



2012 Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk



ending hunger one step at a time

Sunday, October 7
At Mount Vernon

Registration at 2:30 p.m.
Walk begins at 3:00!

We will have a 1 mile and a 5K walk.

Refreshments and entertainment
in the fellowship hall after the walk.

**If you cannot walk on October 7, you may wish
to make a donation to help alleviate hunger and
poverty in Danville and around the world.**

Please make check to "CWS/CROP."



**Thank you to Tobias Lutz
for cooking the great
chili lunch, and to our
youth for serving and
cleaning up!**



**Sept. 30:
Chili Lunch
fundraiser
for CROP
Walk!**



Church Membership Self-Awareness Exercise

When we join a congregation of Christ's church throughout the world ... we vow to commit to its ministries through our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, AND SERVICE.

Will you take a moment to reflect on where you are today with regard to your membership vow to Mount Vernon UMC?

PRAYERS

- I pray daily for my congregation and how God is guiding all of us to a full life.
- I pray about once a week when I think about it.
- I pray that I will be a strong member and a blessing to someone every day.

PRESENCE

- I attend Sunday worship service every week and am involved in a couple of ministries sponsored by my church.
- I come to church every now and then, and I haven't joined any groups or class.
- I never miss Christmas or Easter – I like to come to the parties and picnics.

GIFTS

- I give to God maybe 1% to 2% of my annual earnings (probably \$500 a year).
- I enjoy giving 5% to 7% of my earnings (maybe \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year).
- I devote a tithe of 8% to 10% of my annual earnings (about \$3,000 to \$5,000).

SERVICE

- I belong to a Sunday school class or women's circle or music or study group, and sometimes teach or lead discussions.
- I share my faith with the congregation through my spiritual gifts – teaching, hospitality, music, encouragement, handiwork, art, leadership, and/or visitation.
- I go on mission trips and volunteer in the community to help neighborhoods and individuals improve their life.

Do you truly love God and try to follow God's intent? Do you love Christ's church? Do you experience community and love when you participate in all facets of congregational life? Will you share this experience with your neighbors? Will you invest financially in passing on this experience to younger generations?



**Commitment Sunday
is October 21.**

*How deep will
your commitment
to Christ be
in the coming year?*

*Commitment Sunday
is October 21.
We bring our pledges
to the altar.*



Cast of a Thousand Voices

What a wonderful sight it was to see the choir loft so full of people singing! The sound that came from the choir was marvelous.

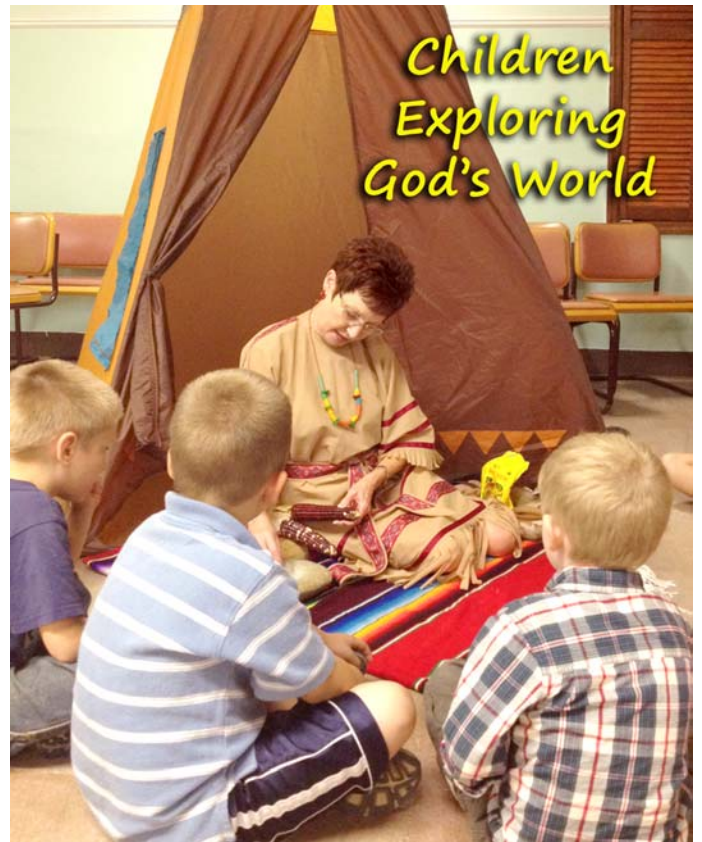
In case you missed the opportunity to sing with us, we will do another one on October 21. That is our Commitment Sunday following our stewardship campaign, and it would be wonderful to see a great percentage of the church involved in singing an anthem together.

We will sing "The First Song of Isaiah" on October 21, with its wonderful message that is great to have in your heart. This piece will have brass, organ, handbells, and — I hope — a cast of a thousand voices!

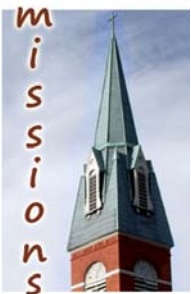
You may speak to me in person or e-mail me if you are interested at tnavis53093@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your participation!

— Tim Navis



Our children have been enjoying learning about people from different cultures on Wednesday nights! Leaders Sue Davis and helpers Vicki Johnston, Elizabeth Hylton, Elizabeth Payne, and Sarah Hawkins have led them in exciting stories, crafts, and music. They are learning about Native Americans, Mexicans, South Africans, Haitians, and more. All children are invited to join in the fun!



They did it!! **Henry Fork Service Center** recently qualified to receive a new **mini-van** and a white one is now on order! They are now saving soup labels to help purchase computers, classroom materials, books, playground equipment, and other items to make the children's time at Henry Fork meaningful ... so

continue to eat Campbell's Soup, clip the bar code area of each label, and drop the labels in the basket in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

The Mount Vernon Missions Committee has reserved a table for eight (8) at the **Charlotte Seegars Mission**

Banquet to be held Sunday, **November 11**, 6:00 p.m., at Brosville UMC. The cost per person is \$50, and all proceeds will provide support to the Henry Fork operating budget and the Charlotte Seegars Endowment Fund. Two seats have



been reserved already, so we are now offering six (6) seats. Tobias Lutz has volunteered to drive the church bus. If you would like to be a part of a fun evening and learn more about Henry Fork Service Center, please contact the church office.

Mitten Tree Needed! Our Christmas tree that has been used for the Mitten Tree for many years is now being retired. We are in need of a 6-foot artificial tree to erect in the hallway outside the fellowship hall for acceptance of mittens, gloves, caps, and scarves. If you have a tree you would like to donate to the church for this use each year, please contact the church office.



Operation Christmas Child will get underway in October. Watch for information around the church and in the Sunday bulletins!

Elizabeth Hylton to Coordinate Our Children's Church

Elizabeth Hylton is our new Children's Church coordinator! At the 11 a.m. service, after the children's sermon preschool children are invited to go with their leaders to the Youth room where they will continue the lesson they have begun in Godly Play that morning. Many thanks to our Children's Church volunteers: Joyce Underwood, Sam Newell, Barbara Davis, Ashlyn Payne, Linda Saunders, and Melissa Charles. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth (eshylton@gmail.com).



The Children's Library at Mount Vernon is now open for business! Please visit us on the second floor anytime to browse or sign out books with our lending form.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Loyola Treasury of Saints has been donated in honor of Ann Hurt, for her dedicated leadership of Godly Play.

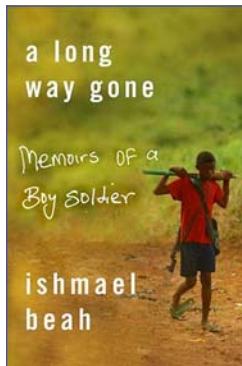
Exodus has been donated in honor of Beth deAristizabal, for her dedicated leadership of Vacation Bible School.

View our wish list online at WishList.com/MountVernonUMC.

BOOK SPOTLIGHT

On Our Shelves

A Long Way Gone, by Ishmael Beah (Youth). The author, who is now twenty-five years old, tells a riveting story: "...how at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. ... A rare and mesmerizing account, told with real literary force and heartbreaking honesty."



On Our Wish List

A Life Like Mine, by Harry Belafonte (Intermediate). "Presented in conjunction with UNICEF, this book provides remarkable insight on how children from all over the globe lead their lives in different and fascinating ways."

Coming Soon

Sarah Laughs, by Jacqueline Jules (Children). "This biblical story tells of the elderly Sarah who laughs in delight when she overhears three strangers tell her husband Abraham that he will soon become a father. When a son is born to her the following year she names him Isaac, which means laughter, and the world rejoices with her."

— Angela Longerbeam, Children's Council Coordinator

*Book descriptions from Goodreads.com



Meet Lude Labieville

In the devastating earthquake in Haiti's capital in January 2010, more than 200,000 people were killed, and schools, businesses, and infrastructure were destroyed. Most of Haiti's universities and all professional schools were in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and were severely damaged or destroyed, and many professional people – doctors, nurses, administrators, teachers, and government workers – were killed. Since that time, the United Methodist Church and other faith-based and government organizations around the world have sought to help Haiti rebuild.

According to development experts, one of the best ways to help a developing country is to provide a high-quality education for some of the brightest, most talented young people who are completely committed to returning to their country to provide leadership in medicine, development, law, and other fields. We are very excited to introduce Lude Labieville, a Haitian student who is a freshman at Averett University.

Lude was born and raised in Cap-Haitien, on the northern coast of Haiti. She is one of ten children in her family. In 2008 she began dental school in Port-au-Prince, and she was about to begin her third year of studies when the school was destroyed by the earthquake. In 2011 Lude



was selected to be one of four Haitian students who came to Richmond with the "I Have a Dream" Foundation. She spent one year in Richmond in intensive ESL (English) and academic classes to prepare herself to attend a four-year university.

Because of the generosity of Averett University, which has provided a scholarship, and Gary and Lin Benefield (members of Mount Vernon UMC), who are providing room and board in their home, Lude has begun her freshman year at Averett. Six thousand dollars are needed per semester for Lude to continue her education. All contributions will be used for tuition at Averett.

Lude plans to return to Haiti upon completion of her education to assist with the recovery. She is a delightful person with a compelling personality and a powerful story of God's transforming work in the midst of extraordinary hardship – a story she shared at Mount Vernon's Wednesday night program on September 12.

You can meet Lude on most any Sunday at Mount Vernon at the 11 a.m. service or at Wednesday night suppers.

Commitment Sunday
— October 21 —





The Church Bus Is Waiting

The Evangelism Committee plans to sponsor day trips using our church bus. For example, on September 24 the Aldersgate Ringers enjoyed going on the bus together to visit several beautiful gardens in Greensboro, NC, at the invitation of the Chairman of "Greensboro Beautiful" and former Music Director at Mount Vernon – Bob Capen. It was great to see Bob again, and as they say, "a good time was had by all."

Please give us your ideas for destinations! Call or e-mail Gary Benefield (lgbenefield@comcast.net; cell 489-9530; home 797-1966).

Dinner for the GW High School Football Team

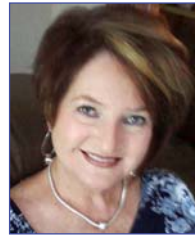
On Friday, November 2, we will host a meal before the GWHS football game for the team and coaches. Last year, the team came to Mount Vernon, but this time we will serve the meal at the school. Please let us know if you are willing to help. We will need several volunteers to prepare food, set up, serve, and clean up after the meal. Call or e-mail Gary Benefield (lgbenefield@comcast.net; 489-9530; 797-1966).



To Patrick and Amanda Turbiville, whose son Charles Lee Turbiville was born on August 7, 2012. He is the grandson of Pierce and Judie Turbiville.

To John and Beth Ranson, whose grandson John Harrison Dorno was born on August 29, 2012. He is the son of Emily and Jeff Dorno and the great-grandson of Howard Ranson.

Bonnie Williams, Director of Children's House, on Leave



Bonnie Williams has taken a medical leave of absence as she receives treatment for breast cancer. Bonnie has faithfully led our weekday preschool program for more than twenty years, and our thoughts and prayers are with her in the challenge she is now facing. Lindsay Payne is serving as Interim Director of Children's House. We look forward to Bonnie's return when she is able. Her address is 1120 Kemper Road Extension, Danville, VA 24541.

Wednesday Dinners and Programs

6:00 p.m., Dinner
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Programs

Oct. 3 Covered-dish dinner.
Programs: "Celebrating Five Years of CROP Walks in Danville," in the FH
"Children Exploring God's World," each week in the Youth room.
Young Adults discussion group, each week.

Oct. 10 Orange chicken, vegetables, dessert
"Fred Pratt Green - Hymn Writer," by Barry Foster, in the FH

Oct. 17 Mexican food
"Red Bird Mission," by Tobias Lutz

Oct. 24 Pizza, salad, dessert
"Halloween Party"



Oct. 31: **NO SUPPER or PROGRAMS**

October 7, 2012

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Scripture: Hebrews 10: 1–14
Sermon: "The Atonement"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

October 14, 2012

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

October 21, 2012

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
Scripture: John 3: 1–21
Sermon: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

October 28, 2012

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Scripture: John 3:16–17; 14:1–7; 15: 9–11
Sermon: "God's Love Songs"
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

French Music for the Grand Orgue

Susan Keck Foster, Organist
November 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem
Music of the French masters (including Couperin, Franck, Dupre), played on the newly restored Aeolian-Skinner organ. The recital is free; an offering will be taken.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

At home: **Bill Hardy,
Zane Kinn, Margaret Powell**

At Roman Eagle:
**Virginia Farley, Lucy Scarce,
Zula Callahan, Barbara Dyer**

At Riverside Healthcare:
Greg Read

In Raleigh: **Vitula Porter**

At Stratford House:
**Marjorie Hood, May Bergman,
Becky Farthing, Sylvia Gibbs,
Paul and Helen Stanfield**

At Stratford House Rehab:
Mildred Ferrell

At Our Lady of Hope
(Richmond): **Alyce Roach**

October

1 Patrick Clifton
Rob Coleman
Nell Fredericksen
Ella Payne
Jason Payne
Bill Stephens

2 Fred Duncan
3 Jimmy Anglea
Scott Pearce

5 Eric Keck
Katherine Milam

6 Lois Love
7 Ali Stephens-
Pickeral

8 Melissa Charles
Bobbie Ray
Womack

10 Wyatt Scott

11 Catherine Rickmond

12 Betty Ann Smith
Zachary Smith

13 Stuart Coleman
Bailey Jones

14 Lyndsey Long
Ben Parrish
Emily Potts

15 Fred Evans
Scott Garrett

16 Sally Lea Burton

17 Ben Caldwell
Jesse Mayhew
James Swain
Colton Payne

18 Kristin Fuquay
Lesley Harden

19 Jennifer Ashby
DeSanto

Jim Cheyney
Robyn Dalton
Hayward Majors
Art McMillan
Ken Miller

20 Meredith Ray
Carolyn Smith

21 Julia Gibson

24 Skipper Morton

26 Barry Foster
Peggy Handy
Caden Payne

27 Frank Grogan

29 Nathan Payne
Diane Wall

30 Abby deAristizabal
Helen Jones

31 Patricia Wyatt

November

2 Kelly Brande
Mark Turbiville
Steve Weber
Evan Brooks

3 Chuck Irby
Joyce Lewis

4 Bill Hardy
Evan Navis



Our Worship Assistants

USHERS

October 7: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, John
Morris (*alt*)

11:00: Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges,
Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Gene Saunders (*alt*)

October 14 - 8:30: John Morris, Tom Savastano,
Butch Dalton

11:00: Frank Grogan, J. G. Hurt, Budge Kent, Gene
Saunders, John Ranson, Kelly Brande (*alt*).

October 21 - 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*)

October 28 - 8:30: Bill Booker, Butch Dalton, John
Morris

11:00: Tom Leggett, J.G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles
Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (*alt*)

November 4 - 8:30: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, John
Morris (*alt*)

11:00: Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges,
Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Gene Saunders (*alt*)

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Betty Turner, Jan Sutherland, Beth deAristizabal,
Martha B. Hylton

Our Deepest Sympathy to...

*The family of Don Moore,
who died on September 7, 2012.*

*The family of Nancy Barker,
who died on September 22, 2012.*

*The family of Irene Guthrie,
who died on September 28, 2012.*

Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Sept. 2	28	82	\$8,633
Sept. 9	36	109	5,063
Sept. 16	30	128	8,524
Sept. 23	24	149	4,498
Sept. 30	24	158	5,064



*On Commitment Sunday, October 21,
we bring our pledges to the altar.*



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.



2012 Annual Picnic



Youth Retreat



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