

The Triangle

MOUNT VERNON UMC News

August 2023



#BeUMC Breakfast

Sunday, August 20 – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a breakfast plate and help us visualize what it means to be the UMC in our world today – before our Youth give us a great example as they recap their Appalachia Service Project trip in worship. We'll be decorating some themed art to hang in our rooms and halls together. Come make your mark!

Questions: ask Megan Gould.



Kickoff: Fall Youth and Children's Programs!

On August 20: Godly Play resumes, 9:00 a.m. on Sundays

Children & Youth resumes, 6:00–7:30 p.m. on Sundays



SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

3:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Ice cream, fellowship, board games, fun!

Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share (cookie crumbles, candy, sprinkles) and we'll have the rest.

Questions: ask Joyce Underwood.

Sunday, August 20: Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team to Lead Worship



Front, left to right: Beth Bauman, Katie Blachura, Skylar Payne, Emily Hylton, Faith Newell, Krystie Eugene. Back: Tim Gendron, Thomas Hungarland, Charlie Hungarland, Frank Davis, Lily Hungarland, Braelynn Adams, Butch Dalton, Chuck Sampson

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September 9 – 3:00 p.m.

“Tap into Community” – Kickoff at Wildwood

Thirsty for community? We will be launching a fellowship group for young adults that will meet every few weeks over a cold beverage of your choice for friendship and casual connection.

First meeting – at the Baumans’ lake house!

Questions: ask Beth Bauman.

Future Dates: 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/16, 12/30

3:00 p.m. – Usually at Two Witches Brewery



September 17 – 4:00 p.m.

Dan Daniel Park

The Annual Church Picnic!

*Delicious food and tons of fun
are sure to be in store.*



Make Disciples to Be Disciples . . . but HOW?

The United Methodist Church has long had the mission to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” – which comes from the very first section of the UMC *Book of Discipline*. So, how will Mount Vernon go about working toward that mission in the year ahead?

First, we are looping all of our ministries and programs under two umbrellas: Making Disciples and Being Disciples. Where we used to have loads of different committees themed around different age groups or types of programs, these two umbrellas will give us a chance to let everything we do work most thoughtfully and efficiently toward our goal to be the most we can be for for each other and for our our community.

Making Disciples: This umbrella will lead ministries and programs that focus on the spiritual formation of our congregation. Some examples of this are Sunday school, fellowship events, worship, and Bible studies. Megan Gould is the chair of the Making Disciples umbrella – she will be spending this fall working with church council and others who are

involved in these types of ministries to activate our mission in 2024!

Being Disciples: This umbrella will lead ministries and programs that focus on being the hands and feet of Jesus outside of our church walls. Some examples of this are seasonal offerings, local missions, caring ministries, and community outreach. Wendy Sampson is the chair of the Being Disciples umbrella – she will be spending this fall working with church council and others who are involved in these types of ministries to activate our mission in 2024!



Of course, it is easy to see how each of these umbrellas cannot exist alone and that they are beautifully intertwined when working together in mission. Megan and Wendy are closely connected to make sure this partnership is strengthened and that all programs and groups have the opportunity to both make disciples and be disciples for the transformation of the world.



October 1:

The Sixteenth Annual Danville CROP Walk

3:00 p.m. – Ballou Park



Run don't walk to get more information about this vital ministry for Mount Vernon. Sponsor a walker, sign up to walk with our team and raise funds, donate, post flyers – anything and everything helps! Watch for more information in coming weeks. *Questions: ask Beth Bauman.*

October 29:

Fifth Sunday Fellowship – Halloween Style!

4:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Costumes encouraged for a night of carnival games and fun for all ages. And we'll be serving a chili supper with extra to take home – all to support Children's House daycare and preschool. Both meat chili and veggie chili will be served!

Details about fall Bible studies and events in November and December will be coming soon!



Mount Vernon Internet Upgrade

We recently received upgrades to our internet connectivity! We now have wifi access in all areas of the church. Mount Vernon now has a Guest Internet connection. All you have to do is click to "Mt Vernon Guest Wifi" and use the password "graceandpeace".

Special thanks to the Memorials Committee, Dan Waters, and our friends at RiverStreet Networks for helping get things set up!

SPRC: The Staff Parish Relations Committee

Many people ask about the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). This article explains its functions and purpose.

The SPRC is an operational committee of the church, similar to a Human Resources department in a business. Committee members serve a three-year term. It is composed of not fewer than five nor more than nine persons of the congregation.

Current members of the committee are **Ann Hurt**, Chair; **Jae Cho**, Pastor; **John Ranson**, Lay Leader; **Melissa Herke**, Finance Chair; **Sonny Morton**, **Betty Ann Smith**, **Frank Wickers**, **Tommy Hodges**, and **Dent Holden**.

Below is the SPRC Calendar of the committee's work for the year:

First Quarter: January, February, March

- Organize Committee (select a vice-chair, secretary)
- Train new SPRC members
- Discuss and complete Appointment "Preference Form" (with pastor present)
- Review job descriptions for other lay and clergy staff
- Look at SPRC Goals and meeting dates for year

Second Quarter: April, May, June

- Annual Pastoral Evaluation: Results are due to the district office by June 1 annually

Third Quarter: July, August, September

- Budget work:
 - salary
 - accountable reimbursement/travel
 - continuing education
 - any other budget items that relate to paid staff
- Review action items from spring-time evaluation of pastor and staff

Fourth Quarter: October, November, December

- Look at Church Goals for coming year
 - Impact on staff priorities, training, division of tasks
- Appointment Review Process for clergy
- Look at long-range plan for pastor and staff continuing education
- SPRC evaluates its own work in past year
 - How did we do?
 - What did we neglect?
 - Where did we shine?

If you have questions or suggestions for SPRC, please see one of our committee members. Due to confidentiality, committee members cannot answer questions related to an individual. For confidentiality, our meetings are not open. Thank you for your support of this work.

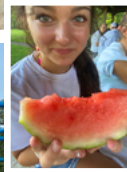
– Ann Hurt, Chair

Our ASP Team of Youth and Adults, in Nicholas County, West Virginia

They look forward to leading the worship service on August 20 and sharing highlights and insights from the trip.



We completed trim around a floor and did finishing touches on a roof, then moved to another site to join volunteers from Connecticut to install a tin roof and build a wheelchair ramp.



Hard work mixes with fun at ASP.



Our Team, in West Virginia, July 16 – 22: Appalachia Service Project



Our team did prep work and installed the floor in a whole house. We painted and put the finishing touches on the family's new roof.

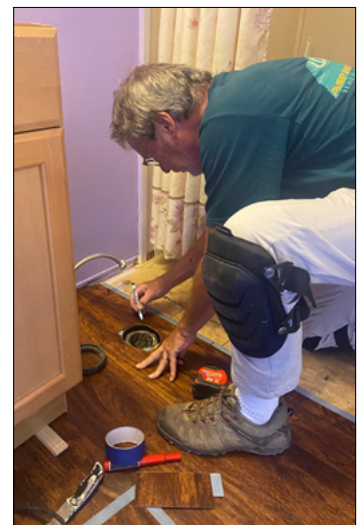


Thank you for a great week in Nicholas County! Your group brought so much fun and vibrant energy to the center.

Talking with you all during check-ins, witnessing the group's relationships grow throughout the week, and seeing the fun vibes were all small, joyous moments for us during the week. We are especially grateful for your flexibility, patience, and kindness.

You all were joys to host! We appreciate all of your hard work, both in home repair and relationship building.

*Blessing, The Nicholas County ASP Staff
(Morgan, Maya, Ian and Alex)*





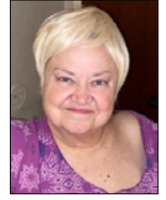
In Our Prayers

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family of
**Kay Mouring
Stephens**

who died on
July 21, 2023.



Birthdays

August

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Rhonda Yates | 17 Derek Mitchell |
| 2 Neill McMillan, Jr.
Sonia Williamson | Carolyn Moore
Joyce Obstler |
| 3 John Morris | 18 Walter Yates, II |
| Zoey Zickefoose | 19 Brock Abernathy |
| 4 Tobias Lutz | Emma Larking |
| 5 Edward Long | Dan Waters |
| 6 Carter Bauman | 20 Suzanne Mills |
| Hudson Dunn | 21 Butch Dalton |
| Sophie Parrish | 23 Emaline Adkins
Betty Eller |
| 7 Catherine Bendall | Dick Patterson |
| Stephanie Spainhour | 24 Andrew Farley
Zickefoose |
| Charles Lee Turbiville | 25 Jane O'Neill
Patrick Turbiville |
| 9 Shelly Barber | 26 Sami Tiver
Belanger |
| 11 Margaret Ashby
Maloney | 28 Jane Anglea
Katie Fitch |
| Phillip Blackmon | Nell Jefferson |
| 13 Charles Jackson | 29 Gayle Plott |
| 14 Lindsey Burton | 30 Joe Garrett
Summer Milligan |
| Audrey Daniel | 31 Stephen Fowler
Harry Milam |
| T.J. O'Neill | |
| Chelsa Williamson | |
| 15 Jim Barber | |
| Wm.Charles Thompson | |

September

- 1 Jesse Mayhew, III
Charles Sampson
- 2 Phyllis Acker
Thomas Underwood, Jr.
- 3 Chris Griffith
DeDe Moyer
- 4 Jeff Clifton
- 5 Cathy Grogan
Thomas O'Neill, III
- 6 Lauren Slayton
- 8 Glen Milam
Matkins Milligan
Kelly Grogan Jordan
- 9 Cathy Darkis
Joan Marley
- 10 Saunders Milligan
Gene Saunders
- 11 Jeff Rudder
Dorothy Stephens
Betty Yates
- 13 Adam Caldwell
- 15 Lester Payne
- 16 Taylor Daniels Wilhelm
Briggs Bauman

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.

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Volunteers Needed!

Over the past few months the overwhelming support this community has given to the Danville Habitat Restore has been unbelievable. Everyone here would like to extend our thanks to each of you. Whether it's an individual, a group, or a company or organization that has donated goods or services, we greatly appreciate it.

Individuals, groups, or organizations that wish to volunteer at the Restore, please contact the store or contact us through Facebook. Whether you want to volunteer for one day, two days, or once or twice a week, you're always welcome and we can always use the help. Contact Josh Swain, ReStore Manager, via email: josh@danvillehabitat.org or by phone: 434.793.3630.

– Kim Baldridge, Executive Director

Scan this QR code to support the ministries of Mount Vernon with your gift – anytime, from anywhere.

