



July 16–22: Appalachia Service Project

In Nicholas County, West Virginia

Home repair project for our high school youth and adults.

Let's keep them in our prayers for a safe, productive, and meaningful trip.



PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

Sunday, August 13

children & youth ministry

Sunday, August 20

ASP Team will lead worship

Youth and Children's activities
will resume (each Sunday night)

Virginia Annual Conference 2022-2023

This year Jae Cho, Ann Hurt, and Beth Ranson attended the Conference, held in Roanoke, June 15 through 17.



Photos by Beth Ranson

“At the opening worship, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson spoke on followers of Jesus ‘Going Beyond the Walls of the City.’ She said the early Methodists ‘were disliked, they were rabble-rousers, they spoke out, they started orphanages, and schools. They cried out against the poverty and debt prisons. They were a force.’ She said, ‘If you want to follow Jesus, go outside the walls of the church to those who are suffering and burdened and you will find him there.’

“Each day the services and business meetings were over by 5 p.m. to allow clergy and lay members to spend time together. Members could take part in various events and activities.

“I appreciated this opportunity to attend.” – Ann Hurt

“It was just very joyful; people were relieved to be where we were. The new bishop was relaxed and in control.” – Beth Ranson

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Streamlined Church Council in Place at Mount Vernon



June 19: Last meeting of the old-style Council before the transition

On June 25, members of our “new” Church Council were consecrated during the worship service. They are:

Steven Gould & Jan Sutherland, Co-Chairs

John Ranson, Lay Leader

Melissa Herke, Finance Chair

Ann Hurt, Staff-Parish Relations Chair

Elizabeth Hylton, Trustees Chair

Megan Gould, Making Disciples Chair

Wendy Sampson, Being Disciples Chair

Jae Cho, Pastor

Beth Bauman, Children & Youth Director

This smaller Council should operate more efficiently and effectively in prioritizing the ministry efforts of our church.



On the Virginia Creeper Trail. More Kaleidoscope photos below.

Kaleidoscope Camp

Our group of 21 Mount Vernon youth and adults had a great time on our retreat in June at the Hungry Mother Lutheran Camp in Marion!

Our theme was “Blessed Are the Peacemakers.”

We enjoyed sharing devotional time, riding on the Virginia Creeper Trail, hiking, swimming, campfires, lots of recreation, delicious food prepared by Tobias Lutz, and lots more!

Many thanks to adult leaders Tobias and Becky Lutz, Thomas Underwood, Liza Abercrombie, and Beth Bauman.



Kaleidoscope Camp

June 9 - 11: Mount Vernon Youth





Congratulations

Kathryn Waters Ware
and
Ryan Ware
were married
in St. Mary's Chapel
at Chatham Hall
on June 24, 2023.

Kathryn will continue
working as an architect
at Solex Architecture
in Danville, and Ryan
has just been appointed
as the Pastor at Smith
Memorial United
Methodist Church
in Collinsville. They will
live in Danville at
165 Westminster Court.

Mount Vernon Brochures

If you know someone who might be interested in our church, please pick up a brochure with information about Mount Vernon and its programs and share it with that person.

Brochures are on tables at the sanctuary entrances.

In Our Prayers



*Phillip Blackmon, Don Cairns,
Helen Cheyney, Pat Giles,
Peggy Handy, Bill Hardy,
Rev. Joyce Johnson,
Dorothy Stephens,
Donald Turner, Betty Yates*

*A gift in memory of
Mary Ellen Dean
has been received from
Howard and Jan Lester.*

Birthdays

July

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| 1 Ellie Gould | 17 Andy Pickeral |
| 3 Earle Garrett, III | 21 Jerry Foster |
| 4 John Ranson
Edgar Love | Marge Peters
Brooks Powell |
| 5 Jenna Rudder | 22 Barclay Coleman
Dan Newell |
| 6 Tommie Blackmon
Beth deAristizabal
Dana Glass
David Parrish | 23 Page Harris
Kate Milam |
| 7 Thomas Farley
Nick Fowler | 24 Melanie Thomson
Vida Wilkes |
| 9 Jim Daniel | 25 Ron Allen
Will Booker
Michelle Larking
Heather Slayton
Ashley Yates |
| 10 Amy Eller | 27 Jimmy Jefferson |
| 11 Jerrye Mayhew
Mary Wilkes | 28 Frank Cuthrell
Charlotte Parrish |
| 13 Libby Spainhour | 29 Nicola Parrish |
| 14 Jae Cho
Beth Daniels | 30 Knox Milligan
Matthew Payne |
| 16 Lisa Blackmon
Christy Robertson
Baxter Jennings
Stephen Milam | |

August

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| 1 Rhonda Yates |
| 2 Neill McMillan, Jr.
Sonia Williamson |
| 3 Zoey Zickefoose |
| 4 Tobias Lutz |
| 5 Edward Long |
| 6 Carter Bauman
Hudson Dunn
Sophie Parrish |
| 7 Catherine Bendall
Lindsey Fehl
Dick Patterson
Stephanie Spainhour
Zickefoose
Charles Lee Turbiville |
| 11 Margaret Ashby Maloney
Phillip Blackmon |
| 13 Charles Jackson |
| 14 Lindsey Burton
Audrey Daniel
T.J. O'Neill
Chelsa Williamson |

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