



### In-Person Worship Has Resumed!

On Sunday, April 18, about 50 people worshiped together in Mount Vernon's sanctuary – after more than a year of online services. Although we wore masks and we sat spaced widely apart, it was wonderful to be together, and to hear the sermon and organ and piano live, as light streamed through the stained glass.



For now, we will have one in-person service on Sundays at 10 a.m. Please arrive between 9:30 a.m. (when doors open) and 10 a.m., and observe social distancing and masking from the time you leave your vehicle. For those who are not yet comfortable coming into the church, we continue to provide online worship. The weekly email has information, or visit the website, [mtvernonumc.org](http://mtvernonumc.org).

### Mother's Day Special: Guest Violinist on May 9

Kyle VanArsdalen will join Juliet Cho at the in-person service to perform three violin-piano duets, including the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria." VanArsdalen is a freelance violinist and teacher based in Durham, N.C. He has performed with orchestras and chamber ensembles in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

Because the Mother's Day service is usually well-attended and our sanctuary seating is limited, **please RSVP – just for this service – if you plan to come, and say how many will be with you.** Email [mtvernonumc@comcast.net](mailto:mtvernonumc@comcast.net) or leave a message anytime on the office phone, 434.793.6824, **by Thursday, May 6, 4 p.m.**



**Easter Offering Update:** Our Easter Offering as of April 21, which will go to New Hope Hospital in Haiti, has reached \$3,520, very close to our goal of \$4,000. The Missions Committee thanks the members of Mount Vernon for their generosity. We have only \$480 to go. Include "Easter Offering" on your check.

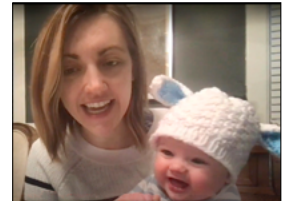


### Mount Vernon Receives Ten New Members at Easter

On April 4, **Rachel and Dent Holden**, who have been worshipping with us for quite some time, transferred their membership. Dent transfers from Baldwin Community UMC in Pittsburgh, and Rachel from Church of the Covenant. Rachel is a librarian in Rockingham County, N.C., and Dent teaches in Danville Public Schools.

**Megan Gould** (wife of Steven) and **Juliet Cho** (wife of Pastor Jae), don't need much introduction!

Megan has been a vital part of Mount Vernon Church since moving to Danville from Atlanta several years ago. She transferred from Glenn Memorial UMC in Decatur, Ga.



Juliet came to the U.S. from South Korea in February 2012, was married to Jae Cho in October 2012, and became a U.S. citizen in 2020. She is Mount Vernon's music director and an excellent pianist.

It's great that all four are now "officially" members of the Mount Vernon church family!

Six fine young people were confirmed, becoming full members of Mount Vernon Church:



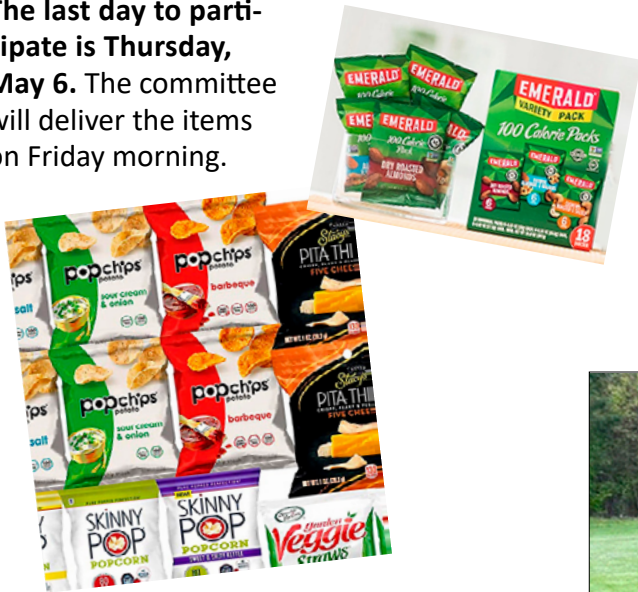
From left: Krystie Eugene, Braelynn Adams, Katie Blachura, Thomas Hungarland, Emily Hylton, and Faith Newell



The Missions Committee, as part of our community outreach, is collecting snacks for Park Avenue Elementary school teachers. This is being done as part of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Church members who wish to contribute should leave their prepackaged snacks in the fellowship hall or vestibule, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday –Thursday. Suggested items are prepackaged granola bars, nuts, cookies, chips, drinks, or other prepackaged snacks.

**The last day to participate is Thursday, May 6.** The committee will deliver the items on Friday morning.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, **Eat Out to Help Out**, originally scheduled for May, will be postponed until September. We feel

this is the safest decision for both businesses and customers. Watch for more information closer to the event.

The **Stamp Out Hunger Letter Carrier Food Drive** has been cancelled for 2021.

God's Storehouse needs volunteers! There are many opportunities to volunteer. Individuals are needed on a regular basis to check in customers, distribute food boxes, and pick up food donations, in addition to other tasks. If you need to volunteer for school/scholarship credit, see the God's Storehouse website for specific instructions.

Contact [emily@godsstorehouse.org](mailto:emily@godsstorehouse.org), visit the website, or call (434)793-3663 for more information about volunteering.



*Our youth enjoyed an outing at the Hyltons' farm in Ringgold.*

# Emma Larking

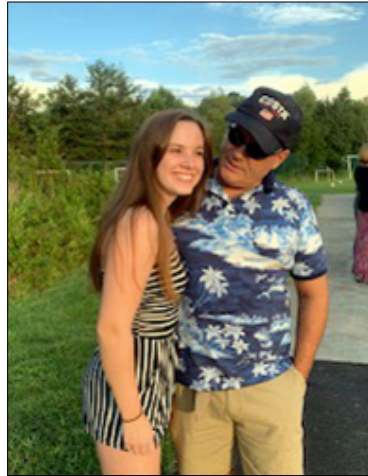
plans to attend Hollins College in the fall. Congratulations, and best wishes!

Emma Larking and Sophie Parrish (see page 3) will be missed at Mount Vernon as they enter a new chapter of their lives. They have been very active in our Mount Vernon Youth Group, went on the Appalachia Service Project mission trips and youth retreats, assisted with children's choirs on Wednesday nights and Vacation Bible School, and provided beautiful solos and duets for our worship services. Our prayers go with them! — Beth Bauman



# Sophie Parrish

plans to attend James Madison University in the fall. Congratulations, and best wishes!





On April 24 our youth enjoyed a fun day at West Main Baptist Church with youth and adults from four churches – Mount Vernon, West Main, True Holiness Apostolic, and College Park Baptist.



They participated in worship, mission projects, and lots of fun recreation, and they enjoyed meeting youth from other churches.





At home:

**Dorothy Stephens, Rev. Joyce Johnson,  
Bill Hardy, and Berkeley & Van Keck**

At Roman Eagle:

**Marian Adkins, Tom Darkis**



*Our deepest sympathy*

*To the family of Jean Beach,  
who died on April 6, 2021.*

*Gifts in memory of **Frances Stoneburner**  
have been received from*

*John and Anne Patterson, Frank Wickers,  
Fran Ashby, The Landis Sunday School Class,  
Vickie Hite, Bill & Betty Ann Smith,  
Ken & Suzanne Miller, Bobbye Raye Womack,  
and Jean Harper Vernon.*

*Gifts in memory of **John Stoneburner**  
have been received from  
Frank Wickers and Ken & Suzanne Miller.*

*Gifts in memory of **Gayle Miller**  
have been received from*

*Jim & Susan Daniel, Frances McMillan,  
Fran Ashby, Tommy & Martha Jo Hodges,  
Richard & Betty Turner, Ann & J.G. Hurt,  
Nan Freed and Robert Jiranek,  
J. D. & Maria Marta Andrews,  
Sally & Lee Burton, Jean Harper Vernon,  
Bobbye Raye Womack,  
and Landon & Kathryn Wyatt.*

*Gifts in memory of **Beverly Turner**  
have been received from*

*Jesse & Verla Wall, Ann & J.G. Hurt,  
Jean Harper Vernon, John & Gayle Morris,  
Richard & Betty Turner, and Ken & Suzanne Miller.*

*Gifts in memory of **Ruth Waggoner**  
have been received from*

*Darrell & Ann Williamson, Jean Harper Vernon,  
Betty Yates, John & Gayle Morris,  
Katherine McDaniel, Chris Wright,  
Lubin & Nancy Prevatt, and Catherine Bendall.*

*Gifts in memory of **Betty Jennings**  
have been received from  
Jan & Howard Lester  
and Jean Harper Vernon.*



**Gloria Jean Beach**, 74, died on Wednesday, April 6, at Roman Eagle Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, where she was also a resident.

She was born on March 29, 1947, in Warrenton, Va. She worked as a counselor for the Virginia Community College System and moved to the Danville area after her retirement. She loved to travel and was of the Methodist faith. Survivors include her sisters, Patricia (Howard) Beach Margolies, of Nokesville Va., and Wanda Beach Dreelin, of Henrico, Va.; her brother, David (Jamie) Beach III, of Columbus, Ohio; and nieces and nephews.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to any charity that assists with special needs persons.



### May Birthdays

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Harper Mitchell  | Keith Bray            |
| Meredith Ashby     | Frank Davis           |
| Ramsden            | Newton Ray, Jr.       |
| 3 Jessica Austin   | Joyce Underwood       |
| 4 Phillip Wright   | 18 Coleman Hylton     |
| 5 Tom Darkis       | 19 Larry Mann         |
| 6 Frances McMillan | Anne Wood             |
| Anne Thomas        | 20 Carolyn Waterbury  |
| 7 Rita Doggett     | 21 David Sule         |
| Bill Fuller        | 22 Clara Fountain     |
| Beth Ranson        | 24 Steven Gould       |
| 9 Shirley Bray     | 25 Charlie Williamson |
| 11 Fran Ramsay     | 27 Mary Franks        |
| 12 Emily Runyon    | Kerry O'Neill         |
| 13 Ann Jeffries    | 28 Eleanor Cuthrell   |
| Tommy Stephens     | Ely Foster            |
| 14 Jennifer Parker | Rachel Holden         |
| Liz Pyszka         | Cara Mills            |
| 15 Margaret Milam  | Ruth Waggoner         |
| Lynn Slayton       | 29 Thomas Barker      |
| 16 Laura Daniel    | 30 Peggy Fowler       |
| 17 David Bray      | Megan Gould           |



### June Birthdays

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| 1 Carol Majors          |
| Emily Whittle           |
| 4 Max Brande            |
| 5 Adam Lester           |
| 6 Jeanne Marie Belanger |
| 8 Berkley Furgurson     |
| Max Glass, Sr.          |
| 9 Ellen Beville         |
| Newton Ray, III         |
| 10 Alan Adkins          |
| Catherine Bauman        |
| 11 Coraline Lutz        |