



“The Lost Boy” – A Musical Featuring Mount Vernon’s Children and Youth

On Sunday, March 11 at the 11:00 a.m. service, our children and youth will bring us the message, “The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple.”

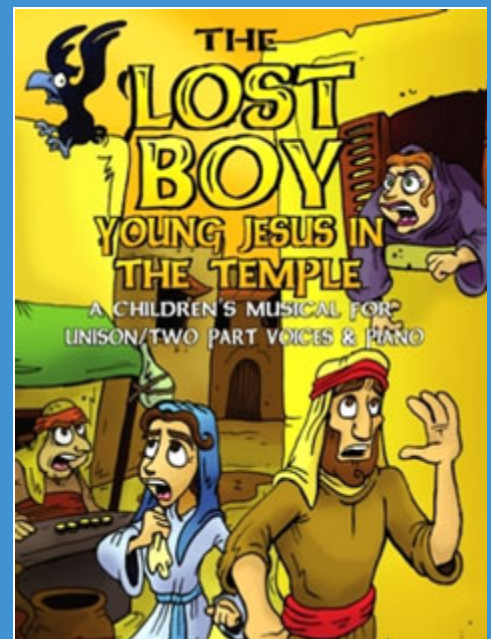
This dramatic musical is about Jesus as a young boy, getting separated from his parents. With the help of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph search frantically for their son. During the search, they learn much about themselves and their lives.

The story has a message for all who are involved and all who will hear it.

Special thanks to Melissa Charles and Carolyn Smith for directing and leading the production, to the actors, and to the many volunteers! – Tim Navis



Rehearsals, rehearsals...



Sunday, March 11, at the 11:00 a.m. Service

Please note: There will be no 8:30 service on March 11.

Mount Vernon's Newest Members



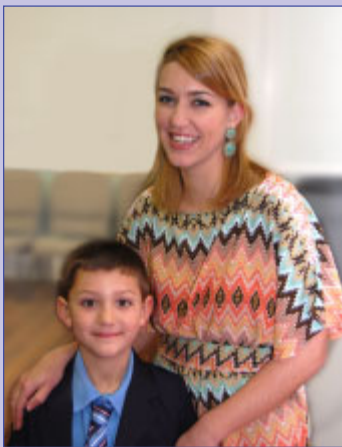
Coleman and Elizabeth Hylton come by transfer from Brosville United Methodist Church. Their daughters are age 6 and age 4.

Tafton Coleman comes by transfer from Swansonville United Methodist Church.



Alysia Alber comes by transfer from another denomination.

Melanie Reed comes by profession of faith. Her son is 8 years old.



Angela Longerbeam comes from another denomination. She and her husband, **Scott**, have a daughter, age 6, and a son, age 4.

April 2 Is the Deadline for Mount Vernon Foundation Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for the 2012–2013 Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship are currently available in the church office. All applications must be completed and returned to the church office by Monday, April 2, 2012. The church address is 107 West Main Street, Danville, VA, 24541.

Any requests for funding from the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Foundation must be written or typed and submitted to the church office by Monday, April 2, 2012. The Foundation Disbursement Committee will meet later in April and make recommendations to the Foundation Board at the next Board meeting. All disbursements must be approved by the Foundation Board. If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Elizabeth M. Leggett, president of the Mount Vernon Foundation Board, at home, 793-2308, or via e-mail at e.leggett@gamewood.net.

Assistant Teacher Needed for Children's House

Resumes are currently being accepted for assistant teacher in the two-year-old class at Children's House. Experience and education will be considered. Hours are 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This position will be available in September, 2012. Assistants will also be hired for a six-week summer session, two days a week during June and July. Please send resumes to Children's House in care of the director, Bonnie Williams.

Thank You for a Gift to Mount Vernon

Thank you to Newton and Martha Ray for beautifying our church by donating and spreading many bales of pine needles around the church grounds.

Holy Week 2012

April 1 – 8

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 1	Blessing of the Palms 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 5	Passover Seder Meal 6:30 p.m. (Tickets are \$6.00 and must be purchased by Sunday, March 25.)
<i>Good Friday</i>	April 6	Service of the Cross 12:30 p.m.
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 8	Celebrating the Risen Lord 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Mount Vernon UMC

PILGRIMAGE TO CHRISTIAN SHRINES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday - Saturday, April 19 - 21, 2012



The Rev. Barry Foster will lead this "learning" trip, intended to deepen our knowledge of faith and tradition.

Motel: **Days Inn Alexandria South**, 600 Richmond Hwy (U.S. 1) 1-703-329-0500

Please make your own reservation with Days Inn by March 15, and let the church office know if you are definitely going on the trip. A minimum of 10 people will be needed to make this trip possible.

Itinerary

Thursday, April 19

- 8:00am Meet at the church
- 8:30am Leave for Washington, DC in church bus
- 12:00 noon Lunch in Ashland, VA
- 3:00pm Check-in Days Inn Alexandria South Motel
- 4:00pm Take the METRO from Huntington Station to Union Station
- 4:30-8:30pm FREE TIME to walk the Capitol Mall and have supper
- 9:00pm Meet at Union Station and ride METRO back to Huntington Station and Days Inn Alexandria South Motel

Friday, April 20

- 8:30am Ride church bus to **Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
- 9:30-10:30am Tour the Shrine
- 11:30-12:30pm Lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria
- 1:00-3:00pm Tour the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and Gardens**
- 3:30pm Drive to **Washington National Cathedral**
- 4:00-6:00pm Tour the National Cathedral
- 6:30-8:30pm Drive to **Wesley Theological Seminary** and have supper in the Seminary neighborhood
- 9:00pm Drive back to motel

Saturday, April 21

- 10:00am Leave for Danville, Virginia
- 12:30pm Lunch in Richmond
- 5:00pm Arrive in Danville

Estimated Cost: Motel: \$80-\$90 per night (based on "single" room) = \$160-\$180
 \$40-\$45 per night (if room is "shared") = \$80-\$90

Travel: \$15 per person to share fuel cost

Meals: All seven meals are on your own (Washington, DC prices)
 Plan on \$12-\$15 per meal = \$84-\$105

Sites: All sites are free; all ask for "free-will" donations (\$5-\$10)

The entire trip will cost between \$220 and \$330, depending on your motel room arrangement and meals.

This trip will require a lot of walking, so plan to bring your most comfortable walking shoes!



PLEASE MAKE YOUR MOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 15!

“Young Adults” News

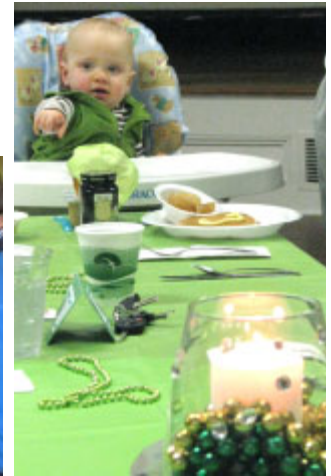
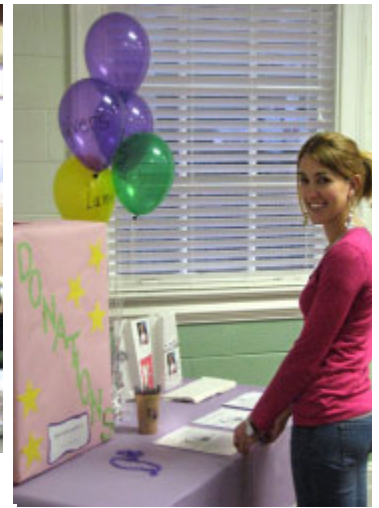
The Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday raised over \$500, after expenses, for “Partners for Payne,” Mount Vernon’s Relay for Life team. Thank you to Melanie Reed, who did a great job organizing the event, and to everyone who came out and supported it.

So far, a total of \$811 has been raised for our “Partners for Payne”

Relay for Life Team. Our goal is \$1,500. The “feet” are still on sale in the church office for \$1 each. Watch for information about other fundraisers!

The next **Young Adult social** is “Pizza and Bowling” on **Sunday, March 18**, at Riverside Lanes, 4–6 p.m., and Ciccì’s Pizza. The cost for bowling is \$10/person.

If anyone is interested in seeing the Globetrotters, contact Melissa Herke.



Two New “RESERVED” Parking Signs in Place

Please note our new parking signs on the two spaces at the West Main entrance to our parking lot. Because of limited parking, we have room for only one handicapped space near the Fellowship Hall door. Members who have difficulty walking from the parking lot have pointed out that the two spaces near the DRMC Wound Center are the most accessible spots when our handicapped space is full. If you do not have mobility issues, please refrain from parking in these spaces and leave them available for those among us who have special walking needs.



Our youth helped pack 10,000 meals for **Stop Hunger Now** on their retreat at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center! They joined with hundreds of youth from the Danville and Lynchburg districts for exciting and meaningful worship, concerts, and discussions. New friends were made and a good time was had by all!

The Offering for God’s Storehouse at the Community Ash Wednesday Service was **\$850.00.**



Please Remember Your Lenten Offering

- The Missions Committee

March

- 6 Sandy Burch
Shirley Duncan
Margaret Harden
- 7 Lauren Miller
- 9 Kathleen Southey
- 10 Louise Anderson
Michael Compton
Todd Fowler
Elizabeth Payne
- 11 Ashley Acker
Weber Harris
Matt Parrish
Robert Wooding
- 12 Irene Guthrie
- 13 Lin Benefield
Lauren Foster James
Bill Hickson
- 14 Rosalind Morton
- 15 Susan Swicegood
- 16 Bill Hood
Berkley Keck, Jr.
Angela Longerbeam
- 17 Nancy Evans
Henry Thomson
- 18 James Feldmann
Linda Saunders
- 19 Don Cairns
James Gauldin
Curt Harden
Gary Miller



20 Valerie Booker
Patti Clifton
Tafton Coleman

21 Guy Cooter
Bill Cornett
"T" Leggett
Terry Ley
Ashley Strader

22 Ella Weber
Dianne Whittle

23 Phillip Kirkland

24 Christopher Waters
Patrick Adkins

27 Harriett Cook
Sara Garrett

28 Elizabeth Faith
Newell

29 Allison Miller

30 Jake Carter

31 Vera Stephens

April

1 Sylvia Gibbs
Jaden Navis

2 Von Cannon
John Gibbs, III

3 Kathryn Blachura
Harry Lea

6 Lee Shreve
Jack Spainhour
Morgan Wall

7 Valerie Goodrich
Beth Payne

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

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

At Loyalton:
Norman Athey

At Roman Eagle:
**Virginia Farley, 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**

Our Worship Assistants

USHERS

March 11 – (No 8:30 service!) 11:00: Frank Grogan, J. G. Hurt,
Budge Kent, Gene Saunders, John Ranson,
Kelly Brande (alt)

March 18 – 8:30: Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, Bill Booker,
John Morris

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

March 25 – 8:30: Randy Handy, Butch Dalton, Tom
Savastano

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

April 1 – 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 (a)

ALTAR GUILD

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

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

Our deepest sympathy

*to the family of Betty Jefferson, who died on
March 2, 2012.*

A memorial service

was held at Mount Vernon Church on March 5, 2012.



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 Methodist, Danville VA" to find the church Web site easily.)

AM RADIO 1330 WBTM

FM RADIO 103.3 WAKG

WSLS TV 10

WDBJ TV 7



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

Attendance, Tithes,



Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Feb. 5	27	119	\$9,791
Feb. 12	29	123	5,463
Feb. 19	30	118	2,892
Feb. 26	31	156	6,248

“Wonderful Wednesdays”



Dinners are at 6:00 p.m.
\$6 for adults. Children, no charge.

Programs, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Nursery provided.

Menus: March 7: COVERED DISH

March 14: Soups, salad, grilled-cheese sandwiches, dessert

March 21: Orange chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert

March 28: Ham, seven-layer salad, new potatoes, dessert

April 4: NO DINNER (Holy Week)

Programs: For adults, Barry Foster continues the “Torah and Christianity” study, in the Fellowship Hall; the Young Adults Discussion Group meets in the Young Adult Sunday school room.

For children and youth, there will be rehearsals for the special role they will play in the worship service on Easter Sunday morning.

March 11

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Scripture: Acts 17: 22 – 33; Luke 2: 41 – 52

Message: “The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple”

Mount Vernon’s Children and Youth

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March 18

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Scripture: John 14: 15–21

Sermon: “If You Love Me”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

March 25

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Scripture: John 11: 1–16; John 11: 17–37; John 11: 38–45

Sermon: “Eternity”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

April 1

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25 and 30 – 31

Sermon: “The Foolishness of the Cross”

The Rev. Barry S. Foster