



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

304 1st Street SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

We have a great deal to be thankful for. As we wrap up our generosity campaign and dive into a season of gratitude, let's continue to consider all that we have to be thankful for.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are offered life, true life. Life that brings freedom not only from sin and darkness, but from the bondage that we find ourselves in, through worry, uncertainty and fear. God has offered us life abundant.



**1 Thessalonians
5:18 says, "Give
thanks in all
circumstances,
for this is God's
will for you in
Christ Jesus."**

Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts".

Each Sunday we have an opportunity to sing to God with gratitude in our hearts. But, I'd invite you to find a song in your heart each day. Each day we have an opportunity to sing to our God. The book of Psalms is a book of prayers, and songs, both grateful, and joyful. Psalm 106:1 says, "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

What is the song in your heart today?

Lord, today we come before you with thanksgiving. Today, we offer our hearts to you with a song. Lord, thank you for the life you have offered to each of us. Lord, we thank you for the community you have offered, and even more than that the love that you lavish upon us. Heavenly Father, would you reveal this love to each of us today, as we meet with you, and one another. Through the power of your Holy Spirit would you shine the light of Christ into the areas of darkness that we come across. We trust in you, and thank you for the great love you have shown us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you, Lord. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

With Gratitude, Pastor Joy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:30 am Praise
Worship**

9:45 am Sunday
School

10:30 am Fellowship
Time
Common Ground

**11am
Traditional
Worship**

**Happy November!
Happy Thanksgiving!
Happy Turkey Day!
Happy Long
Thanksgiving Weekend!
Happy Thankfulness
time! Happy Family
Time! Happy Travel
Time!**

**Remember that you
are... Too blessed to be
stressed!**





Memorials Committee

**Announces
All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2017**

On November 5, 2017 our congregation will observe All Saints Sunday. It is a high and holy day when we remember, with thanksgiving, all the saints who have walked in our midst and have died in the past year. We will be remembering loved ones by lighting candles and ringing bells as a sign of our saints' lives in the eternal light of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Members and friends of our church family who have passed away over the past year are: Alice Nosbish, Florence Link, Carla Whitley, Janis Skow, Ilse Ryan, Patsy "Pat" Goldsmith, Kristine Brown, Robert Reed, Larry Sorgenfrey.

Memorial Gifts

There are two ways to memorialize a friend or loved one with a gift to the church: Gifts to the Memorial Fund are typically given in memory of a loved one, and can be earmarked for a specific purpose or added to the general Memorial account for use in the future.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund can be given as a memorial or a general gift. Funds are added to the church's endowment investments. Income from the endowment is used to support non-budgeted special projects within the church. The principal is never spent, and is left to accrue income to support the church in perpetuity.

We are grateful for the Memorial gifts received this year.



As you contemplate a year-end gift . . .

If you wish to make a yearend gift to the church, consider donating securities from your investment portfolio. The church can accept any negotiable securities: stocks, bonds, mutual funds. A gift of securities benefits the donor two ways: you receive the usual charitable tax deduction, and you avoid capital gains tax on the sale proceeds. This is especially helpful if you own securities that are worth substantial-

ly more than you paid for them. To get this favorable tax treatment, it is important that the securities are given to the church before they are sold. The church will sell them, and the proceeds can go to any church fund that you choose.

Janet Griffith at RBC Wealth Management handles the church's securities account. Call her at 368-7006, or contact the church office.

DAVE RAMSEY'S Smart MONEY

LIVE STREAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
8 PM ET



Watch a FREE Live Stream of Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Event

Over the last 25 years, millions of lives have been changed through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This November, Dave will be live streaming his Smart Money event to churches and Financial Peace University classes across the country. We are excited to announce that we will be a host site for this event. The best part? It's absolutely free for you to attend!

Dave and Rachel Cruze will take the stage on November 7 in Phoenix, and we will stream the event in real time. We'd love for you to join us and learn the steps

you and your family can take to live like no one else. Sign up today to be a part of this amazing event.

We look forward to seeing you in November! We are hosting a viewing of this here at United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon- 7 pm in the Sanctuary!

<http://bit.ly/Daveramseysmartmoney> == **Please sign up to attend!**

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday November 5 -- 12:30 to 3 pm in Fellowship Hall

Each year the Methodist Church Book of Discipline requires our church to hold a conference to receive reports, review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of our congregation and CELEBRATE how God has worked through us this past year.

All of our church family is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.



Are you ready for some soup?

Get prepared for those chilly days ahead by stocking up on homemade soup. The United Methodist Women will be taking orders for chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups on Sun. Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. The soup will be available for pick up on Sun. Nov. 12 at \$8 a quart. Baked goods will also be available on Nov. 12. The proceeds for this sale go toward the mission projects of the United Methodist Women supporting women and children around the world. You can help us support these projects by placing an order for some great comfort food for those chilly days ahead.

You can also add your support by donating food and/or monetary donations for the soup ingredients. You can also add your support by donating food and/or monetary donations for the soup ingredients. Look for sign-ups on Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. If you have any questions please call Barb Shepley at 895-6566.



SMALL-THOMAS LECTURE: *Standing Rock & the Growing Pan-Indigenous Movement for Life: Honoring What the Creator Has Made* Wed., Nov. 8th 6:30 p.m. Hall-Perrine

Room of Thomas Commons, Cornell College

This lecture by Lyla June, of Diné (Navajo) and sétsêhéstâhese (Cheyenne) lineages, will explore her experiences at Standing Rock, events and issues at Standing Rock, and the ancestral paradigm that lead protectors to take the positions they held. These ancient and refined belief systems vary from nation to nation but all hold a similar reverence for the inherent, life-giving design of nature. Through an exploration of these sustainable, ancestral world views, the lecture helps us to understand more specifically what we can do in this time to move with the rhythms of the earth--instead of forcing her to move to the rhythms of our anthropocentric greed.

~Sponsored by the Small-Thomas Lecture Committee.

Lyla June Johnston is a Fellow with the Original Caretakers Initiative at the Center for Earth Ethics. She was raised in Taos, New Mexico and is a descendent of Diné (Navajo) and Tsétsêhéstâhese (Cheyenne) lineages. She is a co-founder of [The Taos Peace and Reconciliation Council](#), which works to heal intergenerational trauma and ethnic division in the northern New Mexico. She is a walker within the [Nihigaal Bee liná Movement](#), and is the lead organizer of the [Black Hill Unity Concert](#). She is the also the founder of [Regeneration Festival](#), an annual celebration of children that occurs in 13 countries around the world every September.

In 2012, she graduated with honors from Stanford University with a degree in Environmental Anthropology. She is a musician, public speaker and internationally recognized performance poet. Lyla June ultimately attributes any achievements to Creator who gave her the tools and resources she uses to serve humanity.

CAN YOU MAKE A QCD OUT OF YOUR RMD?

If you are 70½ years old or greater, you know you have to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your retirement accounts each year. RMDs are required from all Individual Retirement Account (IRA) types except Roth IRAs, in the year in which you turn 70½ and each subsequent year. Additionally, RMDs may be required from qualified retirement plans such as 401(k)s and 403(b)s.

Legislation passed by Congress at the end of 2015 made permanent the tax treatment of retirement-plan distributions donated to charity. To receive this favorable treatment, the account owner must be 70½ or older, and the donation must be made directly from the IRA to a qualifying charity. That makes it a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) under IRS rules, and the distributed amount is not taxable to the IRA owner, whether or not you itemize deductions on your tax return.

You can donate all or a portion of your RMD. The United Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon is a qualifying charity to receive QCDs. Contact the custodian of your IRA or retirement plan to learn how you can donate your RMD, help the church, and save some taxes!



Christian Education

On Sunday October 1st we gave out 7 Third Grades Bibles

3rd Graders include: Seth Rushford, Luke Rushford, Zeke Claussen-Tubbs, Alex Briesemeister, Josie Bothell, Lilly Hotz, Griffin Barber



Open Staff

Position:

Metholark's
Choir Director

We need a children's Choir director. If you have a passion for music, let us know.

Contact the office for a job description.



Save the Date!!

December 3, 2017 4 to 6 pm

Come join us as we prepare Our House and Hearts for Advent. Activities for all ages. Watch for more details to come.

**Sign up to support the Mount Vernon Community
Preschool Cookie & Candy Walk
On Magical Night - November 30th**

<http://bit.ly/cookiewalk2017>



Third Quarter Financial Report

As you may recall the General Fund started off in 2017 with a deficit of \$17,231. The Church Council passed a balanced budget for 2017, which means income will equal expenses for January – December 2017. What the balanced budget does not address is the deficit with which we began the year.

After the third quarter of 2017, the General Fund stands at a deficit of \$37,182.87.

We need your help to reduce the deficit. Please consider making a contribution to Deficit Reduction of the General Fund.

The Renovation Fund has a balance of \$22,428.33 after the third quarter.

We are a generous congregation and your prayerful contributions allow us to continue the good works of the church!

Special Giving in October

CROP Walk (Total Community)	\$ 1,346
World Communion Sunday	\$ 116
Mission of Hope Food	\$ 525
Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON)	\$ 2,500
SELCC Bulk Food (SE Linn Comm. Center)	\$ 548
Romania Trip	\$ 226

THANK YOU!

You are a Generous Congregation!



What Is the “Neighbors-in-Need” Fund?

The “Neighbors-in-Need” Fund is unique within the Mount Vernon UMC. It gives our pastors the discretion to respond when they learn of a one-time or sudden need for financial assistance for a person or family in our Mount Vernon or Lisbon communities. Usually, the need is an emergency or crisis situation.

During 2017, nearly \$3,000 has been given to help pay a family’s water bill, to pay a partial month’s rent, to provide gas cards for a person needing to get to a job interview, for a hotel room for a family with a housing crisis, and to fund the Servant Sunday projects.

There is now a balance of \$561 in the fund which can go very quickly. This fund is a wonderful witness to the calling of our faith within our local church and communities.

Please give generously to build up this fund for the next “neighbor” who is in crisis! Also, when you hear of a “neighbor’s” crisis, be sure to alert our pastors.

Circuit Rider Deadline for November will be November 22, 2017. Please let the church office know of what information you would like included in the Circuit Rider and feel free to email us at adix@mediacommbb.net - Thanks!

Special Offerings for November

Sunday, Nov. 5	All Saints Memorial Fund
Sunday, Nov. 12	Neighbor-in-Need Offering
Sunday, Nov. 19	Christmas Market: "Gifts That Give Both Ways"
Sunday, Nov. 26	United Methodist Student Day

Christmas Market: "Gifts That Give Both Ways"



Sunday November 19th
in the Elevator Area on Main levels



Organizations you can consider supporting:

Southeast Linn Community Center - Christmas hams for local families

Matthew 25 - \$3,000 Goal - pairing with Transform 2018, a volunteer reno on a local home in the Linn County community

JFON

Potters for Peace

Heifer Project

Ten Thousand Villages will be selling fairly traded crafts to support artisans and fight poverty in the US and around the world.

Check out our website--

www.umcmv.com

**We now have Sermons
online...**

www.umcmv.com/video-library-of-services/



We have hearing assistance receivers available starting this Sunday! Check in with the Sound Booth to pick one up!

What is the United Methodist Student Day Fund?

United Methodist Student Day is one of the six special Sundays that are celebrated in Methodist churches throughout the world. On that day, we are asked to take up a special offering for student loans and scholarships. Students who are attending accredited colleges or universities and who demonstrate leadership in their local churches are invited to apply. To learn more, go to www.umcgiving.org/umsd.



Keep up to Date!

[Check out our online calendar!](#)

Here is the [LINK!](#)
Thanks!

November Worship Schedule

5 - All Saints Sunday

12- Grateful for God's Unequivocal Love

19- Grateful for God's Restorative Love

26 - First Week of Advent



Advent: A time of
paying attention
in the midst of
waiting...

Use Scrip for Christmas Gifts!

Ordering scrip is an easy fundraiser for the church. Consider giving gift cards as holiday thank you gifts, teacher gifts and stocking stuffers! It is never too early to start Scrip Shopping for Christmas and earn funds for the church at the same time!

The following family and friends are in need of prayer:

Prayers for Healing:

- Marion Lehman (needs to strengthen weak bones, prayers that therapy will help)
- Beth Johnson (chemotherapy treatments)
- Austin Martin (hospitalized following car accident- teenage family friend of Jim and Lisa Davis)
- Tiffany Snodgress (continued struggles with her health)
- Belinda Sheldon (stage 4 cancer - Tyler Roos' sister)
- Rohn Shepley (beginning chemo and radiation therapy)
- Hayes Hofmeister (undergoing surgeries for Spina Bifida)
- Marsha Light
- Jeff Butterbaugh

Prayers for Loss:

- The family of Lee Allen Johanningmeier (Scott Johanningmeier's grandfather)
- The family of Norman Knight (a former pastor at UMCMV)
- The family of Nancy Magill (John Gee's sister)

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- Mike Duroe and the Duroe family
- Don Dicus and the Dicus family
- Brooklyn and the Wattleworth/Myers/Whitley family

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- Staff Sergeant Thayer Studt and his unit, serving overseas in the US Army
- For all students (preschool through college)

Prayers for Transition:

Dustin Clapp (home from incarceration - please pray for him as he transitions back into mainstream life. Also prayers of strength and comfort for his family members as they support him.)

Prayers for Sustenance:

- Agape Ministry in Cedar Rapids (leader Abraham Boniface)
- UMCMV Stephen Ministers and care receivers
- UMCMV pastors, staff, lay leader, and committee members
- UMCMV Life Group ministry
- 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:

- Home owners and businesses in California most recently devastated by the wild fires.
- For victims, their friends and family members and all the concert attendees, helping professions and other persons whose lives were impacted by the tragedy in Las Vegas.
- For all who have been traumatized by the hurricanes, wildfires and earthquakes.
- The United Methodist Church
- Unity among all humanity

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Baby Boy, Hayes Thorne Hofmeister was born on October 15th. Proud parents are Darin and Hanna Hofmeister and happy big brothers are Ty and Briggs.
- Chauncey and Tiffany Snodgress are the proud parents of a baby girl, born October 8th. She's been named, Cecelia Abba Jean. Joyful grandparents are Jeanne and Mick Snodgress.
- God's healing for Megan Klaus.

Stephens Leaders Assist with Training Care Ministers

Six persons within our congregation are currently being trained to become Care Ministers. Stephen Leaders (Cathy Stoner, Kim Ott, and Marci Schmatt) are assisting our Congregational Care Coordinator (Julie Dowd Baty) with some of these training sessions. These sessions include lessons in the areas of confidentiality, caring visits, and boundaries and self-care. For more information regarding becoming a Care Minister or a Stephen Minister, please talk with Julie, Cathy or a pastor. If you or someone you know would benefit from a caring visit or a Stephen Minister, please reach out to one of these people or contact the church office at 319-895-6286.

Happy November Birthdays!



Susan Glenn	11/01
Stephanie Frantz	11/02
Angie Watson	
Jason Booth	11/03
Joseph Hunter	11/05
Karen Stewart	
Kaleb Jones	11/06
Sharon Krambeck	11/07
Madeline Morrical	11/08
Adeline Micheel	11/09
Heather Sage	11/09
Ron Jackson	11/10
Emily Smith	
Gwen Steine	
Guy Booth	11/11
Benjamin Pospisil	
Benjamin Merlak	11/12
Wava Schmidt	
Crystal Shannon	
Keanan Shannon	
Eloise Reinken	11/13
Jacob Timm	
Rik Smith	11/14
Marty St. Clair	
Hollis Weber	
Carol Wozniak-Rebhuhn	

Trenton Baty	11/15
Blake Booth	
Cohen Kamaus	
Benjamin Legore	11/16
Truman Jordan	11/18
Bonnie Keith	
Emma Hoffman	11/19
Gretchen Light	11/20
Babs Moore	
Kierstyn Holets	11/23
Brittany Booth	
Allison Ott	11/25
John Zehms	
Marion Lehman	11/26
Jason Rushford	11/27
Natalie Weber	
Anna Nydegger	11/28
Kaiden Shannon	11/29
Stephanie Timm	11/30
Katelynn Walters	

November 2017 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

Jackie & Andy Morrical	11/16
Kyle & Heather Sage	11/21
Leroy & Carol Clark	11/22
Andrew & Nicole Knapp	11/28



Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far we have raised over \$1,731 for the general operating expenses of the church! Orders are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Put the order form/check in the collection plate or drop them off in the church office.

Scrip Shop Open on Sunday, November 19th

Bring your cash/check to church on Sunday, November 19th and purchase Scrip inventory. There will be a table set up in the narthex between services.



ANGEL Tree

Our tags will be available starting Sunday November 26th for your pickup!

Church Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday November 23rd & Friday November 24th.
Thanks!

November 2017 Worship Assistants

November 5th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 5th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Terry & Sandy Sill	Parking Lot Door	Jim Wallace
West Door Greeters:	Babs Moore	West Door Greeters:	TBD
Worship Assistants:	Baty Family & TBD	Worship Assistants:	Nydegger Family
Coffee Host:	Cot & Kay Graber	Lector:	Cot Graber
Nursery:	Kim Schwiebert	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Communion:	Ben Johnson & Allison Ott	Slide Presenter:	Dick Jacobs
Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore	Communion	TBD
November 12th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 12th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Mike Ryan	Parking Lot Door	Mike Kragenbrink
West Door Greeters:	Shirley Ryan	West Door Greeters:	John McWilliams
Worship Assistants:	Brock & Stacey Barber	Worship Assistants:	Mike Stewart & TBD
		Lector:	Janet Ault
Nursery:	Emily Davis	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Slide Presenter:	Trude Elliott
Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore	Coffee Host:	Janet Griffith
November 19th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 19th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Jeff & Marci Schmatt	Parking Lot Door	Bonnie Keith
West Door Greeters:	Nancy Reasland	West Door Greeters:	Jan White
Worship Assistants:	Jeff & Donna Walters	Worship Assistants:	Hunter Family
		Lector:	Nancy Thomas
Nursery:	Marissa Cranston	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Slide Presenter:	Jackie Morrical
Slide Presenter:	Bonnie Moore	Coffee Host:	Trude Elliott
November 26th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 26th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Amy Jackson	Parking Lot Door	Cot Graber
West Door Greeters:	Ron Jackson	West Door Greeters:	Kay Graber
Worship Assistants:	Tena, Jacob & Sydney Pratt	Worship Assistants:	Shepley's & McWilliams
		Lector:	Ruth Miller
Nursery:	Emily Davis	Nursery:	Cindy Strong
		Slide Presenter:	Jackie Wallace
Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore	Coffee Host:	Tim & Diane Legore



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**Magical Night Soup
Supper
Thursday,
NOVEMBER 30th serving
from 5-7 PM
Fellowship Hall**