

Mount Vernon Welcomes Averett Students



I want to thank everyone for their donations of school supplies, snacks, and money for the Averett Bags Project to welcome students. When Skyler Daniel (youth minister at West Main Baptist and chaplain at Averett) asked us to join other churches in this project, I thought we would do 25 or 30 bags. But we have people who were very supportive and encouraged us to go for 75. When all was said and done, we ended up with 100 bags!



I asked Megan Gould to help me word a card to include in the bags, inviting students to visit Mount Vernon. I also mentioned that Kathryn Waters had said when she and her friends got similar bags when she was in school, they would keep magnets and put them on their refrigerators. Megan got right to work designing a magnet (far left) and had them produced!

I also want to thank Tammy Waters and Lois MacFadden and her friend Carolyn Hegnauer who helped put the bags together!

— Beth Ranson, Evangelism Chair

MOUNT VERNON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday morning worship | Wednesday night dinners | Special events
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Come visit us soon!
We are an easy 1/2 mile walk from campus.

Each bag holds a pen, pencil, highlighter, post-it notepad, notebook or folder with copy paper, our magnet, and a few notecards, chips, nabs, candy, cookies, gum, and a mug.

2021 Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 3*

3:00 p.m.

*** Our 2021 CROP Walk will be in person, starting from Ballou Park, as in previous years.**

Because the pandemic continues, however, all are welcome to participate in the Walk virtually, as many did in last year's very successful Walk!

In a virtual walk, participants commit to walking alone or in small groups, anywhere you choose, at a time that best suits you or your group.

Please watch for details in our September newsletter about both of the ways to walk, and how to register and donate.

If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Jouette Rowe at jouetteg@hotmail.com

Our leaders and staff are prayerfully planning events and programs for the Fall. As the situation with Covid-19 in our area changes, we will announce decisions on what we can safely do.

Thank you for your patience.

In Christ,
Rev. Jae Cho

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Danville CROP Hunger Walk

October 3, 2021

Danville, VA

Welcome, Richard Clark!

After attending worship services with us since May, he became a member of Mount Vernon on July 25. He transferred from Trinity UMC.

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We hope and pray that we will be able to resume some of our activities in the coming weeks. Our plans are subject to change, based on Covid cases in our community. The safety of our children and youth is paramount. At this point, we are planning the following:

Youth Cookout at Wildwood

Sunday, August 29 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Godly Play resumes

Sunday, September 12

Boomers Class to Begin a New Study

This discussion class will start a new book on August 22, so this is a good time for anyone who is interested to join us. We will study *Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church*. This book is designed to help us understand the shape of this debate in our denomination, and what the outcome will mean for us in the future.

The Boomers class is mostly composed of members of the baby boomer generation, but we don't check ID's. We currently meet via Zoom at 1 p.m. each Sunday. If interested, send me an email at lgbenefield@comcast.net or text me at (434) 489-9530 for an invitation to the online class.

– Gary Benefield, Leader

Meet Leslie McMinnis, Financial Secretary



I currently am retiring from Harris, Harvey, Neal & Co., LLP after 11 years. Previously I worked for Synergy Racing, LLC for 10 years and for other Danville businesses such as Leggett Truck and Equipment and U-Play. I have an associates degree in accounting from Danville Community College. The Lord has blessed me with two wonderful daughters

and a grandson. I attend Evangel Assembly of God Church in Ringgold.

My hours at Mount Vernon are Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 4 :30 p.m.

– Leslie



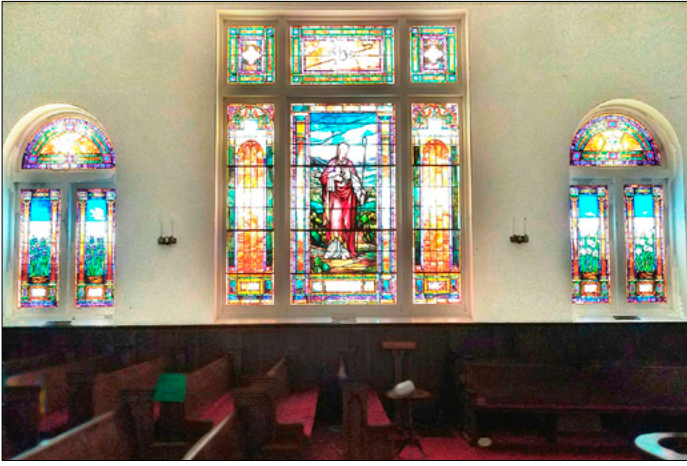
Update: New cameras have been installed recently at the doors coming into the church at the fellowship hall and the West Main Street entrances, along with a new monitor in the office.

The old system had become inoperative. The new system is digital and can be expanded later to a total of eight cameras if we wish. It will record activities if we have a break-in or damage.

Now that all committee members are vaccinated, we are planning work days once a month to make repairs in the church that we can do in-house. On August 13 we will begin painting hallways. Then we will work on hiding cables in the sanctuary, converting fluorescent lights to LED, repairing and painting the bell choir room, replacing tile in the chapel, repairing and painting water-damaged walls and ceilings in the offices, rehabbing the basement bathroom, and painting the West Main and South Main Street entrances.

We are getting quotes on items that need professional work: repairing hidden gutters over the original building behind the sanctuary, repairing the front doors to the sanctuary, and re-stretching carpet in the sanctuary and choir room. We have quotes for large-ticket items including painting the sanctuary (\$76,000) and completing repairs and painting the steeple (\$88,000). We currently have approximately \$28,000 in our capital fund account, so these will probably await a capital campaign.

– Tom Underwood & Gary Benefield, Co-Chairs



"Always stop to breathe in the peace God gives you. Even on a busy day, he is always there."



Thank you to Terri McKee, who uses her photography skills to enrich our church Facebook page (*samples, above*).



Photos by Terri McKee

Did you know our knitting group has started meeting again? 10 a.m. to noon, for now. First and fourth Thursdays (and fifth Thursdays when they occur). No food. Masks required.

Eat Out to Help Out!

**On Tuesday, September 7,
these restaurants will donate 10% of their total sales to God's Storehouse**



- Crema & Vine
- Dell'Anno's Pizza Kitchen (Martinsville Hwy & Main St)
- El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant
- Golden Skillet (Danville & Chatham)
- Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant
- KFC (Piney Forest & Memorial Dr)
- La Nostra Cucina (on Wednesday, Sept. 8)

- Little Caesar's (Southwick)
- Me's Burgers & Brew
- Nana Karen's
- San Marcos Mexican Restaurant
- Seafood and More
- Village Pizza
- Western Sizzlin

***Watch the God's Storehouse Facebook page and website
for more restaurants to be added.***



Regular Meetings and Rehearsals:

AA, Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., lower level

Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7–8 p.m., lower level

Aldersgate Choir, Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m., chapel

Knitting Group, first & last Thursdays (if 5 weeks in month, then first & last 2 Thursdays), 10 a.m., fellowship hall

Aldersgate Ringers, Thursdays, 5:15–6:15 p.m., choir room

Girl Scouts, Thursdays, 6 – 7:15 p.m., fellowship hall



At home: **Dorothy Stephens, Bill Hardy, Joyce Johnson, and Berkeley & Van Keck**

At Roman Eagle:
Marian Adkins, Tom Darkis

Our deepest sympathy

To Margaret Scott and her family, in the death of her mother, Kathryn Wyatt, on July 14.

To The Rev. Joyce Johnson and the family of The Rev. Billy Johnson, who died on August 7.



Please Note: Prayer Chain Change

Marlyn Sigmon has resigned as the leader of the Prayer Chain. **Catherine Bendall** now serves as the leader of this committee. Please call Catherine at (434) 793-3333 if you have a prayer request.

Due to sickness, deaths, and people moving away, this committee has lost members. If you are interested in serving on the Prayer Chain, call Catherine.

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August Birthdays

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- Casey Fowler
Rhonda Yates
 - Neill McMillan, Jr.
Sonia Williamson
 - John Morris
Zoey Zickefoose
 - Tobias Lutz
 - Edward Long
 - Carter Bauman
Hudson Dunn
Sophie Parrish
 - Catherine Bendall
Lindsey Fehl
Dick Patterson
Stephanie Spainhour
Zickefoose
Charles Lee Turbiville
 - Margaret Ashby
Maloney
Phillip Blackmon
 - Charles Jackson
 - Lindsey Burton
Audrey Daniel
T.J. O'Neill
Chelsa Williamson
 - Wm. Charles Thompson
 - Derek Mitchell
Carolyn Moore
Joyce Obstler
 - Walter Yates, II
 - Brock Abernathy
Emma Larking
Dan Waters
 - Suzanne Mills
 - Butch Dalton
 - Emaline Adkins
Christopher Bailey
Betty Eller
Carol Gibbs
 - Andrew Farley
Adam Hawkins
Cutler Payne
 - Jane O'Neill
Patrick Turbiville
 - Elizabeth Furgurson
Sami Tiver Belanger

- Jane Anglea
Katie Fitch
Nell Jefferson
- Joe Garrett
Summer Milligan
Cathy Hawkins
- Stephen Fowler
Harry Milam

September Birthdays

- Jesse Mayhew, III
Charles Sampson
- Phyllis Acker
Thomas Underwood, Jr.
- Chris Griffith
DeDe Moyer
- Jeff Clifton
- Cathy Grogan
Thomas O'Neill, III
- Lauren Slayton
- Glen Milam
Matkins Milligan
Kelly Grogan Jordan
- Cathy Darkis
Joan Marley
- Saunders Milligan
Gene Saunders

*Gifts in memory of **Kathryn Wyatt**,
mother of Margaret Scott, have been received from
Jan Sutherland, Ann & J.G. Hurt, Budge & Carolyn Kent,
Guy & Leah Cooter, and Dan & Tammy Waters.*