms	 23 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 5:30 Communion Worship, Sanctuary 6:45 PM Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary 	24	25	26 11:00 AM Gradua- tion Party, Trey Holets, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
27 Pastor Mark Preaching 9:30 am New Summer Time One Worship 10:30 am French Toast Breakfast, Fellowship Hall	28 Memorial Day- Offices Closed 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Balcony Class- room	29	30 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 5:30 Communion Worship, Sanctuary 6:45 PM Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary	31	of Hope lunch Prep- Noon Serve	2 Chocolate Stroll- Food Booth Out Front of Church, 10 am to 4 pm / Also use Kitchen 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall

Online Calendar Link https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73972454

Julian Johnston Scholarship Announced

College students who are entering either their junior or senior year at an accredited 4-year institution for the 2018-19 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. Last year's recipients were: Trevor Baty, Everett Thompson, Sydney Pratt, and Keenan Shannon.

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 2015 or 2016. 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 8, 2018. Awards will be announced within the next 30 days. - Cot Graber for the Memorials committee



Do you have a friend or family member who has lost a loved one? You want to show that you care, however, you don't always know what to say or do. "Journeying through Grief" is a set of four short books that provide a comforting way to reach out in love and support to someone during the first year after a loss. "Journeying through Grief" helps

grieving people understand their thoughts and feelings and provides them with a message of Christian hope. The author is pastor and clinical psychologist, Dr. Kenneth Haugk. He combines encouraging Scripture passages, poems, and quotes, that connect with what the reader is likely to be feeling at that point in grief. By giving four separate books throughout the difficult first year, you can reach out with care at four crucial points in the grief journey, providing ongoing support. Our Stephen Ministry sends these books out as a gift to grieving people to remind them that they are not alone. If you or someone you know would like to receive these books, please contact the church office. 319-895-6286



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Donate chocolate goodies for our booth on Saturday June 2nd– please sign up by May 25, so we know what you will be bringing. Also please mark your container– CHOCOLATE STROLL when leaving it in the Fellowship Hall kitchen on May 31 or June 1, 2018. Thanks so much! <u>SIGN UP HERE!</u> https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44afa72aa31chocolate1

Summer Bells in July

Stay tuned for details! Great opportunity to try it.

SCRIP Cards- Smaller Denomination Cards Available

For a limited period of time the Regional Scrip Retailer is offering a limited supply of small denomination gift cards. The following gift cards are available while supplies last:

- Starbuck's \$5 Teacher Gift Card
- Target \$10 Gift Card
- Barnes & Noble \$5 Gift Card
- Casey's \$10 Gift Card

These cards would be great for teacher gifts or graduation gifts!



Summer FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

10:30 am

In Fellowship Hall

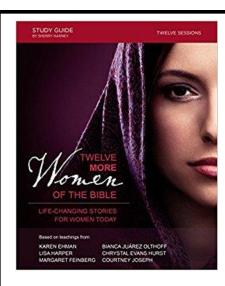
Starting after

One Service Worship Sunday, May 27

Circuit Rider Deadline for June Circuit Rider



will be May 25, 2018please email any information you want included to: alisondix@umcmv.com Thanks!



Women's Bible Study Wednesday's 9:30-11:00am **Balcony Classroom 12 More** Women of the Bible



NEW Online Giving Now Available! You can now give electronically ONLINE! Use your debit card, credit card or bank account. We are offering this to allow for varied giving, special offering contributions or wanting to use your cards instead of checks. (we can still set up monthly giving through the bank!)

http://www.umcmv.com/online-giving

Ecumenical National Day of Prayer Healing Service

Planned by United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, Lisbon United Methodist Church & Bertram United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 3rd — 5:30 pm

at Lisbon United Methodist Church 200 E. Market St., Lisbon, IA 52353

Special Giving in APRIL

Thank you for all the support of both

Women at the Well, Mitchellville

And your generous support of the Romania Mission and Romania Mission Trip through the Talent Show Donations and the Special Offerings as well as the items for the kids when our team goes there starting May 14!

Mission of Hope Lunch is coming!

Sign Up For our summer date: June 1, 2018

Sign Up to help!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F44AFA72AA31-mission10

Are you interested in learning more about **Women at the Well**? Want to visit there July 5? Let the church office know you are interested.

Also feel free to check their Facebook page, Women at the Well UMC, and "like" them there, to receive prayer requests and updates on the ministry. Here's the link if you're forwarding this: <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Womenat-the-Well-UMC/137281882985818</u>

 Follow on Twitter, @WomenatWellUMC! Again, here's the link: <u>https://twitter.com/</u> <u>WomenatWellUMC</u>

• Sign up for e-newsletter. You can do this at web page at womenatthewellumc.org, or click this link: <u>http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?</u> u=e214613bdb00a78ae31b2bcc5&id=d6ebe30e65





Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far in 2018 we have raised over \$629 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. Orders are due the 1st and 15th of each month.



Sunday School Update

May 6: Last day of Sunday School classes

May 6 Teacher & Shepherd Appreciation during the church services (AND IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prayer List — The following family and friends are in need of PRAYERS: **Prayers for Healing:**

- Anastasia (facing bone marrow transplants/numerous surgeries)
- Hannah Moss (continued prayers for improvement from a mass, seizures and headache, it has been good week)
- Rich Goodale (cancer friend of Jody Stewart)
- Dodie Rilett (prayers for continued recovery)
- Mary Boudreau (cancer)
- Midge Shaw (Karen Stoll's sister dealing with health concerns)
- Baby Knapp (baby due in June, parents are Andy and Nicole Knapp, prayers for the baby's heart health, as she is expected to have • issues with her pulmonary artery and a hole in her heart)

Mike Duroe

Marion Lehman (for stronger bones)

Tiffany Snodgress (recovering from recent appendectomy)

- Amanda Meeker (cancer)
- Beth Johnson
- Marsha Light

Prayers for Loss:

Robbin Rekemeyer and family (at the loss of Robbin's father)

John Goodlove and family (at the loss of his sister)

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- For persons trying to manage depression •
- For people who are dealing with self doubt and worry
- For all who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- For smooth process as Mundo continues to take steps in his asylum status and prayers for those assisting him
- God's guidance and presence in the lives of our Confirmands •
- Guidance for Jeff Schmatt as he makes career decisions
- Staff Sergeant Thayer Studt and his unit, serving overseas in the US Army

Pravers for Transition:

- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life.
- For graduating seniors in high school and college

Prayers for Sustenance:

- For the children in Sibiu, Romania being served at The Super Kids Day Center and the staff who are ministering to them
- Agape Ministry in Cedar Rapids (leader Abraham Boniface)
- UMCMV pastors, 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 American Pastor Andrew Brunson, imprisoned in Turkey under false charges. Prayers for his release and safety of body and • mind.

- For peace and love amongst all
- Strength and love for those who are hurting
- For the victims (and their families) of school shootings

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- For beautiful Spring weather •
- Welcome to our newest members: Loren Hoffman, Beth Johnson, Jean Lehman, Amy and Vince Geis
- For the good news Mundo received this week

Dustin Clapp (who we have been praying for) is doing well. He has a full-time job and his own place to live. This is definitely a • joy for his family and we celebrate with them.

Congratulations to Pastor Mark and his wife, Alexis, upon their Pastoral appointments to Broadway United Methodist Church in • **Council Bluffs**

Fred Lehman has been recognized for 70 years of membership in the American Legion

The United Methodist Church

May 2018 Worship Assistants

May 6th at 8:	30am (Praise Service)	May 6th at 11:0	0am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Pamela Goldsmith	Parking Lot Door	Jan White	
West Door Greeters:	Maura & Jon Arnold	West Door Greeters:	Bonnie Keith	
_	Kevin Woods and Matt & Alli-		AI & Barb Shepley and Terry & Sue	
Worship Assistants:	son Traynor	Worship Assistants:	Pisarik	
Coffee Host:	Janet Griffith	Lector:	Judy Stine	
Nursery:	Emily Davis	Nursery:	Rosa Moss	
-	Tessa Baty & Ava Claussen-	-		
Communion:	Tubbs	Slide Presenter:	Trude Elliott	
			Lauren Swartzendruber & Anna	
Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore	Communion	Hoffman	
May 13th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		May 13th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)		
Parking Lot Door	Johanningmeier Family	Parking Lot Door	Jim Wallace	
West Door Greeters:	Johanningmeier Family	West Door Greeters:	Dan Hakken	
Worship Assistants:	Kevin Woods	Worship Assistants:	Jody Stewart Family & Cheryl Studt	
		Lector:	Kristi Keast	
Nursery:	Marissa Cranston	Nursery:	Brittany Booth	
		Slide Presenter:	Jackie Wallace	
Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore	Coffee Host:	Ann Booth	
	:30am (Praise Service)		00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Angie Watson	Parking Lot Door	Al Shepley	
	Lance Kamaus Family	West Door Greeters:	Barb Shepley	
	Lisa Davis, Maura Arnold and			
Worship Assistants:		Worship Assistants:	Mary Jane & John McWilliams	
		Lector:	Babs Moore	
Nursery:	Kim Schwiebert	Nursery:	Brittany Booth	
		Slide Presenter:	Cot Graber	
Slide Presenter:	Bonnie Moore	Coffee Host:	Trude Elliott	
May 27th at	9:30am (NEW One			
-	ship Service)			
	s subject to change			
Parking Lot Door	Brian Bothell			
West Door Greeters:	Dixie & Roger Raiber			
	Kevin Woods & Hunter Family	1		
Lector:	, Dan Hakken	1		
Nursery:	Emily Davis/Cindy Strong	1		
Coffee Host:	Tim & Diane Legore (?)	1		
Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore/Dick Jacob	7		



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United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon Staff

Senior Pastor	Joy Mitchell
Associate Pastor/Christian	
Education Director	Mark Johnson
Sunday School Coordinator	Brittany Booth
Congregational Care Coordinator	Julie Baty
Office Manager/Newsletter	Alison Dix.
Admin. Asst./ Membership	Jo Harman
Nursery Care.	
Praise Team Director	•
Director, Adult Handbell Choir	
Organist/Pianist	.Karen Stoll
	Joleen Woods
Custodian	Rosa Moss
Maintenance & Repair Director	
Wedding Coordinator	.Barb Shepley
Financial Secretaries	Richard Jacob,
	& Jackie Morrical
Treasurers	Mike Kragenbrink
	Alison Dix



An all NEW Summer Worship is coming!

One Worship Service 9:30 am

starting Sunday May 27, 2018 Through Sept 2, 2018