



Dear Mount Vernon Family,

What a powerful Lent and Easter season we have experienced! It began with our *Lenten Festival of Unity*, continued through *Palm Sunday, Holy Week*, and *Easter*, then our Children and Youth Musical Worship Service, *It's Okay to be Different*, and the Aldersgate Choir leading us in Holy Communion with Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*.

I want to say how honored and privileged I feel to be working with Beth Bauman and Tim Navis. They understand that worship is the expression of faith by the congregation, and they are devoted to nurturing our children and youth, allowing them to express their faith in a worship setting.

Beth wears more hats than the "Mad Hatter"! From her work with the Children's House Board, to Godly Play, to our Youth Ensemble, to Project Crossroads, to overseeing the Youth Group, and her work with the Haitian Student Fund, CROP Walk, God's Storehouse Board, and countless other details she takes care of behind the scenes ... she is owed a tremendous word of gratitude!

Thank you, Beth, for your love of the church, and your strong faith and innate sense of mission that flows out of you and into each of us. In the Children and Youth Musical: *It's Okay to Be Different*, the time you spent writing scripts, making props, organizing the children, and working with Tim on the music ... is the prime example of your gift of understanding children and their faith development. We are truly blessed to have you on the ministry team! The future is indeed bright.

Thank you, Tim, for sharing your musical journey with us. Even though your Master's Recital and final papers loomed before you, you continued to help us worship through many styles and genres of music. From handbells, to marimba, to four-hand piano, piano and organ, and snare and piccolo, we were drawn into the presence of the "Holy Mystery" as we listened to and participated in the music of the faith.

Tim works with every age group, encouraging their musical abilities, bringing their talents to the sanctuary, edifying our worship experiences.

Beth is going to Africa in May to see her daughter, Catherine, who is in Burundi, Africa, and we wish her a safe and wonderful trip.

Tim will be in school during the month of June completing his Master of Church Music Degree.

Our prayers are with you both. And our gratitude is beyond words for what you do for our congregation.

In the Spirit of Christ,

## Join Us for the 2013 Senior Banquet

To honor our high school seniors,  
**Angel Moore and John Southward**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**\$5.00 per person**

A dinner of lasagna and salad will be prepared by Tammy Waters. Please call the church office (793-6824) by May 16 to make reservations.



Angel and John are both graduating from Galileo Magnet School and will be attending Christopher Newport University. Angel is the President of our Mount Vernon Youth group. John has faithfully served as crucifer for several years. Both have participated in many mission trips, CROP Walks, youth service projects, and retreats.

Join us as we wish them well! Dinner will be followed by a fun, brief program.

*Sunday, May 19, 2013*

*You are invited  
to a reception honoring  
Bonnie Williams*

*12:15 - 1:30 p.m.*

Ms. Bonnie's dedication and love for the children of Mount Vernon's preschool, Children's House, will be recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service and at the reception immediately following the service. Please plan to be there to wish her a wonderful retirement!

## It's Registration Time!

Registration is now open for our summer program in June and July, as well as for the fall 2013. Don't miss out!

Children's House is still accepting applications for a director. A job description is on the Mount Vernon Church Web site. —Lindsay Payne





## Kits for Conference Challenge

Once again this year the Missions Committee is soliciting funds for Kits for Conference. Barry Foster and Melissa Herke will take the kits to the Virginia Annual Conference the third week in June. The monies collected will be given to our youth and children, who will shop for the supplies and assemble each kit.

Please make your check payable to Mount Vernon with "Kits for Conference" on the memo line. Supplies for School kits generally cost around \$12, Baby/Layette kits \$35, and Birthing kits \$8.

The Committee agrees that this is a perfect way to involve all members of Mount Vernon while providing a fun project for our children and youth!

If you enjoy preparing Kits for Conference yourself, pick up a list of instructions on the table outside the church office. As you shop and pack the kit, you will be making a direct link with a person in crisis. This is a great way for children to make a connection with their brothers and sisters around the world.

**The deadline for prepared kits is Wednesday, June 19.**

## Thank You, Godly Play Teachers

Our children and youth are richly blessed each Sunday morning as they hear the stories of the Bible brought to life by our outstanding, dedicated Godly Play teachers, using beautiful Godly Play materials. We deeply appreciate the leadership of Leslie Navis, Beth deAristizabal, Becky Lutz, Cathy Hawkins, Ann Hurt, and Beth Bauman.

**Sunday, May 19, will be our last Godly Play session before summer, and we will resume in August.**



*Many thanks to Jason Payne who arranged for the delivery of a large load of rubber mulch for our playground and to all the volunteers who showed up on short notice to spread it.*



*"Creation" – Made by our Youth Sunday school class*

## Riding Toys Needed

On rainy days, our preschool children enjoy playing downstairs in the youth room. Some of our riding toys have seen better days! Donations of new or gently used pedaling toys, Big Wheels, 3-wheelers, or Cozy Coupes would be much appreciated.



## Squirrel Nutkin Is Off to Africa!

Thanks to all who donated school supplies and soccer balls. Watch for updates from Squirrel Nutkin as he visits with the children in Burundi!

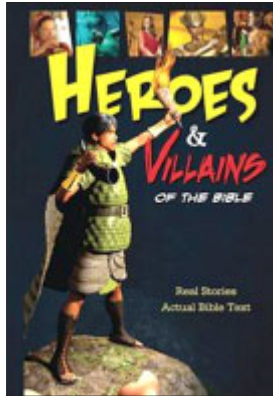


## Children's Library Book Spotlight

New on Our Shelves – Intermediate:

***Heroes and Villains of the Bible,***  
by Thomas Nelson Publishers

“50 true-life adventures of real people from the Bible—stories of good versus evil, right versus wrong, and heroes versus villains—and their life-shaping lessons that point children to God—the greatest hero of all!



“The Bible is packed with stories of courageous people who loved and served God, and how God used them to do great things in the world. It is also filled with villainous people who disobeyed God and did horrible things. *Heroes and Villains of the Bible* encourages its readers to aspire to become great, courageous, and heroic servants of God, and reject all that is evil in the world.

“With *Heroes and Villains of the Bible*, children will realize some of their favorite heroes aren't from the movies, but are real people from the Bible.”

*Description taken from Goodreads.com*

View our Children's Library wish list online at [WishList.com/MountVernonUMC](http://WishList.com/MountVernonUMC)



Gifts in memory of  
**Barbara Dyer**

have been received from  
Jerry and Mary Franks,  
Mr. and Mrs. Milo Abercrombie,  
and Elizabeth Daniels.

A gift in memory of  
**Claudia Floyd,**

Bill Smith's sister,  
has been received from Lois Love.

A gift in memory of  
**Lucy Scarce**

has been received from  
Jerry and Mary Franks.

Dear Mount Vernon Friends,

I have never imagined that  
living far away from my country,  
I could have a wonderful  
birthday like this. [Lude's  
birthday was April 29. –Ed.]  
Thank you so much for your  
wishes. I really appreciate them.

Lude Labieville

### Contributions to the Haitian Student Fund

have been received from

Tom & Betty Leggett,

Bob & Fran Ashby,

Jesse & Verla Wall,

Margaret Powell,

Sonny & Rosalind Morton,

Vicki Johnston,

Beth & Briggs Bauman

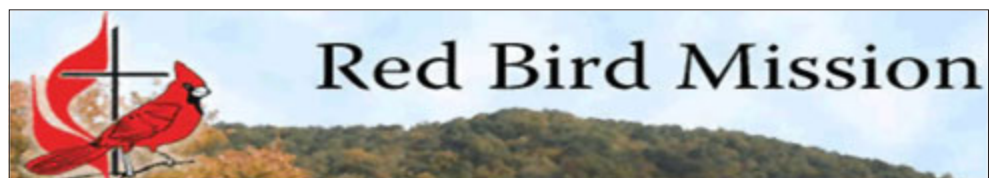
UMW Circle #2,

Shirley Gammon,

Darrell & Ann Williamson,

Jack & Nancy Weikel,

Jerry & Mary Franks



### The UMC's Largest Domestic Mission Needs Your Support

In these days of economic challenges, everyone is looking to save more, earn more, and get the most for their investment. This thinking is evident in the church as people in congregations deal with financial problems in their local churches while still wanting to be in mission all over the world. Finding money for missions is a challenge, and when it is available churches want it to be used effectively.

We in the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the UMC know all about this. Our congregations have hopes and dreams of being the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Our 22 churches and 3 outreach centers are spread across 7 counties in southeast Kentucky. These counties are among the lowest income counties in the nation. Our pastors live and work here because they believe God wants and needs them here to share the gospel. These pastors receive some of the lowest salaries in our denomination. And yet our pastors and congregations work to have growth and service opportunities for all ages and worship that glorifies God.

We invite you to join us in ministry in the Red Bird Missionary Conference. Would you consider investing \$25 a month and join us as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in 22 communities? Your small investment will assist with salaries for pastors, programs for children, and help with basic needs for families. You can do so much with this small investment, and God will give the increase!

Mail your gifts to:

Red Bird Missionary Conference, 54 Queendale Center, Beverly KY 40913

If you have questions about how the UMC is performing the work of Christ through Red Bird, please feel free to contact Tobias Lutz ([lutztb@yahoo.com](mailto:lutztb@yahoo.com)).

## Vacation Bible School

June 24 – 28, 9 a.m. – noon

Ages 4 – 10

During this week of June, our church will be filled with the sights and sounds of children participating in fun discovery activities at a special Bible times adventure. They will learn the story of the

Apostle Paul's journey to Athens, where he faced angry mobs, imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes – all to spread the truth of God's love.

It takes a lot of volunteers to transport us back into ancient Athens. We would be thrilled to have you visit Athens with us. There are many opportunities to help. Please contact Beth deAristizabal, 792-7766 or [canterburyrd@hotmail.com](mailto:canterburyrd@hotmail.com), to find out where your gifts and time would best serve.

Registration forms for children are available in the church office and on the church Web site.



## Chuck Irby Inducted into U.S. Air Force “Grey Beret” Hall of Fame

In December 2012, a Hall of Fame was established to honor America's most extraordinary Grey Berets. Chuck Irby was one of the first seven inductees, each chosen for outstanding service. Chuck is a long-time member of Mount Vernon; he has served as Property Chair and sung in the Aldersgate Choir.

The Grey Berets unit began in 1963 as the Commando Combat Weather Team and today is known as the Special Operations Weather Team. They are combat meteorologists assigned to U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations units to provide meteorological and oceanographic intelligence information in theaters of conflict. They perform their ground combat job from deployed bases and dropzones or behind enemy lines, using compact weather equipment and specialized communication systems.

Although the job has evolved over time, the one constant has been varied training: parachute, survival, weapons, foreign languages, and more.



*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your wonderful support of the Garden Tour Luncheon sponsored by our United Methodist Women. Your monetary contributions, food, and time were greatly appreciated. A thank-you to Margaret Scott for the lovely tablecloths, to Raywood Garden Center for the use of the beautiful geraniums, and to Eddie Blachura for the condiments.*

*Eighty-four guests enjoyed lunch! The proceeds from the luncheon will be used to realize the mission goals of Mount Vernon's United Methodist Women.*

*Blessings,*

*Shirley Duncan, Mary Franks, and Peggy Wright*

## Services of Worship

Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

May 12, 2013

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY

*Scripture:*

Ephesians 4: 1–7 and 11–16

*Sermon:* “Relationships”

Rev. Barry S. Foster

May 19, 2013

PENTECOST

*Scripture:* Acts 2: 1–21

*Sermon:* “Pentecost Hope”

Rev. Barry S. Foster

May 26, 2013

TRINITY SUNDAY  
MEMORIAL SUNDAY

*Scripture:* Luke 19:1–10

*Sermon:*

“Salvation—What Does the Church Offer?”

Rev. Barry S. Foster

June 2, 2013

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Scripture:* Luke 5:1–11

*Sermon:* “Depth Perception”

Rev. Barry S. Foster

## Boomers Class on Break

The Boomers Sunday school class is taking a summer break! The last class was April 28. We will resume in September. Watch for the exact date in the August newsletter.

—Gary Benefield

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON MAY 20, AT 7:00 P.M.**



**Remember:**  
**Saturday, May 11**  
 U.S. mail carriers  
 will pick up  
 non-perishable  
 food items  
 left at your  
 mailbox.

All food goes to  
 God's Storehouse,  
 our local  
 food pantry.



To George and Katie Brooks  
 whose son Landon Allen Brooks  
 was born on April 26, 2013.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .**

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| At home: <b>Bill Hardy,</b><br><b>Zane Kinn, Margaret Powell</b> | At Stratford House:<br><b>May Bergman, Newton Ray, Sr., Becky Farthing, Marjorie Hood</b> |
| At Roman Eagle:<br><b>Zula Callahan</b>                          | At Stratford House Rehab: <b>Mildred Ferrell</b>  |
| At Riverside Healthcare:<br><b>Greg Read, Howard Ranson</b>      | At Our Lady of Hope (Richmond): <b>Alyce Roach</b>  |
| In Raleigh: <b>Vitula Porter</b>                                 |   |
| At Piney Forest (rehab):<br><b>Mary Ellen Dean</b>               |   |

**May Birthdays**

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| 2 Meredith Ashby<br>Ramsden                        | 17 David Bray<br>Keith Bray<br>Newton Ray, Jr.<br>Joyce Underwood |
| 4 Phillip Wright                                   | 18 Coleman Hylton   |
| 5 Tom Darkis<br>Bill Booker                        | 19 Larry Mann<br>Anne Wood  |
| 6 Marj Hood<br>Frances McMillan<br>Anne Thomas     | 20 Carolyn Waterbury  |
| 7 Rita Doggett<br>Bill Fuller<br>Beth Ranson       | 21 Bob McFarland<br>David Sule                                    |
| 9 Shirley Bray<br>Mary Evelyn<br>Jefferson         | 22 Clara Fountain   |
| 10 Bob Ashby<br>James Bucklew                      | 23 Daniel Vicks   |
| 11 Fran Ramsay<br>Andy Waggoner                    | 25 Charlie<br>Williamson  |
| 12 Tommy Grogan<br>Emily Runyon                    | 27 Mary Franks  |
| 13 Ann Jeffries<br>Tommy Stephens                  | 28 Eleanor Cuthrell<br>Ely Foster<br>Cara Mills<br>Ruth Waggoner  |
| 14 Jennifer Parker<br>Liz Pyszka                   | 30 Peggy Fowler   |
| 15 Sharon Hughes<br>Margaret Milam<br>Lynn Slayton |   |

**June**

- 1 Carol Majors  
Emily Whittle
- 4 Max Brande  
"B" Hylton  
Paul Stanfield
- 5 Adam Lester

**Attendance, Tithes, and Gifts**

<i>Week of</i>	<i>8:30</i>	<i>11:00</i>	<i>Contributions</i>
April 7	26	106	\$8,508
April 14	218 (one service)		10,118
April 21	34	149	3,864
April 28	27	144	6,110

**Our Worship Assistants**

**USHERS**

- MAY 12 – 8:30:** John Morris, Tom Savastano, Tom Booker  
**11:00:** Frank Grogan, J. G. Hurt, Budge Kent, John Ranson, Gene Saunders, Coleman Hylton (*alt.*)
- MAY 19– 8:30:** Fred Duncan, Jim Bucklew, Darrell Williamson  
**11:00:** Tom Leggett, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Bill Smith, Frank Grogan (*alt.*)
- MAY 26 – 8:30:** Bill Booker, John Morris, Tom Booker  
**11:00:** Tom Leggett, J. G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (*alt.*)
- JUNE 2 – 8:30:** Fred Duncan, Jim Bucklew, Darrell Williamson  
**11:00:** Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Frank Davis (*alt.*)

**ALTAR GUILD**

- MAY:** Ann Williamson, Emma Rich, Betty Fuller, Beth Payne, Abby DeAristizabal
- JUNE:** Jan Sutherland, Pattie Cairns, Joyce Obstler

**Gluten-free communion bread is available at Mount Vernon.**



Please contact the pastor at 793-6824 before Communion Sunday if you would like to be served gluten-free wafers.



Sunday, April 14, 2013: Children and Youth Musical: "It's OK to Be Different!"



Children and Youth Lead the Worship Service



"It's OK to Be Me!"



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.

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](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/mountvernon)