



Spring Musical

By Our Children and Youth

Sunday, April 14

At the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service

(No 8:30 Service!)

“It’s OK to Be Different!”



Tim Navis Organ Recital

Tim Navis, Mount Vernon’s Director of Music, will perform his Master’s Recital at Mount Vernon Church on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 P.M.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

It’s Registration Time!

Registration for the **Children’s House Summer Session** opened on Monday, April 8. The session is offered in June and July on Wednesdays and Thursdays (except Vacation Bible School week, June 24–28) from 9:25 A.M. till 12:25 P.M. The cost is \$160 for the entire session.

Children’s House is accepting **registrations for this fall** for children ages 9 months to 4 years. Registration forms can be picked up beside the classrooms or by calling Lindsay Payne, Director (548-8080).



May 5: Choral Communion Service

At the 11:00 A.M. service on Sunday, May 5, the Aldersgate Choir will sing

SCHUBERT
Mass
in G

Schubert’s “Mass in G” as part of the Holy Communion service.

New Members Class in THREE Sessions

April 14, 21, and 28

9:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

All sessions will be held in the **Pastor’s Office**.

April 14 – Session 1:

John and Charles Wesley;
United Methodist Beliefs and Traditions

April 21 – Session 2:

History of Mount Vernon Church

April 28 – Session 3:

United Methodist Polity;
Explanation of the Worship Service;
Reception into the Church during the 11:00 A.M. worship service



All visitors and church members are welcome to participate in these sessions.

11:00 A.M., Sunday, April 28

Service of Reception into the Congregation

A reception in honor of our new members will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11 A.M. worship service!

Youth News

Our **SENIOR BANQUET** to honor seniors John Southward and Angel Moore will be Sunday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars to come and help us celebrate this special occasion.

PROJECT CROSSROADS: July 28 –August 2. Once again our youth and adult leaders will travel to Southwest Virginia to assist low-income elderly and disabled residents with home repairs. For twelve years we have traveled to the Appalachian mountains and foothills to serve. All youth (grade 6 and above) and adults are invited to join us for a very special time of hard work and lots of fun. We stay in a nice church gym and work on projects like building or repairing porches, interior and exterior painting, adding/repairing underpinning, etc. For more information, please talk with Frank Cuthrell or Beth Bauman.



Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 through 6th grade will be **June 24–28**. Our theme is ***Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth***. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to serve as small group

leaders; assist with crafts, recreation, drama, or music; help transform the Fellowship Hall into ancient Greece; and more. Please call Beth deAristizabal, Director, to volunteer or for information (792-7766).

Children's House Director Search

Applications for Children's House Director are being accepted. We seek a motivated, caring professional to direct our highly regarded preschool program. Preference will be given to applicants who have a two- or four-year degree in early childhood education or a related field, as well as experience in the field. The office hours are flexible on Monday and Tuesday and 9:00 A.M. –1:00 P.M. on Wednesday and Thursday. Some work can be done from home. (The full job description is on the Mount Vernon Web site.) Interested persons may submit a resume and cover letter to Lindsay Payne, 107 W. Main Street, Danville 24541. – *Lindsay Payne, Interim Director*

Since August, we have been blessed to have Lude Labieville as part of our church family. Lude is from Cap-Haitien, Haiti, and was a dental student in Port-au-Prince when the earthquake destroyed her school and nearly all the universities in Haiti.



Lude is an active member of Mount Vernon, singing with the youth ensemble, assisting with the youth Sunday School class, and serving on the CROP Walk Planning Team.

Thanks to a half-tuition scholarship from Averett University, room and board with Gary and Lin Benefield, and donations from generous supporters, Lude is able to pursue her dream of getting her education and returning to Haiti to establish a dental clinic. The Haitian Student Education Fund was established to collect money for her educational expenses.

Lude's birthday is April 29. If you would like to contribute to the fund to honor her birthday (Shhhh... it's a secret), checks should be made to "Mt. Vernon UMC, with "Haitian Student Fund" in the memo line. If you would like to send a card, please send it to jher a call the office for her address.

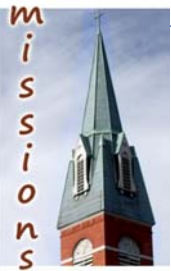
Children's Mission Project – Art Supplies for Burundi

Beth Bauman will be going Burundi in Central Africa in May to visit her daughter at Village Health Works. Beth will work with the children in Africa on art projects and can take a suitcase of art supplies and other useful items. If any children would like to send something along with Beth, the following items are needed:

- Fabric markers
- White sheets (for murals and banners)
- Glitter
- Soccer balls (deflated) and small hand pump (available at Dick's)
- Colorful tissue paper
- Children's art smocks (total needed 25–30)
- DVDs – Nature videos and cartoons (nothing violent as they are recovering from civil war). Children are learning English so English-language videos are fine.

Call Beth (489-6514) if you have questions.





We Have a Heart for Helping!

The Missions Committee recently asked Mount Vernon members and groups to supply information about the myriad ways we do “missions” – our time and talents and acts of love, as well as dollars. Here is a summary of what was reported for last year.

United Methodist Women	\$ 2,560	General Board of Global Ministries: Clara Biswas	2,888
Landis Class Womack Fund	33,459	CROP Walk	3,375
Landis Sunday School Class	1,299	Habitat for Humanity	1,255
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	8,690	Carpenter's Project	4,123
Mt. Vernon Foundation	18,064	Run for Red Bird	1,100
Young Adults Relay for Life	3,200	Operation Christmas Child	914
UMCOR	1,113	Community Christmas Dinner	200
VBS for HEIFER International	325	Haitian Student Fund	7,410
HEIFER International	1,255	Henry Fork Service Center	1,655
NAMI	4,260		
Project Crossroads	4,690	Total contributed by Mount Vernon members	\$101,835

Six families benefited by Carpenter's Project

262 knitted items delivered by Knitting Group

55 prayer requests received by the Prayer Chain

Bereaved church families received lunch from TLT (Triangle Lunch Team)

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) provided support for 15 to 20 families at monthly meetings

Monthly communion at Stratford House and many cards, gifts, and visits to homebound members were provided by our Caring Ministry

55 School Kits and 2 Layette Kits delivered to Kits for Conference

196 lbs. food and toiletries delivered to God's Storehouse

Campbell Soup labels forwarded to Henry Fork Service Center to help complete 1.6 million goal for new van (recently dedicated)

19 Christmas boxes delivered to Operation Christmas Child

Dinner for the George Washington High School football team provided by the Evangelism Committee

Winter outerwear delivered to Community Christmas Dinner

Two large boxes of mittens, gloves, scarves and hats delivered to Cherokee children

Toys and school supplies delivered to Henry Fork Service Center

3 suppers for Danville Free Clinic provided by UMW

Sunday School class taught at Emeritus

THOUSANDS of cards, foods, and gifts delivered to members and friends by our members

THOUSANDS of volunteer hours and miles for given by our members for our community and church needs

– Mary Franks, Missions Chair

Contributions to the Haitian Student Fund have been received from

Cousins Foundation

Dr. Gary Miller

Susie Crews

Children's House Scholarship

A scholarship fund has been established by the Children's House Board of Directors. Each year, a scholarship is awarded to a child based on financial need. Application forms are available in the church office and from the Children's House Director, Lindsay Payne, 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.

2013 Contributions for **One Great Hour of Sharing:**
\$947.00

Contributions to the 2013 **Lenten Offering:**
\$2,454.00
(as of April 4, 2013)



At Dan Daniels Park Shelter #17
Look for an e-mail with details.

– Melissa Herke



A Cuban farmer shows his pet cow to Kathryn Waters (at right) and Victoria Fitzgerald from Chatham Hall.

A gift in memory of
D. J Underwood

has been received from Vicki & David Johnston.

Gifts in memory of
Barbara Dyer

have been received from John Hiltzeimer, Lois Love, Jesse & Verla Wall, Mrs. Peyton Hatcher, Fran & Bob Ashby, Tom & Betty Leggett, Nelson & Emma Rich, Ellen Beville, Harry & Margaret Milam, Budge & Carolyn Kent, Betty Fuller, and Jessie & Jerrye Mayhew.

Gifts in memory of
Lucy Scarce

have been received from Jesse & Verla Wall, Howard & Jan Lester, Pat Maurakis, Harry & Margaret Milam, Tom & Betty Leggett, UMW Circle #1, and Joyce & Harold Gibson.

A gift in memory of
Don Moore

has been received from Walter & Geraldine Sherman.

A gift in memory of
Barbara Marshall Shields,

grandmother of Elizabeth Hylton, great grandmother of Caroline & Emily Hylton, has been received from Mary & Jerry Franks.

Gifts in memory of
Bill Smith's sister, Claudia Floyd,

have been received from Harry & Margaret Milam and Catherine Bendall.

My Spring Break in Cuba

I spent my spring break in Cuba with my school, Chatham Hall, this year. Twenty-six girls and nine adults spent ten days in Cuba, four of which were service days. We visited the Belén Convent, the equivalent of a senior citizen home, and sang and also danced a little with them. It was great to see the senior citizens dancing, singing, and playing games. The different languages didn't seem to matter to these men and women who seemed thrilled to have company. The next day, we went to Quisicuba, an organization for senior citizens, and spent the morning painting a mural in part of their main room. We heard a comedic poem by one of their members, and then we sang and performed a short dance for them.

We spent one day on an eco-community and organic urban farm and pulled weeds for them. We were able to eat lettuce right out of the garden and we drank from a coconut that had just been cut off the tree. We had a lunch of food that had been grown or, in the case of meats, raised right on the farm. One day was spent at the metropolitan park in Havana. We were put in three groups, and my group went to a small German castle that had been turned into an art gallery where we did some cleaning. The others worked in the gardens.

I really enjoyed doing all the service work in Cuba. We were able to interact with people in a way that we couldn't have from just touring the place. I am also pleased to know that we left our mark in Cuba. I would suggest going there to anyone. – Kathryn Waters

Children's Library Book Spotlight

On Our Wish List: One Well: The Story of Water on Earth, by Rochelle Strauss, Rosemary Woods

"Seen from space, our planet looks blue. This is because almost 70 percent of Earth's surface is covered with water. Earth is the only planet with liquid water—and therefore the only planet that can support life. All water is connected. Every raindrop, lake, underground river and glacier is part of a single global well. Water has the power to change everything—a single splash can sprout a seed, quench a thirst, provide a habitat, generate energy and sustain life. How we treat the water in the well will affect every species on the planet, now and for years to come. *One Well* shows how every one of us has the power to conserve and protect our global well. *One Well* is part of CitizenKid: A collection of books that inform children about the world and inspire them to be better global citizens." – Description taken from Goodreads.com

View our wish list online at WishList.com/MountVernonUMC

Library News

A donation of *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park was made to the Children's Library by Ann Williamson. Thank you, Ann!



Spring SERRV Sale a Success

The SERRV Committee would like to thank Mount Vernon for its participation in our spring catalog sale. Total sales of Easter candy and handmade items crafted in developing countries amounted to \$1,197.42! Proceeds from the spring sale will directly benefit SERRV's programs and participants around the world.

We still have chocolate for sale! Delicious, fair-trade milk

chocolate and toffee chocolate bars are available outside the church office for \$2 apiece. We cannot return unsold chocolate to SERRV, so please relieve of us these bars before we are forced to eat all of them ourselves! Proceeds from our chocolate bar sale will go to Mount Vernon's Children's Council, in support of children's programs and the children's library.

– Angela Longerbeam

April Birthdays

6 Lee Shreve
Jack Spainhour
Morgan Wall

7 Beth Payne

9 Mary Ellen Dean

11 Stuart Bray

12 Tom Underwood

15 Ellen Joyce
Suzanne Miller
Anne Powell
Judie Turbiville

16 Leslie Shreve
Kathryn Waters
Brian Cuthrell

17 Frank Davis
Verla Wall

18 Betty Turner

19 Cameron Booker
Townes Lea

21 Mary Ellen Carter

22 Susan Davis
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

29 Lude Labieville

30 Max Glass, Jr.
Vickie Williams

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

Congratulations!

To Thomas and Jennifer Underwood, whose daughter,
Collins Harper Underwood, was born on March 1.
She is the granddaughter of
Tom and Joyce Underwood.

To Stephanie and Zane Zickefoose, whose daughter
Zara Elizabeth Zickefoose was born on March 14.
She is the granddaughter of
Jack and Libby Spainhour.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

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

At Roman Eagle:
Zula Callahan,

At Riverside Healthcare:
Greg Read, Howard Ranson

In Raleigh: **Vitula Porter**

At Stratford House:
**May Bergman, Becky
Farthing, Marjorie Hood,
Newton Ray, Sr.**

At Stratford House Rehab:
Mildred Ferrell

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

Attendance, Tithes, and Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
March 3	24	106	\$11,900
March 10	25	129	6,358
March 17	22	181	4,830
March 24	31	149	4,162
March 31	37	230	6,348

Our Worship Assistants

USHERS

APRIL 14 – 8:30: NO EARLY SERVICE

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

APRIL 21 – 8:30: Fred Duncan, Jim Bucklew, Tom Booker

11:00: Tom Leggett, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy
Hodges, Bill Smith, Frank Grogan (*alt.*)

APRIL 28 – 8:30: Bill Booker, Darrell Williamson, Tom Booker

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

MAY 5 – 8:30: Fred Duncan, Jim Bucklew, Darrell Williamson

11:00: Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Tom
Leggett, Tom Underwood, Drank Davis (*alt.*)

ALTAR GUILD

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

May: Ann Williamson, Emma Rich, Betty Fuller, Beth Payne,
Abby DeAristizabal



Our Deepest Sympathy to

*The family of Barbara Ann Dyer,
who died on March 23.*

*The family of Lucy Francis Scarce,
who died on March 25.*



**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.

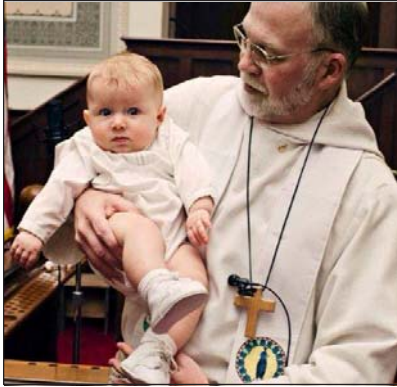
Palm Sunday



Easter Sunday

Baptism of Cutler Jonathan Payne

Son of Jason and Lindsay
Payne and grandson of
Beth and Lester Payne.



Reserve Tickets for Garden Week Luncheon

The Danville Tour, Historic Garden Week, is Thursday, April 25. Our United Methodist Women are serving luncheon from 11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Fellowship Hall. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Order and prepay tickets by April 15, by mailing a check, payable to "UMW-Mt. Vernon UMC," to Lois Love, 123 Candlewood Road, Danville. Tickets are \$12 each.



Eat Out to Help Out!

**On Tuesday, May 7,
26 Danville restaurants
will donate 10% of their
total sales to
God's Storehouse.**



**Lists of participating restaurants will be
posted around the church and available in the
church office.**

Services of Worship

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

April 14, 2013

No 8:30 service today!

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Scripture:

1 John 4: 16b – 21 and
5: 1 – 4; Luke 6: 27 – 36

Musical:

"It's OK to Be Different!"

By Our Children and Youth

April 21, 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Scripture: Luke 19: 1 – 10

Sermon:

"Salvation: What Does the
Church Offer"

Rev. Barry S. Foster

April 28, 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Scripture:

Acts 11: 1 – 18

Sermon:

"Alternatives"

Rev. Barry S. Foster

May 5, 2013

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

HOLY COMMUNION

Schubert's Choral

"Mass in G"

The Aldersgate Choir