



Children's Easter Celebration

April 1
2012



Learning about powerful
symbols of new life
at Easter



Alleluia!



Sponsored by Our Youth

Easter

April 8

8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services

Celebrating the Risen Lord

Children's House Scholarships

A Scholarship Fund has been established by the Children's House Board of Directors. Each year, a scholarship will be awarded to a child based on financial need. Application forms are available in the church office and from the Children's House Director, Bonnie Williams, and are due by May 1.

Contributions to this fund may be made in memory or in honor of someone and checks should be made to "Mount Vernon Church" with "Children's House Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.



Assistant Teacher Needed for Children's House Two-Year-Old Class

Resumes are currently being accepted for assistant teacher in the two-year-old class at Children's House. Experience and education will be considered. Hours are 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This position will be available in September, 2012.

Assistants will also be hired for a six-week summer session, two days a week during June and July.

Please send resumes to Children's House in care of the director, Bonnie Williams.

Thank You to Newton and Martha Ray of Raywood Garden Center for donating the palms for Palm Sunday.



Misplaced your church newsletter? Didn't hear the announcements at church? Check the Web site!

Did you know our church newsletter is on the Web site? You can check the details of upcoming events, the scripture readings for Sundays, upcoming birthdays, the dinner menu for Wednesday night – the monthly newsletter is always available on the Web, long after you've misplaced your e-mailed copy.

Don't worry about that long Web site address (www.gbgm-umc.org/mountvernon). Simply enter something like "mt vernon methodist danville va" in the search box of any search engine (Google, Bing, Yahoo, etc.). You should easily find our Web site. Then add it to your "Favorites" list, and you can go straight to it in the future. – *Lin Benefield, Webmaster*

The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple What A Great Day at Mount Vernon!

The beautiful voices of our children rang out, singing "This Day We Celebrate!" as they began the story of Jesus' parents' search for him in Jerusalem. With superb acting and singing, the children told the story of Jesus at age 12, at the 11 a.m. worship service on March 11.

Many thanks to the participants: Brendan DeAristizabal, Elizabeth Payne, Kate Newell, Ryne Gammon, Michaela Campbell, Mac Newell, Slade Potts, Noah Reed, Miles Milligan, Matkins Milligan, Piper Potts, Faith Newell, Evan Navis, Kaleigh Longerbeam, Nik Longerbeam, Skylar Payne, Eden Gibson, Jeffrey Graser, and Jacob Graser.

And to the leaders: Melissa Charles, Carolyn Smith, Beth Bauman, Melissa Herke, Melanie Reed, Summer Milligan, and Timothy Navis.

Volunteers Are Welcome on 2012 Youth Mission Trip, July 15 – 20

For the 11th straight summer, youth and adults from our church will travel to the Appalachian region to assist low-income homeowners with repairs they cannot afford. We have a wonderful team of middle and high school youth and adults who make a big difference! Additional volunteers are always welcome! The more workers, the more we are able to accomplish. The following are needed:



① Adults with construction expertise are a necessity and lead our teams in projects like building ramps and porches, painting, etc. Frank Cuthrell is our lead construction leader.

② "Worker bees" – adults who are willing to assist on the worksite, but don't have construction expertise. These leaders assist with the projects, help empower the youth volunteers, visit with homeowners, etc.

③ Cooks keep our volunteers well-fed and are essential for the work of our team. Our cooks plan, shop, and prepare our meals with assistance from our other volunteers. Tammy Waters is our head cook.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Frank (793-8095) about construction, Tammy (724-1964) about cooking, or Beth Bauman (489-6514) for other information.

Mount Vernon's Newest Members



Frank and Susan Davis joined Mount Vernon on March 18, by transfer from another denomination. Address: 147 Pendleton Road, Danville, VA; Phone: 792-0998

Please Note: The church office will be closed on "Easter Monday," April 9.



Sunday, April 29

**The Aldersgate Choir
will partner with readers
and some community singers
to present portions of
Haydn's "Creation"
in a choral worship service
at 11:00 a.m.
The dramatic readings and music
will tell the Genesis story
of creation.**

**Please plan to come
for this worship experience.**

- Tim Navis



United Methodist Committee on Relief

Be there. Be hope.

So much of what UMCOR does is about revealing God's steadfast love for humankind. For more than 70 years, UMCOR has brought hope and solidarity to communities both at home and abroad in the wake of disaster, and support and expertise to those on a path to development.

Gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** lay the foundation for all of UMCOR's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means that all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs, because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

One Great Hour of Sharing



On Sunday, April 22, envelopes for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be included in your bulletin. Or you may use the form below.

Yes, I/we support UMCOR through One Great Hour of Sharing, as we minister to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Name _____

Address _____

Amount ___\$100 ___\$50 ___\$25 ___\$10 Other \$_____

Please mail or bring your check with this form to Mount Vernon UMC, 107 West Main St, Danville, VA 24541. Make your check payable to Mount Vernon UMC.

“Young Adults” News

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Saturday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m.

Easter Picnic for our Young Adult families and kids.



We hope to see everyone from Mount Vernon at

**The Checkered Pig
Thursday, April 24!**

The restaurant will donate 15% of the proceeds that night to our “Partners for Payne” Relay for Life team. No coupon needed: someone from Mount Vernon will be there to collect your receipts.

Henry Fork Center Needs Product Labels

According to the latest Henry Fork newsletter, the Center has banked 1,507,091 points toward a van. (Henry Fork provides preschool, after-school, and summer programs and other services for children in need in Rocky Mount, VA.) An additional 92,009 points are needed for the van, and Mount Vernon has been very loyal in helping collect these labels. Along with Campbell’s soup labels, the following labels are also accepted:

Franco-American	Post Cereals and Treats	Swanson
Pepperidge Farm	Prego	V8 Beverages
	SpaghettiOs	

The basket for clipped labels is in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Let’s help the Center get that van this year!
—Missions Committee

Mark Your Calendar:



Tuesday, May 1: Eat Out to Help Out

All day on May 1, plan to Eat Out to Help Out at participating Danville restaurants. These restaurants will donate 10% of their total sales on May 1 to God’s Storehouse! Look for restaurants designated as Eat Out

to Help Out participants, and watch for ads in the Register & Bee and information posted at church.

Last year, more than twenty-five restaurants participated, and God’s Storehouse received more than \$6,000. This year, God’s Storehouse hopes to raise even more, to help with the dramatically increased number of requests for food since God’s Storehouse moved to the more-accessible building on Memorial Drive.

The Latest Carpenter’s Project

In March, Mount Vernon’s carpenters built an eight-foot ramp at a home on Augusta Avenue for a woman who uses an electric wheelchair. Cost: \$40.00.

Thank you to Frank Cuthrell, Tony Miller, Chuck Sampson, and Frank Davis for a fast response to her plea for help.



One Last Reminder: The Lenten Offering

For another year, Mount Vernon will be supporting the missionary work of Clara Mridula Biswas, as she labors with poor people in Cambodia. We will commit our Lenten offering in its entirety to aid Clara in her efforts.

These funds sponsor an education program that supports 620 students in public schools. They also help with a health program, referring patients to hospitals and health centers. Most importantly, they allow for the spirit of Christ to remain alive and well through service to our fellow man.

Clara has been working in Cambodia, Japan, and her native Bangladesh since 1983. Her dedication is deserving of our continued support. Referring to her work, Clara has said “When people are able to get jobs and when they get assurance they can continue to study in higher levels of education, that gives them hope for a better future. It is joyful to watch the faces of happy children as they go to places they had never gone before. Although we bring the Gospel informally, we see the joy of the children singing Gospel songs and performing in dramas depicting Christmas and Easter.”



As we move through Holy Week, let us not forget those less fortunate. Jesus taught us “to bring hope to the hopeless, bring light to those who are in the dark, bring Christ to the poor and share the love of God” (Luke 4: 18–19). We ask that you prayerfully consider your offering for this season.

May the Lord’s peace be with you during this miraculous time of year.
—The Missions Committee



Use the special Lenten offering envelope mailed to you at the beginning of Lent, or a blank envelope from the pew rack, marked “Lenten offering.” Or pick up a Lenten offering envelope on the table outside the office.

April

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- 1 Sylvia Gibbs
Jaden Navis
- 2 Von Cannon
John Gibbs, III
- 3 Kathryn
Blachura
Harry Lea
- 6 Lee Shreve
Jack Spainhour
Morgan Wall
- 7 Valerie Goodrich
Beth Payne
- 9 Mary Ellen Dean
- 11 Stuart Bray
- 12 Tom Underwood
- 13 Elizabeth
Newhouse
- 15 Ellen Joyce
Suzanne Miller
Anne Powell
Judith Turbiville
- 16 Leslie Shreve
Kathryn Waters
- 17 Frank Davis
Verla Wall
- 18 Betty Turner
- 19 Cameron Booker
Townes Lea
- 21 Mary Ellen Carter
- 22 Susan Davis
Don Moore
Marshall White
- 24 David Fuquay
Betty Jennings
Alex Womack
- 25 Dennis Porter
Greg Read
- 26 Nan Darkis
- 27 Alysia Alber
Frank Wickers
- 28 James Gourlay
Kevin Miller
- 30 Max Glass, Jr.

May

- 2 Meredith Ashby
Ramsden
- 4 Phillip Wright
- 5 Tom Darkis
Bill Booker
- 6 Marj Hood
Frances McMillan
Anne Thomas
- 7 Rita Doggett
Bill Fuller
Beth Ranson
- 9 Bob Beasley
Shirley Bray
Mary Evelyn
Jefferson
- 10 Bob Ashby
James Bucklew
- 11 Fran Ramsay
Andy Waggoner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

- At home: **Beth Payne, Jake Carter, Bill Hardy, Zane Kinn, Virginia Hylton, Margaret Powell**
- At Stratford House: **Nancy Barker, Paul and Helen Stanfield, Irene Guthrie, Marjorie Hood, Sylvia Gibbs, Becky Farthing, May Bergman**
- At Roman Eagle: **Virginia Farley, Lucy Scarce, Ann Garrett, Zula Callahan**
- At Stratford House Rehab: **Mildred Ferrell**
- In Rock Hill, SC: **Don Moore**
- At Riverside Healthcare: **Greg Read**
- At Our Lady of Hope (Richmond): **Alyce Roach**
- In Raleigh: **Vitula Porter**

Our Worship Assistants

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- April 8** – 8:30: John Morris, Tom Savastano, Butch Dalton
11:00: Frank Grogan, J. G. Hurt, Budge Kent, Gene Saunders, John Ranson, Kelly Brande (alt)
- April 15** – 8:30: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, Bill Booker, John Morris (alt)
11:00: Tom Leggett, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Bill Smith, Frank Grogan (alt)
- April 22** – 8:30: Bill Booker, Butch Dalton, Tom Savastano
11:00: Tom Leggett, J. G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (alt)
- April 29** – 8:30: Tom Booker, James Bucklew, John Morris (a)
11:00: Young Adults

ALTAR GUILD

- April:** Bonnie Griffith, Peggy Handy, Lois Love, Emily Potts, Ruth Waggoner



Our deepest sympathy

To Tom Underwood, whose mother, Elizabeth Underwood, died on March 22.

To Jean Beach, whose mother, Kay Beach, died on March 27.

To Ronnie Waters, whose brother, Earl Waters, died on March 28.

To the family of Norman Athey, who died on March 31.

To the family of Frances Peirce, who died on March 31.



GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION BREAD is available at Mount Vernon

Please contact the pastor (434-793-6824) before Communion Sunday if you would like gluten-free wafers.

Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
March 4	36	91	\$11,537
March 11	*	182	4,241
March 18	30	147	10,247
March 25	31	133	5,820

* No 8:30 service

“Wonderful Wednesdays”



Dinners are at 6:00 p.m.
\$6 for adults. Children, no charge.

Programs, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Nursery provided.

Menus: April 4: No dinner
April 11: COVERED DISH
April 18: Chicken, green bean casserole, dessert
April 25: Surprise
(Suzanne Miller, cook)

Programs: Barry Foster continues the “Torah and Christianity” study, in the Fellowship Hall; the Young Adults Discussion Group meets in the Young Adult Sunday school room.

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Calendar!

Vacation Bible School

June 18 - 22, 9 a.m. – noon

For kids ages 4 – 5th graders



Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions!

Kids will travel back to Babylon and join Daniel — torn from his home and forced into the king’s service... learning a new language and culture ... the shock of discovering his best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace! They will explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar ... and will find that they’re not so different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

*Adult volunteers are needed to assist in many ways. Please call
Beth deAristizabal (792-7766) for more information.*

April 8 ✦ EASTER

Scripture: John 20: 1–18

Message: “Who Stole Jesus?”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

Choirs, Handbells, Guest Instrumentalist

April 15 ✦ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER THOMAS SUNDAY

Scripture: John 20: 19 – 31

Sermon: “Can Doubt Redeem Faith?”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

April 22 ✦ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER EARTH DAY

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13 – 17; 10: 1 – 8a

Sermon: “You Say You Want a Revolution”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

Danville Junior String Quartet

April 29 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: From Genesis

Choral Service at 11 a.m.: Haydn’s “Creation”

The Aldersgate Choir and Readers

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

107 West Main Street, Danville, VA 24541
434-793-6824

Sunday Services of Worship:
8:30 and 11 a.m.

Godly Play and Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.



The Rev. Barry S. Foster, Pastor
Parsonage/Cell: 434-709-0093

For more information
about worship services, programs,
classes, events, and more,
visit the Web site:
www.gb-gm-umc.org/mountvernon