



Vacation Bible School

June 18 – 22

9 a.m. – noon, ages 4 – 11

Children must be 4 years old
by June 25







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 Holy Land Adventure—in Babylon!

This summer, we'll explore Daniel's courage in captivity. During VBS, children will worship God with songs and prayer, create unique craft projects, learn about life as an ancient Babylonian, and discover God's powerful love through Daniel, who stood firm in a faithless culture. They will experience what it was like to live in a city where most people didn't believe in God! Please join us this summer as we make a trek back to Babylon.

It takes a lot of volunteers to transport us back into ancient Babylon. We would be thrilled to have you visit Babylon with us. There are many opportunities to help at VBS.

Please consider where your gifts and time would best serve:

-  **Tribe (Group) Leader:** Prepare a 10 to 15 minute lesson and lead children around to the different areas (materials provided).
-  **Shopkeeper:** Guide groups with making mosaics, planting plants, serving snack, as well as other opportunities.
-  **Decorating Team:** Transform our church back in time to Babylon.
-  **Actors for Bible Stories**



Volunteer!

Please contact Beth deAristizabal at 792-7766 or canterburyrd@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer.



Kits for Conference

Members of our youth group have packed 35 school kits for children in regions where school supplies are in short supply. The kits include paper, crayons, pencils, and other necessities.

The deadline for donations has been extended to June 10, and our youth will be glad to purchase supplies and pack more kits.

If you would like to pack your own kit, a list of materials may be picked up outside the church office. Completed kits must be returned by June 20.

Barry Foster and Sonny Morton will take the kits to the Virginia Annual Conference on June 22.

Church Council Approves Heating/Cooling Project

At the May 14 meeting, the Church Council unanimously approved a proposal from the Trustees and the Property Committee to have Centech Service Corp. replace the sanctuary boiler, which did not pass annual inspection, with a new, smaller, more efficient boiler, and to convert the current heating system for the offices and classrooms in the main building to a heat pump system. This will eliminate the steam radiators, which need constant repairs.

The estimated cost of this project is \$46,678.00.

Finance Committee Chair David Fuquay then discussed the church's financial situation in general and specifically how to pay for the project. The Council unanimously approved the use of the remaining \$42,231.69 left from the 125th Anniversary Gift, and the rest to be paid from the Organ Maintenance account, as needed, since proper heat and air control are crucial for organ maintenance. (This work started on May 23 and continues.)

At David Fuquay's suggestion, the Council agreed that the church treasurers should request from the Mount Vernon Foundation one-half of \$66,580.00 (available from

the Dorothy Rich Fund Sub-Account, designated for church use), to cover the first half of the year shortfall in the general operating budget.

Council decided that P. L. Anderson should continue the work approved at a previous meeting: repairing the kitchen walls, installing new shutters on the parsonage, and repairing the lights in the stained-glass in the sanctuary ceiling, using \$4,177.00 left in the Capital Fund.

Linwood Wright moved that Council "go to work now to put together a plan for a capital projects campaign and to investigate an endowment campaign for the Director of Music Position, to be presented at the next meeting of the Council." The motion was passed unanimously; Linwood asked Mary Franks to work with him on this plan and she agreed.

Fran Ashby, Memorials Chair, reported that \$1,500.00 was used recently to upgrade microphones in the sanctuary.

The next Church Council meeting is Monday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Schedule for Godly Play and Young Adults Classes

Godly Play and the Young Adults Sunday school class will continue throughout June, take a break in July, and resume in mid-August.



Gary Benefield and Linda Sampson put the finishing touches on our refurbished women's restroom near the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Tom Leggett, Leslie Navis, Sam Newell, and all who were involved in completing this project.

Our 2012 High School Graduate: Ali Stephens-Pickeral

On May 20 at the 11:00 a.m. service, Mount Vernon Church recognized Ali Stephens-Pickeral, who graduated from George Washington High School on May 26.

Ali's scholastic and personal accomplishments include: Valedictorian at George Washington High School, Honor Graduate, Graduate of Distinction, Scholastic All-American, recipient of the William and Mary Leadership Award, and Head Junior Marshall. She broke four school records on the GW swim team and placed in regional and state competitions.

Ali is an Olympic Trials Qualifier in Swimming and a National Team member.

Ali will attend Yale University, where she plans to major in International Studies and be on the swim team. She would like to pursue a career in the C.I.A. or as a Foreign Diplomat.

At Mount Vernon, Ali has served as acolyte, crucifer, lay reader, and Bible school worker, and she has graced worship services with violin solos. She has been a member of the youth group, and says her favorite church memory is the youth ski and tubing trip to Wintergreen.



June 10
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Mark 3: 13 - 19a
Sermon: "I Choose You"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

June 17
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY

Scripture: Romans 5: 1 - 11
Sermon:
"Grace: Prevenient, Justifying,
and Sanctifying"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

June 24
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Mark 4: 35 - 41
Sermon: "In the Middle of the Storm"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

July 1
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Isaiah 52: 7 - 10
Sermon: "Beauty"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

*Thank you to Phillip and Cathy Wright
and to Suzie Wright and Donnah Woody for
donating beautiful furnishings to the parsonage.
And thank you to the furniture movers:
Linwood and Peggy Wright and Frank Cuthrell.*

Please Leave a Message ...

Mount Vernon Church has two incoming phone lines, as well as two lines for door buzzers. Sometimes two or more of these lines ring at once, and only one staff person is available to answer them.



If no one answers your phone call during office hours, please leave a message. You should get a call back in just a few minutes.

New Members Class Continues

June 10 and June 17, 2012
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
In the CHAPEL

**June 10, Session 2: John and Charles Wesley &
United Methodist Beliefs and Traditions**

**June 17, Session 3: History of Mount Vernon UMC
Receiving of new members at the 11 a.m. service**

Visitors as well as church members are welcome to participate in these sessions! If you missed Session 1, you can still attend Sessions 2 and 3.

Attending these classes does not obligate anyone to join the church; these are simply informational sessions to help people discern their place in God's kingdom and learn more about the United Methodist Church and the Mount Vernon Church family.

Cost of Memorial Flowers Increases

Giles Flowerland, which has given Mount Vernon Church such good service for many years, has felt the need to raise their price to \$60.00 for flowers for the two urns in the sanctuary. This is the first price increase in several years. It was effective in June.

– Nell Jefferson

Boomers Class to Resume in August

The Boomers Sunday school class is taking a break for the summer vacation season. We will resume class on Sunday, August 5. Please plan to join us then for lively discussions about our faith journey. We meet in room 208, on the second floor, above the Parlor.

– Gary Benefield



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. The
proceeds from the luncheon will benefit others, as
we endeavor to achieve our mission goals.*

Blessings,

*Shirley Duncan, Mary Franks,
and Peggy Wright*



Virginia Annual Conference

The 2012 Session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held in Roanoke on Friday, June 22, through Sunday, June 24. Sonny Morton, Mount Vernon's Annual Conference representative, will attend and will give us a report on the Conference sometime this summer.

At this conference we will say good-bye to Bishop Charlene Kammerer, who is retiring and in January 2013 will begin teaching at Candler Theological Seminary in Atlanta. A new bishop will be elected in July and will begin service in Virginia in August.

This year's Annual Conference Offering will benefit global programs in Mozambique, Cambodia, and Brazil, and Shalom Farms in Virginia.

General Conference 2012: Highlights

United Methodists addressed a wide range of challenging issues, including church structure and human sexuality, and engaged in an Act of Repentance toward indigenous people, during their 10-day legislative gathering April 24–May 4 in Tampa.

The delegates took conflicting stands on social justice issues and organizational restructuring. Perhaps the most surprising moment came on May 4, the final day, when the delegates received word from the church's supreme court that a major piece of legislation on restructuring violated the denomination's Constitution. Afterward, Bishop Larry Goodpasture (Charlotte, NC Area), sought to comfort the assembly. "God always provides a way," he said.

The 988 delegates, from more than 60 nations, processed some 1,200 petitions. They retained the church's position regarding homosexuality, deciding not to adopt language that would have said United Methodists are not of one mind on this issue. They did away with "guaranteed appointments" for clergy. See the *Danville District June newsletter*, at www.dandist.org, for a more extensive summary of Conference decisions.

General Conference meets every four years and is the only body that speaks for our 13 million-member denomination.



Thank you to Tom Leggett and P. L. Anderson for repairing the walls in the church kitchen and the brass rails outside the sanctuary.

Congratulations to Emily Potts for Local and Regional Teaching Honors

On May 14, Emily Potts was named the Dan River Region Educator of the Year by the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce. She had already been named Tunstall High School Educator of the Year, Pittsylvania County High School Teacher of the Year, and then Pittsylvania County Educator of the Year. She will now move on to compete for State Educator of the Year.

She received a \$2,500 prize to be used on personal or professional development. She plans to attend a two-week Shakespeare workshop for teachers at the Globe Theater in London.



Relay for Life Team Shines at the Event

Not only did the Mount Vernon Church Relay for Life team raise over \$3,400 for the American Cancer Society, but they were a highly visible presence at the all-night event. Our people handled the opening ceremonies: Melanie Reed acted as master of ceremonies, Rev. Barry Foster offered a prayer, Beth Payne and Betty Leggett gave moving testimonies about the cancer experience from the patient's and caregiver's perspectives, Carolyn Smith sang with accompaniment by Robert Sutter, and Summer Saunders read the names of survivors.

The "Rock Around the Clock" booth looked great; the barbecue dinners and desserts were delicious; and Frank Davis played an unforgettable role.

Thank you to our Young Adults group, who did an outstanding job of organizing and supporting this event, and to all who participated in any way!

Danville's 2011 CROP Walk Gets an Award

The Danville Area CROP Walk was awarded the "Most Improved Walk" at the Virginia CROP Walk Forum this spring in Richmond, as we had a 51 percent increase in the number of walkers and an 89 percent increase in funds raised! And Mount Vernon's team received an award as the team with the most walkers in the Danville event.

This year we plan to have more teams participating and raise even more funds. Please mark your calendars for the **2012 CROP Walk** on Sunday, October 7, and help us spread the word.





To Elizabeth Hodnett Scott
and Herbert Barrow Turner III,
who were married
at Mount Vernon Church
on June 2.

June

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| 1 Carol Majors
Emily Whittle | | 18 Richard Dunn
Pat Giles |
| 2 Barbara Dyer | | 21 Melissa Herke
Rebecca Lutz |
| 3 Lucy Scarce | | 22 Donald Turner |
| 4 Max Brande
"B" Hylton
Paul Stanfield | | 25 Cooper Charles
Michelle Francis |
| 5 Adam Lester | | 28 Albert Maurakis
Frances Stoneburner
Robert Sule
Miles Knox Milligan |
| 8 Berkley Furgurson
Max Glass, Sr.
Patrick Womack | | |
| 9 Ellen Mitchell
Newton Ray, III | | July |
| 10 Alan Adkins
Catherine Bauman | | 1 Mildred Ferrell
Richard Smith |
| 11 Ann Kinn | | 3 Marian Adkins
Earle Garrett, III |
| 12 Rusty Moore
Karen Blachura | | 4 John Ranson
Dianne Elliott
Andrew Love
Edgar Love |
| 13 Brook McFarland | | 5 Jenna Rudder |
| 14 Pattie Cairns | | |
| 17 Cami Rudder | | |

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

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

Our Worship Assistants

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June 10 – 8:30: John Morris, Tom Savistano, Butch Dalton. **11:00:** Frank Grogan, J.G. Hurt, Budge Kent, Gene Saunders, John Ranson, Kelly Brande (*alt*).

June 17 – 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*).

June 24 – 8:30: Bill Booker, Butch Dalton, Tom Savastano. **11:00:** Tom Leggett, J.G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (*alt*).

July 1 – 8:30: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, John Morris. **11:00:** Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Gene Saunders (*alt*).

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Jan Sutherland, Pattie Cairns, Joyce Obstler, Robyn Dalton



Our deepest sympathy

To Jan and Jim Sutherland. Jan's father,
Ralph Allen, died on May 8.

To Briggs and Beth Bauman. Briggs's father,
the Rev. Frank Bauman, died on May 9.

To Kelly and Eddie Long. Kelly's father,
Donald Frank Lynn, died on May 20.

To Fred and Shirley Duncan. Fred's brother,
Bob Duncan, died on May 22.

To the family of Anne Martin Garrett,
who died on May 31.

Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

<i>Week of</i>	<i>8:30</i>	<i>11:00</i>	<i>Contributions</i>
May 6	26	111	\$8,330
May 13	35	145	6,947
May 20	34	152	4,942
May 27	31	97	5,596



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.



Project Crossroads 2012

Our team of youth and adults will travel to Marion, Virginia, July 15–20, to assist elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners with much-needed repairs. Additional volunteers are always welcome!

Call Beth Bauman (489-6514) or Frank Cuthrell (793-8095) for more information.

Crossroads Team-Building at Wildwood: June 3, 2012



Children's House Openings for Summer and Fall

Mount Vernon's preschool, Children's House, may be able to take one more 2-year-old in the Summer Session, which meets – just for fun! – on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:25 a.m. till 12:25 p.m. in June and July. The fee for the entire session is \$160.



The summer session after-school program ("Munch Bunch") has openings for all preschool ages. It meets from 12:30 till 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For the 2012–2013 school year, the 4-year-old class is filled, but Director Bonnie Williams says there may be a few openings in the 3-year-old, 2-year-old, and crib-toddler classes.

Please call Bonnie for more information, 793-3713.

