



### Holy Week Services



#### Palm Sunday

March 24  
8:30 & 11 a.m.



#### Holy Thursday

March 28  
7 p.m.



#### Good Friday

March 29  
12:30 p.m.



#### Easter

March 31  
8:30 & 11 a.m.

### Spring SERRV Sale Coming in March

Brightly-colored woven baskets, delicious fair trade chocolate, and handmade scarves inspired by the sea – these are just some of the items you will find at Mount Vernon's third SERRV sale, taking place during March.

SERRV, a nonprofit organization with over 60 years' experience, dedicates itself to eradicating poverty worldwide by providing opportunities and support to small farmers and artisans. Each purchase you make at the sale will directly benefit individuals working to improve their lives in countries such as Haiti, Cambodia, and Bangladesh. Choose, for instance, jewelry from India, and you will help a woman named Sophia, empowering her to make and keep earnings that will care for her



visually-impaired mother and send her younger nieces to school.

Place your orders for Easter sweets, springtime décor, summer wedding gifts, and more at our catalog sale. A few sample items will also be on display for purchase. Sale times will be:

**Wednesday, March 13 and 20,**  
after dinner in the fellowship hall  
**Sunday, March 17, in the parlor,**  
before and after the 11 a.m. service.  
We look forward to seeing you there.  
– The SERRV Committee

### 2013 Mount Vernon UMC Foundation Requests

Any requests for funding, including college scholarships, from the Mount Vernon Foundation must be submitted in writing to the church office by **Monday, April 1, 2013**. Scholarship applications are in the church office.

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Leggett, president of the Mount Vernon Foundation Board, at home at 793-2308 or by e-mail: [e.leggett@gamewood.net](mailto:e.leggett@gamewood.net).

### Please Remember Your Lent Offering

If you did not receive an envelope in the mail or have misplaced it, additional envelopes are available on tables outside all the sanctuary doors.



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Church Council Meeting**  
Monday, March 18, 7 p.m.

**Spring Musical**  
By Our Children and Youth  
Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m.

**Tim Navis Organ Recital**  
Sunday, April 28, 4 p.m.

**Choral Communion Service**  
Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School**  
June 24–28



*I would like to thank everyone who helped with and participated in the Lenten Festival of Unity. It was a wonderful weekend, and I hope all of you enjoyed the time we spent with each other. We have a very special church, and I hope the events of the weekend led many of you to reflect on how lucky we all are to be a part of Mount Vernon.*

*As the Lenten season continues, I hope each of us can pledge to give more of ourselves to Mount Vernon in the future. After all, giving to Mount Vernon is giving to Jesus, and the beauty of giving to both is receiving.*  
– Sam Newell

### Lenten Festival of Unity: Friday, February 22, Talent and Variety Show



Magic by  
Harper Mitchell



Piano solo by  
Ella Payne



Tango by Dan and  
Sam Newell



Additional photos from the Festival on pages 3, 5, 6!

Melissa Herke,  
Emcee

## Children's House Partners with Smart Beginnings

Exciting things are happening in our preschool program, Children's House! Last spring, Children's House Director Bonnie Williams and Beth Bauman attended a workshop on Smart Beginnings and were excited about what they learned. The mission of Smart Beginnings (a network of locally operated coalitions) in Danville and Pittsylvania County is to ensure that all children are ready to succeed in kindergarten and in life.

As a recently retired kindergarten teacher, I realize how much kindergarten has changed in the last few years. A child entering kindergarten should be able



to begin a formal reading program. Many children in kindergarten will be reading beginning reading books by Christmas. So a child's preschool experience is very important.

During a child's early years parents, teachers, and day care providers are encouraging and watching as the child grows emotionally, socially, physically, and mentally. Bonnie Williams and the Children's House Board of Directors decided that they wanted to ensure the

children at Children's House the best preschool experience possible, so Children's House partnered with Smart Beginnings to:

- Work toward a learning center-based experience for the children
- Provide more hands-on learning experiences for our children
- Encourage the teachers and assistant teachers to attend workshops and classes to maintain and to learn new teaching strategies
- Provide parents with useful information about parenting, transitions to kindergarten, and choosing quality child care



Ms. Bonnie faced health problems last August, but she felt so strongly about Smart Beginnings, she encouraged the Board and teachers to move forward with the program in her absence. This year Lindsay Payne, our interim director, has worked with teachers and Smart Beginnings. After I retired, I still loved education and young children, so I decided to work as a mentor for Smart Beginnings. I was allowed to work with Children's House as a mentor and was very excited about this, since I am a member of Mount Vernon Church.

Check out the faces of our Children's House preschoolers in the photos on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. You will see children who are excited about learning through play!

Registration for this fall is now open to the public. If you have neighbors or friends with young children, tell them about Children's House. Prospective parents are welcome to call our interim director, Lindsay Payne, at 548-8080, and schedule a time to visit Children's House.

Children's House is excited to be a Smart Beginnings pilot preschool program! Working with Smart Beginnings, Children's House can grow and change as our world changes to ensure that we continue to be a high-quality preschool, ensuring that our children are engaging in meaningful learning.

— Joyce Underwood

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

## Thank you, Ms. Bonnie, for 21 Years of Teaching Our Children!



After 21 years as the Director of Children's House,

Bonnie Williams has announced her retirement. We are thankful for the outstanding leadership she has provided as director and teacher over all the years, building the program from only five students to being one of the leading preschools in Danville.

We look forward to celebrating her retirement with a retirement party to which current and former students, teachers, and parents will be invited, and we will keep you informed as plans are finalized.

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Applications for Director are being accepted until April 1. We are seeking 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 are from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Some work can be done from home. (The full job description is on the Mount Vernon Church Web site.)

Interested persons may submit a resume and cover letter to Lindsay Payne, 107 W. Main Street, Danville, VA 24541.

— Lindsay Payne





### Congratulations to Pat Brachman Maurakis

A Maryland native, Pat came to Danville in 1958 when her husband, Russ Brachman, began a teaching career at Averett College. After the preacher from Mount Vernon “came to call,” and Mount Vernon members Francis and Herndon Pierce became their good friends, the Brachmans joined Mount Vernon. Russ died in 1999, and in 2002 Pat remarried, bringing Albert Maurakis into the church family.

Over the years, Pat has served on various committees, taught Sunday school, sung in the Epworth Choir, been the backbone of Vacation Bible School as the storyteller, and been a member of UMW Circle 1— all of which she continues to do. On January 13 the UMW honored her with their annual special recognition.

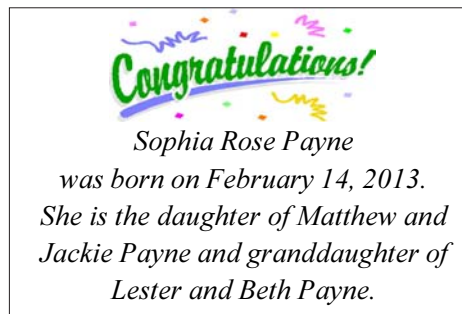
### It’s Time to Order Easter Lilies

The deadline for ordering Easter lilies is March 17. Lilies are \$18 each. Forms and instructions are outside the church office. To order by mail, indicate the name of someone to be remembered or honored and the name of the donor, and include a check made to Mount Vernon Church. For each lily ordered, \$3 will go to the Lent offering.



### Please Sign the Easter Cards

As the Easter season approaches, we would like to share Easter blessings with our “Special Friends.” Easter cards are posted on the “Special Friends” bulletin board located in the long hallway to the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to sign each card. They will be mailed on Monday, March 25.



On February 10, Paul and Helen Stanfield’s friends from the 8:30 service gathered to wish them well in their new home in Richmond. Their new address is 1715 Bellevue Ave B-416, Richmond VA 23227.

### Children’s Musical Rehearsals

Our children are hard at work preparing for their Spring Musical, “It’s OK to Be Different!” It will be presented on Sunday, April 14, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday after the fellowship dinner.

### Kathryn Waters to Go to Cuba

Kathryn Waters will travel to Cuba March 16–26 with a group from Chatham Hall. She will be working with several projects: street art, organic farming, a metropolitan park project, and a senior citizens center, in addition to touring. Please keep Kathryn in your prayers, and we will look forward to hearing about the trip when she returns.





### “Deeds and Dollars”

The Missions Committee is requesting individual members to submit a “feel good” DEED accomplished in 2012. The various church groups are submitting their mission DOLLARS so that hopefully by the printing of the April newsletter there will be a recap of “Deeds and Dollars 2012” included. Place all information in the Missions mailbox outside the Hamlin Room.

### Stop Hunger Now 2013 Recap

13 Averett University football team members  
+ 47 Mount Vernonites + 2 Stop Hunger Now staff  
= **62 participants!**

**12,412 meals packaged** in less than 1.25 hours (once we got started) and headed to Haiti the second week of March via cargo ship sailing out of the Norfolk area.



### Bishop Young Jin Cho to Dedicate Henry Fork’s New Van

After years of collecting product labels, the Henry Fork Service Center has a new minivan! On March 19 Bishop Young Jin Cho will be at Henry Fork, meeting with the children at 4:15 p.m. and dedicating the van at 4:45. Dinner and a worship service will follow, with Bishop Cho bringing the message and celebrating Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Center at (540) 483-2819.

**Korean and Japanese costumes,** loaned for the Christmas pageant, are still waiting to be picked up!

### Mount Vernon Sweatshirts and T-shirts Still Available!

Our youth are selling sweatshirts and t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Fund. The shirts will be **gray with black print** or **navy blue with white**.

CREW NECK SWEATSHIRT	HOODIE SWEAT-SHIRT (pullover)	LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT	SHORT-SLEEVE T-SHIRT
ADULT: Small – XL \$20.00 2XL – 3XL \$25.00	ADULT: Small – XL \$28.00 2XL – 3XL \$31.00	ADULT: Small – XL \$19.50 2XL-3XL \$20.50	ADULT: Small – XL \$18.50 2XL – 3XL \$19.50
YOUTH: Small – XL \$18.00	YOUTH: Small – XL \$26.00	YOUTH: Small – XL \$13.50	YOUTH: Small – XL \$12.00

Please return this form to the church office by March 20 for pickup of shirts in late March.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_



NUMBER ORDERED	TYPE OF SHIRT	SIZE	COLOR	AMOUNT
_____	CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT	_____	_____	_____
_____	HOODIE SWEATSHIRT	_____	_____	_____
_____	LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT	_____	_____	_____
_____	SHORT-SLEEVE T-SHIRT	_____	_____	_____

**Total number ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

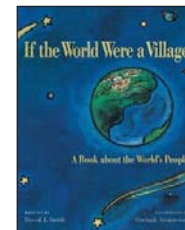
### Children’s Library Book Spotlight



#### On Our Wish List:

***If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World’s People***, by David J. Smith

“First published to wide acclaim in 2002, this eye-opening book has since become a classic, promoting “world-minded-ness” by imagining the world’s population, all 6.8 billion of us, as a village of just 100 people. Now, *If the World Were a Village* has been newly revised with updated statistics, several new activities and completely new material on food security,



energy and health. By exploring the lives of the 100 villagers, children will discover that life in other nations is often very different from their own. *If the World Were a Village* is part of CitizenKid: a collection of books that inform children about the world and inspire them to be better global citizens.”

*\*Description from Goodreads.com*

**View our wish list online at [WishList.com/MountVernonUMC](http://WishList.com/MountVernonUMC)**

*Gifts in memory of Sylvia Gibbs*

*have been received from*

*Pat Maurakis*

*Michael and Patsi Compton*

*Catherine Williams*

## Services of Worship

**March 10, 2013**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Scripture: Mark 10: 35–45  
Sermon: “Doing the ‘Love’ Thing”  
*The Rev. Barry S. Foster*

**March 17, 2013**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
ST. PATRICK’S FEAST DAY

Scripture: John 12: 1–8  
Sermon: “A Scene of Love”  
*The Rev. Barry S. Foster*

**March 24, 2013**

PALM SUNDAY

Scripture:  
Zechariah 9: 9–10; Matthew 21: 1–16  
Sermon: “The Symbolic Ride In to Jerusalem”  
*The Rev. Barry S. Foster*

**March 28, 2013**

7:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION

*The Rev. Barry S. Foster and Readers*

**March 29, 2013**

12:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF THE CROSS

*The Rev. Barry S. Foster*

**March 31, 2013**

EASTER

Scripture: Mark 15: 25–47;  
Mark 16: 1–8  
Sermon: “It Is Finished”  
*The Rev. Barry S. Foster*

### March Birthdays

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| <p>1 Parson Jacob Lutz<br/>2 Sam Newell<br/>Lauren Neighbors<br/>3 B. G. Lewis, III<br/>Judith Terry<br/>4 Fran Darkis<br/>5 Caroline Brande<br/>Frankie Jean Thomas<br/>Betty Lea<br/>Peggy McFarland<br/>Anne Wayne<br/>Patterson<br/>6 Sandy Burch<br/>Shirley Duncan<br/>Margaret<br/>Harden<br/>7 Lauren Miller<br/>9 Kathleen Southey<br/>10 Louise Anderson<br/>Michael Compton<br/>Todd Fowler<br/>Elizabeth Payne<br/>11 Ashley Acker<br/>Weber Harris<br/>Matt Parrish<br/>Robert Wooding<br/>13 Lin Benefield<br/>Lauren Foster James<br/>Bill Hickson<br/>14 Rosalind Morton<br/>15 Susan Swicegood<br/>16 Bill Hood<br/>Angela Longerbeam<br/>Berkley Keck, Jr.</p> | <p>17 Nancy Evans<br/>Henry Thomson<br/>18 James Feldmann<br/>Linda Saunders<br/>19 Don Cairns<br/>James Gauldin<br/>Curt Harden<br/>Gary Miller<br/>20 Valerie Booker<br/>Patti Clifton<br/>Tafton Coleman<br/>21 Guy Cooter<br/>Bill Cornett<br/>“T” Leggett<br/>Terry Ley<br/>Ashley Strader<br/>22 Ella Weber<br/>23 Phillip Kirkland<br/>24 Christopher Waters<br/>Patrick Adkins<br/>27 Harriett Cook<br/>Sara Garrett<br/>28 Faith Newell<br/>29 Allison Miller<br/>31 Vera Stephens</p> |
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### April

- 1 Jaden Navis  
2 Von Cannon  
John Gibbs, III  
3 Kathryn Blachura  
Sarah Hawkins  
Harry Lea

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

<p>At home: <b>Bill Hardy, Zane Kinn, Margaret Powell, Marian Adkins, Virginia Hylton, Peggy and Randy Handy, Betty Jennings</b></p> <p>At Roman Eagle: <b>Lucy Scarce, Zula Callahan, Barbara Dyer, Howard Ranson</b></p> <p>At Riverside Healthcare: <b>Greg Read</b></p>	<p>At Stratford House: <b>Newton Ray, Sr., May Bergman, Marjorie Hood, Becky Farthing</b></p> <p>At Stratford House Rehab: <b>Mildred Ferrell</b></p> <p>Out of Town: <b>Alyce Roach, Vitula Porter, Kathleen Southey, Margaret Lanham, Paul and Helen Stanfield</b></p>
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### Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>\$10,581</b>
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>9,272</b>
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3,656</b>
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>5,217</b>

### Our Worship Assistants

#### USHERS

**MARCH 10 – 8:30:** John Morris, Tom Savastano, Darrell Williamson  
**11:00:** Frank Grogan J. G. Hurt, Budge Kent, John Ranson, Gene Saunders, Coleman Hylton (*alt.*)

**MARCH 17– 8:30:** Fred Duncan, Jim Bucklew, Tom Booker  
**11:00:** Tom Leggett, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Bill Smith, Frank Grogan (*alt.*)

**MARCH 24 – 8:30:** Bill Booker, Darrell Williamson, Tom Booker  
**11:00:** Tom Leggett, J. G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (*alt.*)

**MARCH 31 – 8:30:** Tom Booker, John Morris  
**11:00:** Sam Newell, Lindsay Payne, Tafton Coleman, Melanie Reed, Coleman Hylton, Elizabeth Hylton

#### MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Katie Brooks, Sally Burton, Elizabeth Leggett,  
Summer Milligan, Lindsay Payne

### 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.

# Wednesday Dinners and Programs

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$6 for adults; children under 12, no charge Programs, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.



## Meals

March 6 – Covered-dish meal. No charge; no reservation needed. Bring a dish to share.

March 13 – Menu to be announced

March 20 – Menu to be announced

March 27 – **NO DINNER** (Holy Week)

April 3 – Covered-dish meal

## Programs

For adults, there are two options each week:

- (1) “Low-Impact Yoga” with certified instructor Dave Shivetts in the Hamlin-Buchanan room
- (2) Speakers in the fellowship hall:

**Dr. Ralph Kelley Hawkins**, religion professor at Averett University, will continue the Lenten series “Messianic Prophecy in the Old Testament” on March 6 and 20.

On March 13, **Dr. J. Calvin McCray**, an African-American Fulbright Scholar, teacher, and author, will speak. Dr. McCray’s 2008 book *Ebb Tide: Nancy Astor’s Greatest Challenge* tells of his remarkable friendship with Nancy Langhorne Astor. Their paths crossed in 1958, when McCray traveled to Britain and was taken under Lady Astor’s wing. Their rapport was immediate: each could relate to the trials of the other (racial and gender discrimination).

**For children and youth:** Rehearsal for the spring musical, “It’s OK to Be Different!”



Many thanks to the faithful volunteers who have provided our delicious Wednesday night meals – Vida Wilkes, Gary Benefield, Suzanne Miller, and Margaret Scott. We would like to increase our pool of volunteer cooks! Please call Katie Fitch (857-6040) if you would be willing to prepare a meal, either individually or as part of a team.



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## Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

The Rev. Barry S. Foster, Pastor  
Sunday Services of Worship:  
8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

For more information,  
visit the Web site:  
[www.gb-gm-umc.org/mountvernon](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/mountvernon)