



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Church,

As we enter November, we have a special and wonderful opportunity to give thanks. Our faith journey should always begin with a grateful heart, as we watch the Lord work in our midst. Sometimes we give thanks for the simple beauties around us. As I write this letter, I am surrounded by a blanket of beautiful white snow. It is earlier than we expected, but it is a wonderful reminder of the beautiful new day we have been given. The blanket of white always reminds me of God's amazing grace, poured out for you and me. In the same breath of thanks, I pray for our farmers who are working so hard to bring the crop in, and I consider how the weather affects their hard work. Please say a prayer for them today.

We begin this month giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us. We recognize and give thanks for the lives and journeys that have poured into ours, that have made a difference in ours. We give thanks. We give thanks for the gift of God's love, the personal love that connects with us individually, the love that is poured out through his son, in Jesus Christ. We thank Christ for the saving grace that God offers in a desire to break down the dividing wall to be together, present with Christ. We give thanks for the love of our father in heaven, our amazing Creator.

I know that this has been a difficult year for the life of the church. There are a lot of questions, and there is a great deal of anxiety and fear. Just as any church takes some time to sort out the next steps, so it is taking us some time. I invite you to seek gratitude for the work that has been done, is being done, and that we look forward to. There is a great deal that God is doing through this church each and every day, hold onto that. Just this week we had a pre-school board meeting. With an enrollment of 25 students, and dedicated and wonderful teachers, this is an amazing ministry that our church partners with, by providing the facility. In addition to this we have Sunday school for adults and children, life groups, youth group, missions and outreach, the Lord is certainly on the throne, and we are seeking to follow Christ in everything we do.

Beginning November 1st, I'll be taking a month of renewal leave. One of my responsibilities as a pastor is to raise up the saints for the work of the church. I've asked some very capable laity to fill the pulpit while I'm gone. I'm so excited about the yeses I've received! You will be blessed as they share the good news of Jesus Christ with each of you. Please lean in and support your own as they bring wisdom from the Lord to you as a congregation.

I'll return on Sunday, December 1st, excited to dive into our new advent series entitled, The Redemption of Scrooge. As I've previewed the book, I'm excited about bringing some pop culture, a classic that is connected to the waiting for and welcoming of the Son, Jesus Christ. In January we will begin a series entitled Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. I can't wait to see what the Lord has to teach us from each of these studies.

If you find yourself worried, anxious, or concerned this month, lean in to the Lord, and listen to the voice of God. After doing this, look around for something to be grateful for. My guess is you don't have to look too far, for the Holy Spirit is working more powerfully than any of us realize.

With a Grateful Heart, Pastor Joy Mitchell

Worship

Schedule:

8:30 am

**Praise
Worship**

9:45 am

**Sunday
School**

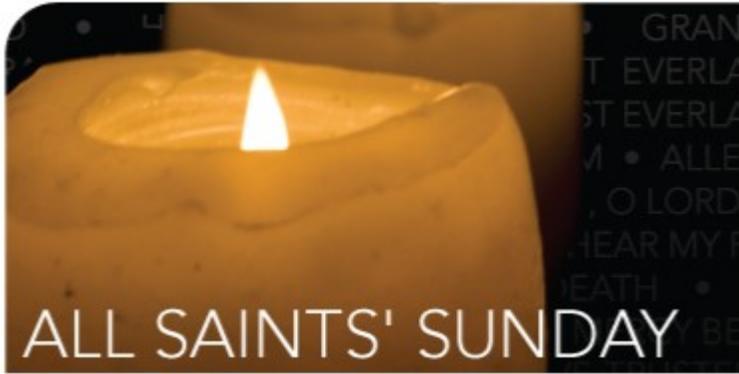
10:30 am

**Fellowship
Time**

**Common
Ground**

11 am

**Traditional
Worship**



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On November 3 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 but in the past year have been called to walk along side Jesus.

Those of our church family who have passed away this past year are: William Deskin, Beverly Behrens, Marsha Light, Bonneita Stoll, Warren Stoner, Bonnie Moore, and John Poula.

During our service we will honor these Saints' by reading their names and ringing bells. We will also have an opportunity to light candles for other Saints' in our lives.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

There are two ways to memorialize a friend or loved one with a gift to the church: Gifts to a Memorial Fund are typically given in memory of a loved one, and can be designated for a specific purpose, or added to the general Memorial fund 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 interest on the endowment fund 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.

The Memorial committee appreciates all the gifts received this year and will uphold our mission to be good stewards of these gifts in funding projects for the church. Projects this year have included funds to the 'Neighbor in Need' fund and purchasing more of the Green Supplement Hymnal. Also, 4, \$500 scholarships were awarded through the Jullian Johnston fund.

Any questions or ideas for projects can be directed to Barb Shepley at 895-6566.



CPR/AED TRAINING

Saturday, November 9th 9 am to noon in Fellowship Hall

Cost: free

Instructor: Nancy Reasland

Class size is limited, so preregistration is required.

Please contact Susan Pisarik at 455-9914 or by email ts.pisarik@iowatelecom.net by Monday, November 4th if you would like to attend, please leave your name and contact number.

UMCMV Christmas ("Christ Child") Market Sunday, November 24

The UMCMV Christmas Market will be held in our church on Sunday, November 24, in the church hallways. This has fostered a tradition of purchasing gifts for the Christ Child's birthday that "give both ways". They can be given as gifts in honor of others at Christmas, and the purchase of them is also a gift to those in need.

As examples, a "gift" of a part of a sheep or goat from Heifer Project can be given to a child or grandchild at Christmas, along with an explanation that this animal will be provided to a child across the ocean who needs to build a herd in order to have something to sell and breed for a living.

Or you might purchase a lovely piece of jewelry made by an Indian woman, something you can give to your sister or your mother, and the woman who made it has some income as a result.

Or you can purchase a ham that goes into a holiday basket at SE Linn for a lonely family's Christmas dinner in recognition of your brother's kindness to all.

Or you can purchase building materials for rehabbing older homes in Cedar Rapids through Matthew 25 in honor of your son who loves to work with tools.

In these days when "everyone seems to have way too much of everything", you will be surprised at how much others appreciate gifts such as these!

Give the gifts that give both ways! Come to the Christ Child Christmas Market!



Many people have been asking lately how things are going with **Mundo's immigration process** so we wanted to provide an update.

When I first started to listen to Life 101.9 the very first song I became familiar with was "While I'm waiting" by John Waller. The theme of this song is to continue to serve God while we wait. This is the phase we are in with Mundo's immigration process. Mundo arrived in the US in December 2016, close to three years ago. He has been here long enough that his work permit is due for renewal. We submitted that application last month. In the meantime we wait. Asylum cases have not been very successful lately so we are working with our lawyer to take a different path. Because we are married I can petition for him to stay in the US as my spouse. It is very likely we will take that path when our case is up for review. For now we wait.

In September, Mundo took a new job as an AmeriCorps Vista with the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids. In his new position he works with non-English speaking people to help them get connected to English classes. He is even teaching his own Survival English class that offers basic English for brand new English speakers. He spends his day talking with students, getting them enrolled in classes and recruiting new students to learn English. After his year of service he hopes to continue his own education at Kirkwood Community College. He has a dream of being able to speak clear English and follow a career path to continue to help other people.

While we wait for some action of his case we will continue to serve God in all the ways we can. We continue to pray for peace in the waiting and a clear path to appear once we arrive at that place. We continue to meet so many people just like Mundo that left their country trying to escape violence or other difficulties. We know there are many changes that can happen within our government that will create a path to residency for people like Mundo. So we also pray for opportunities for our country's leaders to see that we need a path for people like Mundo to prosper and remain a part of country. We thank you for your support and welcome you to join us in these prayers.

Mundo & Kim

GENEROSITY 2020

We would like to thank all that have pledged so far and if you have not yet, we would ask you to prayerfully consider pledging your support to our mission for the 2020 calendar year. Your action will allow us to be fiscally responsible in finalizing our annual budget for the coming year.

-- The Finance Committee



**Financial Peace
University
LIVESTREAM**

Wed November 20th

7:45 pm to 8:45 pm

UMCMV Sanctuary

Questions?? Contact Jeff Schmatt

Stop Listening...Start Listening

My friends, winter has arrived, at least the temps and precipitation tell us so. In the church, I know many of you feel as if winter has been here all year long. I have received a lot of questions in recent weeks about what exactly our church vote meant and what is next. My answer, it means everything and it means patience. Why I answer in this way is because at present, the vote truthfully established that the overwhelming majority of this congregation believes the action taken during #GC2019 put in motion actions that were deemed to not be part of our ideas of ministry and outside of what we believe to be our mission and vision. What the vote did not do is set in motion any platform for making changes in church structure, policy, practice or direction. This is because there is none given to the local church at this time. As a United Methodist Church we are part of a connectional system and there has been no invitation or motion created for individual churches to move within or outside this connectional system by the Iowa Annual Conference. Will there be? What will it be? As a delegate to our North Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2020 and part of the delegation preparing for General Conference 2020, I am beginning to learn the possibilities but only time will tell.

**A Message
from Outgoing
Council Chair,
Jim Baty**

Since the church vote, there has continued to be stress throughout the church on numerous levels. I realize many reading this have not been part of the regular course of meetings that take place this time of the year to advance our preparation for the coming calendar year as well as prepare for the Generosity Campaign and much more. The church has administrative committees for this specific purpose, to do the hard work of church business within our faith community and there are many individuals who continue to give incredible service to this church on all our behalf. Charge Conference last month was the culmination of much of this work and it always brings an open invitation for anyone to participate and any member to carry a vote. Rev. Kiboko Kiboko led the conference and the focus was very much on forward-thinking to mission and vision with goals for 2020. I look ahead with great anticipation for 2020. I've served the church as Council Chair for three years and now Kim Guardado is ready to lead for her season. The goals set for 2020 are:

Growing Faith—Growing one's faith includes being in the Word, praying, connecting with the church in new ways, and connecting with others in the church on a similar journey.

We acknowledge that the history of this church and the practice of Christianity is based on growing faith. The challenge goal is that for each person, each entity, and each organization growing faith means first assessing where faith is, what is "its" state and from there, how is "its" direction defined. Knowing that the future of the church, conference and the global church is ambiguous and in process of discernment and negotiation, growing faith means we each must set aside this fact and respond to the Holy Spirit drawing us to intimacy.

Growing Welcome—Growing one's welcome entails including the "other"; caring to put on radical hospitality; and becoming a church that cares to eliminate any and all barriers to God's unconditional love.

Growing Service—Growing service is putting one's attention to activities within and outside the church walls that extend God's plan for the world. In order to accomplish this, we must be freed to share our gifts, talents, time and energy in new ways.

My last word to this congregation as your Council chair is this. It is now time for you to stop listening. By that I mean, whatever rumors, suppositions, hearsay and discontent is carried on the winds to your ears, turn it away, stop listening to it and find a way to not dwell on it. Instead, I encourage each of us to start listening...or lean in and listen even more closely...to the still whisper of the Holy Spirit calling to us. Health and vitality of a local church comes from each individual responding to the nudge of the Holy Spirit, the beckoning in our ear and our heart, calling us to service, study and fellowship. We are the same United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon that we have always been **and** we are different now, all in the same breath. What hasn't changed is that we are each sons and daughters of the One True King, brothers and sisters to the Prince of Peace. Winter is an especially good time to listen...and believe.

Peace to you, Jim Baty

Did You Know.....

In the early history of the American church and the new settlements, the church's building and who the members were made a huge impression on communities as a measure of effectiveness and success. Church members could boast about all the Main Street businessmen and their families who were members of "our church"! It was not only a monument to their financial support but to their moral influence in the community as well.

This reflected the influence of the imposing monasteries and cathedrals in Europe, which is where most of our citizens came from.

Thus far in our historical reflections, we've focused on the various Methodist church buildings in our community. But now we are going to take a big leap to the 1990's when the nation's churches were much more attuned to social issues. Nearly every Methodist Church had a Church and Society committee. The controversial Viet Nam War caused some churches to put crosses in their front yard in witness to their opposition to American boys being sent to war.

The Methodist church as an institution was also still recovering from a brutal time of deciding who was "in" and who was "out" in terms of church membership for the African American population. Slavery may have ended as a legal employment model but socially and economically, it still was in the Bible and churches were dramatically segregated. And in this area of Iowa, the Czech population was most certainly supposed to join the Catholic Church.

The Mount Vernon Methodist Church had a very active Church and Society committee from 1995-1998 which took a much broader view of diversity and inclusivity. Influenced by rising young theologians and their writings, committee members were not only concerned about welcoming people who were "blacks", but also about the homosexual population of which there was a growing awareness.

In 1996, the Mount Vernon UMC Social Concerns Committee adopted a Diversity/Inclusivity Statement and presented it to the Administrative Council (now called the "Church Council"). The statement read as follows:

"Each of us is a child of God, worthy of God's love,
In our diversity, we are created in God's image.
In celebration of that good news,
We invite all to join us in worship and fellowship.
We extend this invitation to everyone:
People of color and diverse heritage;
Young and old; poor and rich;
Divorced, single married and remarried;
Homosexual and heterosexual.
We ask you to bless us with your presence
As we extend God's blessing to all of creation."

This statement was adopted by the MVUMC Administrative Council in 1997 and reported as part of the church's Charge Conference in 1998. The statement was printed in the Charge Conference booklet, in the Circuit Rider, in the Cornell College Cornellian, and in a paid ad in the Mount Vernon-Lisbon SUN.

Later that year, a young gay man was welcomed into church membership during a Sunday morning worship service. This included a hug from our pastor.

— Kay Graber, UMCMV Church Historian

Christmas Pageant Reminder!



Starting on November 3rd
We will practice Christmas
Pageant music each week

during Sunday school.

SAVE THE DATE
Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 8, 6:30

WHAT: A traditional Christmas Pageant with music & costumes.

WHO: All Sunday school children (Preschool-4th grade). Middle school students may have various roles/jobs.

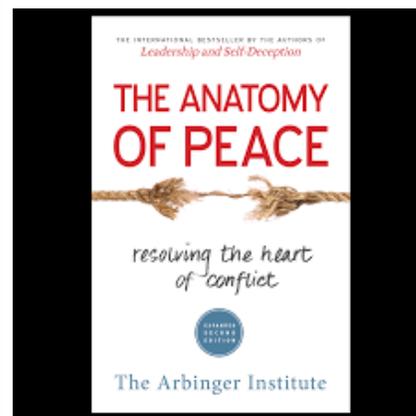
WHERE: Sanctuary

WHEN: (Pageant) Sunday, December 8, 6:30 pm

WHEN: (Practices) Starting Nov. 3, will practice during part of each Sunday school class in Nov./Dec. Dec. 7th-Saturday morning practice to get costumes and rehearse.

RSVP: Please let us know if your child will participate (if you haven't already emailed your rsvp.)

QUESTIONS: contact Brittany Booth email: boothjb@q.com



[Anatomy of Peace](#)
BOOKS AVAILABLE

At our Charge Conference, our District Superintendent Kiboko Kiboko recommended “Anatomy of Peace” to grow our faith experience. Jeff Schmatt has ordered several copies and wants to get anyone who would like to read it– just let him know. If you want to pay for your copy, he has requested you make a donation to the church. Thanks!

Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far we have raised over \$1,501 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.

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!



Congratulations to Third Graders receiving Bibles on October 13.

Trulie Breidinger, Levi Dausener,
Theodore Bradbury,

Klayton Kahl, Adeline Micheel, Jacob Stewart

Oh what JOY this special gift brings each year as the children unwrap each layer of paper.

Each layer of paper reminds us:

Gold -- the Bible is a precious, valuable gift from God and our church family.

Brown—the Bible is an old, ancient sacred book of our faith.

Comics—the Bible is full of entertaining and fun stories of adventures, miracles, heroes & more.

Maps—the Bible helps direct our path and give direction to our lives.



*Special thanks to Jamie and Rik Smith for wrapping the Bibles! *



Sunday School
9:45-10:45 am

CONNECT

DEEP BLUE

Loving God, Loving Neighbor

SUNDAY SCHOOL
2019-20



Sunday School News...



We are learning....

In the Bible story of the Boy's Lunch, Jesus blessed the boy's simple, yet generous gift of two fish and five loaves and turned it into a miraculous feast for more than 5000! We too have gifts and talents we can use to share God's love. We thank God for the gifts God gives us. We are thankful for the FUN we have learning about God! How blessed and grateful we are for the friends and volunteers that gather each week.



United Methodist Church Mount Vernon 2019 Confirmation Class

Dillon Fawcett Director of Youth, Cohen Kamaus, Nolan Jackson, Kennedy Hunter, Kameron Brand, Owen Rushford, Jackson Jaspers, Pastor Joy Mitchell Benjamin Merlak, Ike Claussen-Tubbs, Jesse Schwiebert, Benjamin Nydegger, Michael Briesemeister, Caleb Dausener, Ethan Stanerson

Asher Eichhorn not pictured



WE MAKE A
LIVING BY
WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A
LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.

-WINSTON CHURCHILL

November
Giving Schedule

11/3/2019	All Saints Memorials Special Offering
11/17/2019	Women at the Well Special Offering
11/24/2019	UMCOR United Methodist Student Day Special Offering



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
THIS WEEKEND—
REMEMBER TO TURN BACK
YOUR CLOCKS AND ENJOY
YOUR EXTRA HOUR!**

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAYS: FALL OFFERINGS

Please consider making one of these study opportunities the next step along your path.

This Fall, Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM

(Youth Room off of Fellowship Hall), beginning November 3rd.

Sacred Parenting, by Gary Thomas

“What if one of God’s primary intentions for you as a parent isn’t about successfully raising perfect children, but about you becoming more holy? In this six-session video group study, award winning author Gary Thomas shows how God can transform lessons in raising children into opportunities to grow in the image of Christ. It will help you and your group look at parenting from a different perspective: as a method of spiritual formation expressly designed by God to shape your soul in ways you cannot imagine”. Sessions will begin November 3rd and complete on December 8th. Held during the Sunday School hour.

This Fall, on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM

(in the Common Ground), beginning on November 3rd.

You’ll Get Through This, by Max Lucado

“Every single human being has discovered that there are bumps, detours, and even collisions that can bring our joy to a screeching halt. This is not fatalism. It is not negativity. It is certainly not lack of faith. It is life on this planet.” In this study, Max Lucado reminds the participants:

“You’ll get through this. It won’t be painless. It won’t be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime, don’t be foolish or naïve. But don’t despair either. With God’s help, you will get through this.”

This is planned for Sunday late afternoon, but if you’re interested, but desire different timing, please let that be known.

Any questions or to regarding these opportunities can be directed to Julie Baty, Congregational Care Coordinator.



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	
Ron Coe	11/10
Ron Jackson	
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	
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	11/25
Allison Ott	
John Zehms	
Marion Lehman	11/26
Jason Rushford	11/27
Lisa Davis	11/28
Anna Nydegger	
Kaiden Shannon	11/29
Caleb Dausener	11/30
Stephanie Timm	
Katelynn Walters	



Circuit Rider
Deadline for
December

2019 will be November 22,
2019—please email any infor-
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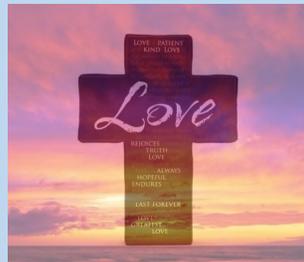
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*Robbin Rekemeyer has
resigned her position
in the church office as
our Membership
Administrative
Assistant.*

*We wish her well and
hope she will be
blessed at her
next opportunity.*

November Anniversaries



Jackie & Andy Morrical	11/16
Kyle & Heather Sage	11/21

November 2019 Worship Assistants

November 3rd at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 3rd at 10:15 am (Traditional Service)	
Worship Assistants/Ushers:		Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Babs Moore & Morrical family
Nursery:	Ryley Hoffman	Lector:	Rainey Brown
Slide Presenter:	by Dillion	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Sound Tech:	by Dillion	Slide Presenter:	Jackie Wallace
Coffee Host:	Ann Booth	Sound Tech:	Ben Johnson
Communion Assistants:	Julie Baty	Communion Assistants:	
Greeters SW:	Sharon Krambeck	Greeters SW:	Terry Pisarik
Greeters West:	Shellie & Lance Kamaus	Greeters West:	Roger Raiber
November 10th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 10th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Sue Pisarik & Alison Dix	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Kraig Hunter family
Nursery:	Brittany Booth	Lector:	Judy Stine
Sound Tech:	by Dillion	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Slide Presenter:	by Dillion	Slide Presenter:	Diane Legore
Coffee Host:	Susan Pisarik	Sound Tech:	Ben Nydegger
Greeters SW:	Eric Briesemeister	Greeters SW:	Cot Graber
Greeters West:	Angie Watson	Greeters West:	Kay Graber
November 17th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 17th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Angie and Joey Watson	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Roger and Marilyn Schninitzter & Roger and Dixie Raiber
Nursery:	Lily Booth	Lector:	Kristi Keast
Sound Tech:	by Dillion	Sound Tech:	Kevin Woods
Slide Presenter:	by Dillion	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Coffee Host:	Janet Griffith	Slide Presenter:	Trude Elliott
Greeters SW:	TBD	Greeters SW:	Jim Wallace
Greeters West:	TBD	Greeters West:	Mike Stewart
November 24th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 24th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Rushford Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Terry and Susan Pisarik & John and Mary Jane McWilliams
Nursery:	Lily Booth	Lector:	Karen Stewart
Sound Tech:	by Dillion	Sound Tech:	Anna Nydegger
Slide Presenter:	by Dillion	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Coffee Host:	Sherryl Osborn	Slide Presenter:	Cot Graber
Greeters SW:	Jeremy Hotz	Greeters SW:	Mike Kragenbrink
Greeters West:	Babs Moore	Greeters West:	John McWilliams

November 2019 United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
3 All Saints Sunday 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sacred Parenting, TBD 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM You'll Get Through This Class, Common Ground Meeting Room 5:30 PM Youth Worship Night - 5:30-7:30pm @ Marion Methodist	4 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	5 6:00 PM Cub Scouts-Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	6 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:00 PM Middle school Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 6:30 PM Adult Bells, Sanctuary 7:15 PM High School Youth Group, Youth Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary	7 6:45 PM Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	8	9 8:00 AM 9 AM CPR / AED Training, Fellowship Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
10 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sacred Parenting, TBD 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 10:00 AM 1:30 PM Veterans Day Gathering, Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM You'll Get Through This Class, Common Ground Meeting Room	11 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	12 6:00 PM Cub Scouts-Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	13 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:00 PM Middle school Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 6:30 PM Adult Bells, Sanctuary 7:15 PM High School Youth Group, Youth Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary	14 6:45 PM Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	15 6:00 PM HS Youth Group Lock In- Fellowship Hall	16 8:00 AM HS Youth Lock In- Fellowship Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
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24 Alternative Christmas Market 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:00 AM Alternative Christmas Market, Main Floor Hallway 9:45 AM Sacred Parenting, TBD 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Landry Sage Baptism @ 11:00 Service 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM You'll Get Through This Class, Common Ground Meeting Room	25 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Finance Meeting, Chapel Meeting Room 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Balcony Classroom	26 6:00 PM Cub Scouts-Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	27	28 Thanksgiving -- OFFICES CLOSED	29 Day after Thanksgiving OFFICES CLOSED	30 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Healing:

- For baby Dutch Clive Reinken, who is in the U of I Children's hospital, fighting both viral and bacterial meningitis. Pray for his medical team. Prayers also for his parents, siblings and grandparents
- For Marge Gaines, healing for her legs and that she will continue to feel better
- For Lara Cooper, who suffered a concussion at Clark College during her first volleyball game and has not been able to return since
- Mark (Al and Barb Shepley's nephew) who recently suffered a stroke
- Renee Vande Wege (Bill and Marilyn Meyer's daughter) that she is able to accept the restrictions on her activity level, while continuing to recover from a concussion
- For Nicole (Suzette Kragebrink's niece) who suffered a head injury during Ragbrai. She is now back home in Virginia and in therapy. Please pray that her body and soul may find peace
- Rosa Moss, as she continues to fight cancer and strives for good days with her family
- Carita Hoffman (Diane Legore's mother) who is receiving Hospice care
- Rae (Jan White's daughter who lives in Raleigh, NC) continued prayers for complete recovery
- Emily Smith, receiving chemotherapy and fighting cancer
- Pat Sorgenfrey, continued prayers for improved health
- Cameron (Pat Sorgenfrey's grandson) healing from a grain bin accident

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- For the family of Carita Hoffman (Diane Legore's mother) as she is nearing the end of her life
- For this church, this building, these people.
- For the family and friends of Jay Gunn, who passed away October 7th
- For the family and friends of Nancy Trumm (co-worker of Shellie Kamaus) who lost her battle with cancer 9/28/19. Prayers also for her co-workers at Benchmark, Inc. as they move forward at work without her daily presence
- For the family of John Poula (Jody Stewart and Cheryl Studt's step father) who passed away on September 30th.
- For Abby (who lost her son at 51 days old due to congenital heart defect). Pray that she will lean into God at this difficult time
- Chauncey and Tiffani Snodgrass as they continue to deal with her Lupus complications and other chronic health issues
- For Donna Walters as she continues to adjust to her new lifestyle, after dealing with cancer
- For Sharon (Barb Shepley's sister)
- Dick and Nancy Thomas
- For all not mentioned by name who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Transition:

- For Jacob Pratt as he continues to adjust to his new home in Cedar Rapids
- For all parents and siblings adjusting to home life, as students have headed to college
- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life.
- Prayers that God will guide the steps of our college students and that they may feel His presence in their lives

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. Specifically, prayers for Pastor Cristi and Ligia.
- UMCMV pastor, staff, lay leader, and committee members
- UMCMV Stephen Ministers and Care Ministers
- Mission of Hope
- Women at the Well United Methodist Church, Pastor Lee Schott, and the women of Iowa Correctional Institute for Women
- Prayers for our World:
- For our girl in Ghana, that she has the chance for an education and a better life. We love you Emefa Mensah!
- For peace and love among all human beings
- The United Methodist Church

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Our Cornell students are back in attendance with us. We missed you!
- Thankfulness for the blessings of our church
- For another fun and successful Lord's Portion Auction. Gratitude to all who played a part in the auction; by organizing, donating, or purchasing items.
- For all those pledging for the 2020 year and considering pledging, we are grateful for the support of our members and church family to keep this building and mission up and going.



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Thanksgiving
 blessings  Gatherings
 GRATEFUL *Family*
 Give Thanks
 Prayers  Blessed 

*Let us come before Him
 with Thanksgiving*

Psalms 95:2