



### Mount Vernon UMC Leadership Day

**Saturday, January 21, 2012**  
**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

*Nursery is provided.*

<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b> (In the Fellowship Hall)
<b>9:40 a.m.–10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Committee Meetings</b>
	<i>Committee                      Room</i>
	Education                      Two-Year-Old Classroom, E-126
	Evangelism                      Boomers S.S. Room, 208
	Congregational Life                      Chapel
	Worship                      Sanctuary
	Finance/Stewardship                      Parlor
	Trustees & Property                      Fellowship Hall
	Staff/Parish                      Choir Room, 205
	Mission                      Hamlin-Buchanan Room, 104
	Young Adult Council                      Young Adult Sunday School Classroom, E-221
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Commissioning Service</b> in the Sanctuary
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

### **BRUNSWICK STEW**

**The Second and Final Stew of This Season**  
**Saturday, January 14**

Purchase tickets in the church office (\$5/quart) if you want to reserve your stew. Pick up stew on Saturday, starting at 11:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. The Stew is a fundraiser for Mount Vernon's summer mission project, "ASP: Project Crossroads '12" (July 15–20).



### **Old Chairs from the Fellowship Hall To Be Available Soon**

Make a donation (\$25 per chair), and get an antique chair. Donations will go toward refurbishing the Fellowship Hall. *Limited time only!* Pick out your chairs on:

**Sunday, January 15, for one hour**  
immediately after the 11 a.m. service

*Or:* **Monday, January 16, from 3 to 6 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 17, from 8 to 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday, January 18, from 4 to 5 p.m.**

Please note that these are the *only* times when someone from the Finance, Property, or Evangelism Committees will be available to assist you.

### **New Members Classes 2012: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Classes offered three Sundays, from 9:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. All sessions will be held in the CHAPEL.**

**February 5 – Session 1:** Explanation of Church Membership; History of Christianity

**February 12 – Session 2:** John and Charles Wesley; United Methodist Beliefs and Traditions

**February 19 – Session 3:** History of Mount Vernon UMC

Reception into the Church during the 11:00 a.m. worship service

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

**SERVICE OF RECEPTION INTO THE CONGREGATION: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, AT 11:00 A.M.**

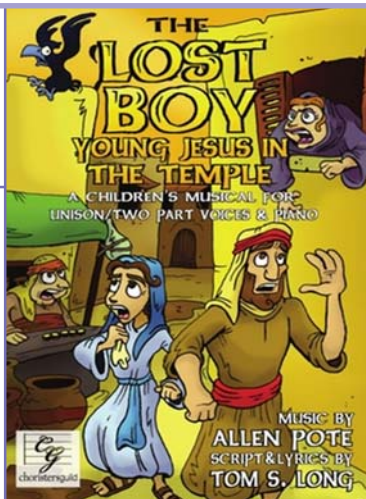
*A reception in honor of our new members will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service!*

**The Church Council Meets on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m.**

## The Lost Boy Young Jesus in the Temple

A musical  
for youth and children  
ages 3 and up

Rehearsals on Wednesday  
nights at 6:30 p.m.,  
beginning January 11



**PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**  
Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m.

*The message of "The Lost Boy"  
will speak to people of all ages. No matter how lost  
we may be or if we choose to look another way,  
God is always there waiting for us.*

## Knitting Group Shares Their Handmade Items

In the past year, Mount Vernon's knitting group made and donated 21 sweaters and 20 hats to the Community Christmas Dinner, 8 hats for the "Cherokee mitten tree," 7 hats for the Danville Cancer Association, 180 dish cloths for God's Storehouse, and 22 throws for the rehab center at Danville Regional Medical Center. This group has been meeting at the church on several Thursdays each month since October of 2004 to share knitting know-how, food, and fun. Anyone is welcome to join them at any time. Call Pat Giles or Nancy Evans for more information.

## Words of Hope from the House of Hope

*(Excerpts from the January 2012 newsletter)*

From Director Stephen Anderson: "In 2011, 155 guests stayed with us at a time in their lives when they had nowhere else to go. Many of these guests made positive progress and were successful in moving forward by getting a job and a place to stay after their time here. To God be the glory!

I want to thank each person who through their prayers, their time, and their donations of supplies and their money made House of Hope a place that they can be proud of. We could not exist if not for your love that you show by your continued support."

## Thank you! To all who participated in the many celebrations of Christmas at Mount Vernon

... To those who finished painting the walls and installing the new floor in the Fellowship Hall, just in time for a wonderful Wednesday dinner (enjoyed by some 120 people!) on the night of the Children's Christmas Pageant.

... To everyone, from age 2 and up, who participated in or facilitated our unforgettable Children's Christmas Pageant.

... To all those who gave memorial or honorary poinsettias for the sanctuary.

... To all the singers, bell ringers, instrumentalists, and readers who presented our "Lessons and Carols" program. And to everyone involved in the holiday reception that followed that program: those who planned, decorated, cooked, served, and cleaned up.

... To Joan Leggett, who has made a wonderful gift to Mount Vernon of the spectacular, large nativity set that was on display at the holiday reception after the Lessons and Carols service. And to Linda Saunders, who houses the nativity when it's not on display.



## Eddie Long Nails the Height of the Tree

Fourteen feet, four inches: that was the height of Mount Vernon's Chrismon tree in the sanctuary this year, and Eddie Long guessed it exactly. He wins \$50, and all the \$1 donations placed with the guesses go to God's Storehouse. Thank you to all who participated, and to Jesse and Verla Wall for donating the prize.

## Alzheimer's Training Event with Sharon Hughes

Friday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m.

At the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History

For information, contact: [Sharon.hughes@alz.org](mailto:Sharon.hughes@alz.org)

## Mark Your Calendar:

Community Ash Wednesday Service, February 22, 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church  
2012 Vacation Bible School, June 18 - 22

ASP:Project Crossroads '12, July 15-20

## January

- 10 Ann Hurt  
12 Sue Wickers  
13 Leah Cooter  
14 Patsi Compton  
Joyce Fuquay  
Stephanie Keck  
Kandiace Newhouse
- 27 Marlyn Sigmon  
Carey Wilkes  
28 Hugh Stoneburner  
29 Gordon Brooks Powell, IV  
31 Martha Evans Ray  
Peggy Wright



- 15 Terry Deane Harris  
16 Anna Blackmon Baer  
Joanne Bucklew  
John Hiltzheimer  
17 Cheryl Allen  
Tom Grogan  
18 Ruth Sager  
19 Judy Acker  
20 Trae Meder  
21 Robert McFarland, II  
22 Sandra Keck  
23 Kelly Long  
24 Carolyn Kent  
Darrell Williamson  
25 Jeff Ashby  
Beth Bauman  
Vickie Pearce  
26 Patrick Eller  
Bill Gammon

## February

- 2 Gayle Miller  
3 John Southward  
Matt Charles  
6 Courtney Bailey  
7 Lee Burton  
Jean Gauldin  
Pierce Turbiville  
Susan Turner  
8 Barbara Brande  
Davis  
9 Jay Barker  
Amanda Foster  
Steve Huff  
Jane McMillan  
Lewis Williamson  
11 Beth Eller  
Vicki Johnston

## Congratulations to Ali Stephens-Pickeral!

In December, Ali qualified for the Olympic swimming trials, 100 meter breast stroke. The trials will be held in Omaha, Neb., June 25–July 2. In November, Ali accepted an academic and athletic scholarship to Yale University. Ali is a senior at George Washington High School.



## Our Worship Assistants

### USHERS

- January 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.)  
**January 22 – 8:30:** Randy Handy, Butch Dalton, Tom Savastano (alt.)  
*11:00:* Tom Leggett, J.G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (alt.)  
**January 29 – 8:30:** Tom Booker, James Bucklew, Randy Handy, John Morris (alt.)  
*11:00:* Sam Newell and young adults  
**February 5 – 8:30:** Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, Randy Handy, John Morris (alt.)  
*11:00:* Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Gene Saunders (alt.)

### ALTAR GUILD

- January:** Jan Sutherland, Carol Williamson, Margaret Harden, Robyn Dalton  
**February:** Joyce Underwood, Leah Cooter, Shirley Duncan, Helen Stanfield

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

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

## Attendance, Tithes, and Gifts

<i>Week of</i>	<i>8:30</i>	<i>11:00</i>	<i>Contributions</i>
Dec. 4	30	122	\$7,535
Dec. 11	39	126	9,959
Dec. 18	38	133	6,097
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)		251	
Dec. 25	–	80	13,969

Giving envelopes for 2012 are on a table outside the church office to be picked up. If you don't wish to use envelopes or can't pick them up, please call the office, 793-6824, and speak with the Financial Secretary.

**In Case of Snow or Ice:** To find out whether we will hold Sunday morning worship services or Wednesday night supper and programs, please check any of the following:

### THE CHURCH WEB SITE

(Search "Mt Vernon, Danville VA" to find the church Web site easily.)

AM RADIO 1330 WBTM

FM RADIO 103.3 WAKG

WLSL TV 10

WDBJ TV 7



Please be safe! If it looks bad ... do not come out and risk an accident or injury.

# “Wonderful Wednesdays” Dinners and Programs Resume January 11



6:00 p.m. --- Dinner  
(\$6 for adults. Children eat for free.)

6:30–7:15 p.m. --- Programs and activities for all ages.  
Nursery provided.

## Menus

Jan. 11: *Covered Dish*

Jan. 18: Good Old-Fashioned Breakfast  
(Suzanne Miller)

Jan. 25: Chili and Baked Potatoes  
(Margaret Scott)

Feb. 1: *Covered Dish*

Feb. 8: Cajun/New Orleans (Vida Wilkes)

## Program Options for Adults

- (1) Rev. Barry Foster begins a new study, “Torah and Christianity,” in the Fellowship Hall.
- (2) “Tai Chi,” led by Wyona Witcher, in the Youth Room. (Tai chi is meditative movements practiced as a system of exercises.)

## “The Lost Boy” Musical for Children and Youth

- (1) Preschoolers in the children’s music room
- (2) Elementary and youth in the sanctuary

Mount Vernon is blessed to have wonderful cooks who prepared great meals during the past season of “Wonderful Wednesdays.” *Thank you to Suzanne Miller, Margaret Scott, Tammy Waters, and Vida Wilkes for sharing their talent and time!*

Another big thank you to our Parent Helpers and our Serving and Clean-up Teams!

## January 15

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Scripture: Isaiah 25:6–10; Mark 10:14–27  
Sermon: “Jewish/Christian Faith and Fairytales”  
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

## January 22

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Scripture: From the Book of Ruth  
Sermon: “Ruth and Naomi”  
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

## January 29

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Scripture: Hebrews 13:6–8, 15–21; Psalm 23  
Sermon: “The Beloved Psalm”  
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

## February 5

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Scripture: John 6:51–69  
Sermon: “To Whom Shall We Go?”  
The Rev. Barry S. Foster

## Mount Vernon UMC Lay Leadership - 2012

### Church Council - Sonny Morton, Chair

Dan Waters	Lay Leader	<b>Mary Franks</b>	Missions Chair
Lin Benefield	Recording Sec.; Communications	Sam Newell	Young Adults Council Chair
Budge Kent	Trustees Chair	<b>Lindsay Payne</b>	Children's House Board Chair
David Fuquay	Finance Chair	Fran Ashby	Memorials Chair
Budge Kent	Treasurer	<b>Bonnie Griffith</b>	UMW President
Carey Wilkes	Treasurer	Susan Daniel	Member-at-Large
Sonny Morton	Delegate, Annual Conf.	Lewis Williamson	Member-at-Large
Linwood Wright	Dist. Steward	Bill Smith	Member-at-Large
Frank Cuthrell	Property Chair	Bill Booker	Member-at-Large
Tammy Waters	Staff-Parish Relations	Steve Daniels	Member-at-Large
Pat Maurakis	Education Chair	Jerry Franks	Member-at-Large
Gary Benefield	Evangelism Chair	Peggy Handy	Member-at-Large
Catherine Bendall	Congregational Care Chair	Tim Navis	Music Director
Linwood Wright	Worship Chair	Beth Bauman	Children & Youth Director

### Trustees - Budge Kent, Chair [Three-year rotation]

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Randy Handy	Stephen Wyatt	<b>Matt Charles</b>
Lois Love	Libby Spainhour	<b>John Ranson</b>
Gary Miller	Budge Kent	<b>Anne Wood</b>

### Property - Frank Cuthrell, Chair

John Stoneburner	Peggy Wright, Parsonage	Andy Waggoner
John Ranson	Tom Underwood	Jesse Wall

### Leadership Development and Nominations - Barry Foster, Chair

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Ann Williamson	Leah Cooter	<b>John Morris</b>
Carolyn Kent	Martha Jo Hodges	<b>Fred Evans</b>

### Finance and Stewardship - David Fuquay, Chair

Shirley Gammon, Finan.	Jim Daniel	Ken Miller
Carey Wilkes, Treasurer	Glenn Giles	Joyce Obstler
Budge Kent, Treasurer	Ellen Joyce	Fran Ashby, Memorials
	<b>Lois Love</b>	

### Staff/Parish Relations - Tammy Waters, Chair [Three-year rotation] Dan Waters, Lay Leader

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Joyce Underwood	Jim Moyer	<b>Richard Turner</b>
Bill Griffith	Bill Smith	<b>Verla Wall</b>

### Education - Pat Maurakis, Chair

Tommy Hodges	Mary Lou Dunn	Suzanne Miller	Tom Leggett, Scouting Rep.
Beth DeAristizabal	Martha Jo Hodges	Frank Cuthrell, Librarian	Beth Bauman, Children & Youth

Please note that **all** Council and Committee meetings are open to **any** member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.  
If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact Barry Foster, 793-6824.

## Mount Vernon UMC Lay Leadership - 2012 (con't)

### Worship - Linwood Wright, Chair

Nell Jefferson, Flower Chair

Tom Leggett, Usher Chair

Tim Navis, Organist

Tammy Waters, Acolyte/Crucifer Chair

Jan Sutherland, Altar Guild

Peggy Wright, Music Committee

Carolyn Smith

Frances McMillan

Robert Sutter

Fran Ashby

Shirley Duncan

Melissa Charles

### Music – Peggy Wright, Chair

Suzanne Fisher

### Missions – **Mary Franks**, Chair

Beth Bauman

Rebecca Lutz

Margaret Milam

Betty Ann Smith

Carol Williamson

Barbara Dyer

Frances McMillan

Chuck Sampson

Jan Sutherland

Lewis Williamson

### Evangelism – Gary Benefield, Chair

Bonnie Griffith

Rosalind Morton

Mary Lou Dunn

Beth Ranson

Linda Saunders

Linda Sampson

Briggs Bauman

Lindsay Payne

Sally Burton

Vida Wilkes-

Kitchen/Dinners

### Congregational Care – Catherine Bendall, Chair

**Robyn Dalton**

Shirley Duncan

Suzanne Fisher

Betty Fuller

Peggy Handy

Randy Handy

Vicki Johnston

Betty Leggett

Lois Love

Margaret Milam

Elsie Slayton

Vera Stephens

Ruth Waggoner

Ann Williamson

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY CHURCH COUNCIL

### Young Adult Council – Sam Newell, Chair

Sally Burton

Matt Charles

Melissa Herke

Becky Lutz

Leslie Navis

Nathan Payne

### Memorials - Fran Ashby, Chair

Mary Franks

Joyce Fuquay

### Children's House Board - Lindsay Payne, Chair

Fran Ashby

Leah Cooter

Ely Foster

Angela Milam

Ashlyn Payne

Bonnie Williams, Children's House

Director

Beth Bauman, Ex-Officio

Please note that **all** Council and Committee meetings are open to **any** member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact Barry Foster, 793-6824.

## MOUNT VERNON FOUNDATION

Elizabeth Leggett, President

Tom Leggett, VP

Beth deAristizabal, Secretary

Ken Miller, Treasurer

2012

Beth Bauman

Ken Miller

Peggy Wright

Tammy Waters

2013

Lindsay Payne

Beth deAristizabal

Tom Underwood

John Morris

2014

Budge Kent

Tom Leggett

Elizabeth Leggett

Dan Waters