



Relay for Life

Friday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. through Saturday, 6:00 a.m. at the Carrington Pavilion

Join Mount Vernon's team, Partners for Payne, at our "Rockin' Around the Clock" tent. We will be selling barbecue dinners for \$5 from 6-9 p.m. The relay begins with an opening ceremony, a Survivor Lap, and a Caregiver Lap, followed by a lap by all the teams (other details on p. 3 of this newsletter). You are invited to join us for these special laps. In addition, walkers are needed in shifts throughout the night; sign-ups will be held after church on Sunday, May 6. Forms are available outside the church office for donating and dedicating luminaria (\$10/bag; due by May 6). All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

OUR TEAM IS ROCKING! WAY TO GO, EVERYONE!!



★ We had a wonderful turnout on Tuesday, April 24, at Checkered Pig! Thank you to all who came out to support the cause.

★ Our team has earned the "Rising Star Award," given by the American Cancer Society, for raising over \$1,000 (actually, \$1,800 so far!).
— Melanie Reed

Holy Thursday, Seder



Holy Week



Saturday Picnic



Easter



May 6 ✦ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 29

Message: “It’s Christ’s Table”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

Music: Wesley Ringers, Aldersgate Choir

**May 13 ✦ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER’S DAY**

Scripture: Acts 1: 6 – 14; Luke 2: 41 – 51

Sermon: “Mother Mary”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

Music: Aldersgate Ringers and Choir, Younger Children, and Youth Ensemble

**May 20 ✦ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

Scripture: Acts 1: 1 – 11;

John 16: 25 – 33 and 17: 1 – 3

Sermon: “Loving...Holding...Knowing...Letting Go”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

Music: Multi-generational Handbells,
Chatham Hall Choir, Aldersgate Choir

**May 27 ✦ PENTECOST
MEMORIAL SUNDAY**

Scripture: Acts 2: 1 – 21

Sermon: “A Spiritual Journey”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

Greetings from Habitat,

It’s that time again. I want to thank you for your interest in helping families in need build or rehab their home.

Our basic work schedule this summer is Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until about noon. We provide all the material and equipment you will need; all you do is supply the heart and hands to do God’s work.

Drop me a line (dave@danvillehabitat.org) and let me know if you or your group would like to help, and I will put you on the schedule.

Take a look at this safety video before coming in. Go to www.hfhvolunteerinsurance.com, read the brief instructions, and click the safety courses Web site icon.

Dave Distad, Volunteer Coordinator

New Members Class Coming in June

June 3, June 10, and June 17, 2012

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

All sessions will be held in the CHAPEL.

June 3, Session 1: Explanation of Church Membership & History of Christianity

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

June 17, Session 3: History of Mount Vernon UMC

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

Please Take Note:

Our Church Doors Will Be Locked after the 11 a.m. Sunday Service Begins

The balancing act between safety and accessibility is a challenging issue for all churches. On rare occasions on Sunday mornings, strangers have wandered into our building during a service. To ensure the safety of our nursery children, ushers will patrol the education area, and all doors in the church building will be locked shortly after the service begins, except for the main sanctuary door.



The “One Great Hour of Sharing” Offering

So far the people of Mount Vernon have given \$1,113.00 for the “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

It’s not too late to support this great cause – contributions are still coming in. Use one of the special One Great Hour envelopes or simply make a check to Mount Vernon UMC and put “For One Great Hour” in the memo line.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for all of UMCOR’s work by covering the costs of doing business. This means that all gifts designated for specific programs can go 100% to those programs, because UMCOR’s basic expenses are covered.



Kits for Conference

In June representatives from all Virginia United Methodist Churches will gather in Roanoke for Annual Conference, a time of worship and holy conferencing about important issues. Each year delegates bring hundreds of School, Layette, Birthing, and Clean-up "relief kits" for UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. These kits are sent to people in disaster regions in the United States and around the world, or in areas of chronic poverty.

This year, you can participate in one of two ways:



Pick up a list outside the church office and pack your own kit. As you shop and pack the kit, you are making a direct link with a person in crisis. This is a great way for children to begin to make a connection with their brothers and sisters around the world. **Deadline for prepared kits is June 20.**



Make a donation. Our youth will shop for kit supplies and pack the kits. As a general rule, supplies for School kits cost around \$11, Baby/Layette kits \$35, Birthing kits \$8. If you wish to make a donation, indicate "Kits for Conference" in the memo line of your check or on the offering envelope. **Donations must be received by May 20.**

Let's see that our delegates, Barry Foster and Sonny Morton, have lots of kits to take to Roanoke this year!

Lenten Offering Update

Our 2012 Lenten offering was \$2,888.25, which will go to support the missionary work of Clara Mridula Biswas, who labors with poor people in Cambodia.

High School Senior Day Is May 20

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service on May 20 we will recognize George Washington High School senior Ali Stephens-Pickeral. A reception will follow the service.



Virginia Council of Churches to Present Its Highest Honor to Bishop Kammerer

Virginia Conference Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer will receive the Lifetime Ecumenist Award from the Virginia Council of Churches on May 15. Cooperative effort with other denominations and faiths has been a cornerstone of Bishop Kammerer's ministry.

The bishop will retire this summer, and in January of 2013 she will begin teaching at Candler Theological Seminary in Atlanta as one of the bishops-in-residence there.

Bishop Kammerer's service in the church has included equal years in parish ministries and connectional ministries, including service as a campus minister at Duke University. She has served as a director of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries, including chairperson of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) from 1992-1996.

"It is an honor for our conference as well as for Bishop Kammerer personally for her to receive the Virginia Council of Churches' Lifetime Ecumenist Award," said the Rev. Tom Joyce, assistant to Bishop Kammerer. "This is the most prestigious award and honors those who have made extraordinary contributions to strengthening relationships among the various Christian faith communities over the span of their entire career or lifetime. Bishop Kammerer is, indeed, a most worthy recipient."

"Young Adults" News

Relay for Life May 11-12 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.



Saturday, May 19: Backyard Party at the Ransons'
Come and play at 5:30 p.m.

Watch for details in the Young Adult e-mail messages. If you are not receiving messages, let the church know (793-6824)!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON MAY 14, AT 7:00 P.M.

Vacation Bible School

June 18 – 22, 9 a.m. – noon

For kids ages 4 - 5th graders

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:

- ✎ **Tribes (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**

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

Church Women United to Celebrate May Friendship Day

Friday, May 4

Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.

Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

West End Christian Church, 130 Montague Street



May Friendship Day includes the annual gathering of pennies of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All are welcome.

Founded in 1941, Church Women United is a national volunteer Christian ecumenical women's movement initiated and carried out by women in the United States and Puerto Rico. It brings together women of diverse races, cultures, and traditions in Christian fellowship, prayer, advocacy, and action for peace with justice in the world.

On Mount Vernon's Web Site: Dates and Times of Church Events, E-mail Addresses, and More

On the "home" page, you can see what's scheduled at Mount Vernon in the near future, along with information about the coming Sunday's worship services (scripture readings, sermon title, special music, etc.).

On the "contacts" page, you can find the e-mail address of each staff member and every committee chair of the church. Click the person's name, and a message will open, already addressed to that person. *– Lin Benefield*

Thank You to Everyone Who Made "Wonderful Wednesdays" a Great Success!

To Vida Wilkes, coordinator ... to our cooks: Vida, Suzanne Miller, Margaret Scott, Tammy Waters, Gary Benefield and team ... to our serving and clean-up teams ... to our program leaders ... and to everyone who attends and brings delicious food on covered-dish nights!



Children's House Infant Class Needs an Assistant Teacher

Resumes are being accepted for assistant teacher in the infant class (Moms' Morning Out) at Children's House. Experience and education will be considered. Hours are 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. This position will be available in September, 2012. Please send resumes to Children's House in care of the director, Bonnie Williams.



Children's House Scholarships

A Scholarship Fund has been established by the Children's House Board of Directors. Each year, a scholarship will be awarded to a child based on financial need. 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.

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
- 12 Tommy Grogan
Emily Runyon
- 13 Ann Jeffries
Tommy Stephens
- 14 Jennifer Parker
Liz Pyszka
- 15 Sharon Hughes
Margaret Milam
Lynn Slayton
- 16 Steven Libby



- 17 David Bray
Keith Bray
Newton Ray, Jr.
Joyce Underwood
- 18 Coleman Hylton
- 19 Larry Mann
Anne Wood
- 20 Carolyn Waterbury
- 21 Bob McFarland
David Sule
- 22 Clara Fountain
- 25 Charlie
Williamson
- 27 Mary Franks
Kerry O'Neill
- 28 Eleanor Cuthrell
Ely Foster
Cara Mills

June

- 1 Carol Majors
Emily Whittle
- 2 Barbara Dyer
- 3 Lucy Scarce
- 4 Max Brande
"B" Hylton
Paul Stanfield

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

At home: **Beth Payne, Jake Carter, Bill Hardy, Zane Kinn, Virginia Hylton, Margaret Powell**

At Roman Eagle: **Virginia Farley, Lucy Scarce, Ann Garrett, Zula Callahan**

At Stratford House Rehab: **Mildred Ferrell**

In Rock Hill, SC: **Don Moore**

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

At Riverside Healthcare: **Greg Read**

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

In Raleigh: **Vitula Porter**

Our Worship Assistants

USHERS

May 6 – 8:30: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, John Morris
11:00: Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Gene Saunders (alt)

May 13 – 8:30: John Morris, Tom Savastano, Butch Dalton
11:00: Frank Grogan, J. G. Hurt, Budge Kent, Gene Saunders, John Ranson, Kelly Brande (alt)

May 20 – 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)

May 27 – 8:30: Bill Booker, Butch Dalton, Tom Savastano
11:00: Tom Leggett, J. G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (alt)

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Ann Williamson, Becky Jones, Emma Rich, Betty Fuller, Beth Payne, Abby DeAristizabal



*Our deepest sympathy
To Jack Spainhour, whose mother,
Barbara Croker Spainhour,
died on April 8, 2012.*



Gluten-free communion bread is available at Mount Vernon.

Please contact the pastor (434-793-6824) before Communion Sunday if you would like to be served gluten-free wafers.

Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
April 1	32	143	\$12,776
April 4	50 (Seder Meal)		
April 5	30 (Good Friday)		
April 8	51	252	8,139
April 15	36	93	6,809
April 22	39	144	5,745
April 29	*	172	3,261

* No 8:30 service

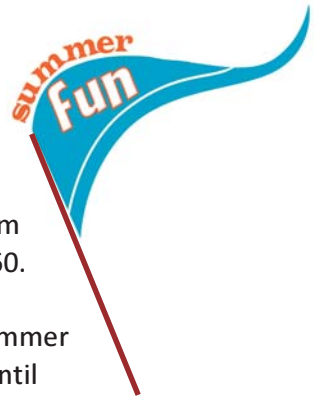


Children's House to Offer a Fun Summer Session for Preschoolers

Mount Vernon's preschool, Children's House, is offering a Summer Session of fun for kids in June and July (except the week of Vacation Bible School at Mount Vernon, June 18 – 22).




Summer Session will meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:25 a.m. till 12:25 p.m. The fee for the entire session is \$160. Ms. Pam and Ms. Sarah Katherine will be the teachers.

This summer, we will also offer "Munch Bunch" during the Summer Session for those children who want to bring a lunch and stay until 2:30 p.m.



Volunteers Welcome on 2012 Youth Mission Trip, July 15-20

For the 11th straight summer, youth and adults from our church will travel to the Appalachian region to assist low-income homeowners with repairs they cannot afford. We have a wonderful team of middle and high school youth and adults who make a big difference! Additional volunteers are always welcome! The more workers, the more we are able to accomplish. The following are needed:

-  Adults with construction expertise are a necessity and lead our teams in projects like building ramps and porches, painting, etc. Frank Cuthrell is our lead construction leader.
-  "Worker bees" – adults who are willing to assist on the worksite, but don't have construction expertise. These leaders assist with the projects, help empower the youth volunteers, visit with homeowners, etc.
-  Cooks keep our volunteers well-fed and are essential for the work of our team. Our cooks plan, shop, and prepare our meals with assistance from our other volunteers. Tammy Waters is our head cook.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Frank (793-8095) about construction, Tammy (724-1964) about cooking, or Beth Bauman (489-6514) for other information.



Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

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Sunday Services of Worship:
8:30 and 11 a.m.

Godly Play and Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.



The Rev. Barry S. Foster, Pastor
Parsonage/Cell: 434-709-0093

For more information
about worship services, programs,
classes, events, and more,
visit the Web site:
www.gbmgm-umc.org/mountvernon