



This year's Easter offering will go to the **New Hope Hospital** located in Plaine-du-Nord, Haiti. The goal is \$5,000, with \$4,000 going to New Hope Hospital and \$1,000 going to **Partners for New Hope**. The \$1,000 for Partners for New Hope is the second part of a three-year commitment.

During this Lenten season we reflect on what we are doing to serve Christ and how we can help others do the same. New Hope Hospital, founded and led by Dr. Maklin Eugene, is doing the work of Christ by providing hospital care to people in northern Haiti. Before the hospital was completed in 2016, people in the area had to travel at least three hours to the nearest hospital. Now the thousands of people in the area can receive care.

New Hope serves more than 200 patients per day. What truly makes this hospital different is that, thanks to donations like ours, New Hope is able to serve the low-income population regardless of their ability to pay. The hospital contributes to the overall good of the community, since good medical care is essential to a strong and prosperous community.

Partners for New Hope coordinates aid to New Hope Hospital and insures a quick response to emergency needs. For example, when an earthquake devastated southern Haiti last year, Dr. Maklin was able to quickly take a team of doctors, nurses, and supplies to meet the overwhelming need.



## ***Holy Week: Journey Through Wilderness***

*Join us as we journey, like the Israelites and like Jesus, through wilderness.*



### **Palm Sunday Service**

**April 10 at 10:00 A.M.** In-person in the sanctuary and live-streamed

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

**April 14, at 7:00 P.M.**

In-person only; beginning in the fellowship hall

### **Good Friday Service**

**April 15, at 12:30 P.M.** In-person only, in the sanctuary

## ***Easter Service***

**Sunday, April 17, at 10:00 A.M.**

In-person in the sanctuary and live-streamed

With music by the Children's Choir, Aldersgate Choir, and Aldersgate Ringers, and guest musicians Joe Northen (timpani) and Kurt Phelps (trumpet).

## New Members Class in Two Sessions

April 3 and 10

Classes offered each Sunday, 11:15 A.M. – noon.

In the pastor's office

All visitors and any interested church members are welcome to participate in these sessions.



Teachers Sandra Morales, Kathryn Waters, and Beth Bauman share the stories of our faith each week, both in-person (Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.) and on Zoom (Wednesday nights at 8 p.m.). They are amazed each week with the beautiful insights our children share. Our children are also learning songs for worship on Palm Sunday and Easter.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

The Missions Committee will collect snacks and drinks for Park Avenue Elementary School teachers to show our appreciation for their work. The committee will deliver these items on May 3.

Mount Vernon members are asked to donate snacks and drinks the week prior to May 3. **Collection will start on Monday, April 25, and end on Monday, May 2.**

Items to donate:

- Water, soda, and other drinks in 12 oz. or smaller containers
- Individually wrapped snacks, cookies, or candy



Items may be left in the glass enclosure by the fellowship hall, and they will be taken to the kitchen.

– Chuck Sampson, Chair, Missions Committee

## Spring Is a Time of New Beginnings!



Please plan to join your Mount Vernon Church family for a brunch on **Sunday, May 1**. This will be a time of fellowship and reconnecting. We will gather at 9 a.m., before our 10 a.m. worship service. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us!

– Joyce Underwood, Chair, Evangelism Committee

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

(Matthew 18:20 NIV)

## Children's Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 3

5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Wildwood\*

422 Lake Road, Pelham, NC

With assistance from our Mount Vernon Youth, we'll have art projects, music, boat rides, and an Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your Easter basket!



\* In case of severe weather, we will move to the Mount Vernon fellowship hall.



March 23, 2022: Mount Vernon knitters (and a grandson).  
The knitters meet in the fellowship hall on the first, fourth, and fifth Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
All are welcome to join them.

*The family of Beth Payne's sister, Ginny, is so appreciative of the cards, phone calls, and kindness shown during her illness and at her passing.  
Our sincerest thank you to all.*



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Pat Giles, Dorothy Stephens, Donald Turner  
The Rev. Joyce Johnson, Shirley Duncan  
Mary Ellen Dean, Bill Hardy

### Birthdays in April

2 Von Cannon John Gibbs, III	16 Brian Cuthrell Leslie Shreve Kathryn Waters	29 Lude Labieville	
3 Kathryn Blachura Sarah Hawkins Harry Lea	17 Frank Davis Verla Wall	30 Max Glass, Jr. Vicki Williams	
5 Ken Larking	18 Betty Turner	<b>— And Early May —</b>	
6 Lee Shreve Jack Spainhour Morgan Wall	19 Cameron Booker Townes Lea	2 Harper Mitchell Meredith Ashby Ramsden	
7 Rebecca Daniel Beth Payne	22 Susan Davis Marshall White Hazel Alexandria Zakhary	3 Jessica Austin	
9 Mary Ellen Dean	24 David Fuquay Alex Womack	4 Phillip Wright	
11 Stuart Bray	25 Dennis Porter	5 Tom Darkis	
12 Tom Underwood	27 Alysia Alber Frank Wickers	6 Frances McMillan Anne Thomas	
15 Ellen Joyce Suzanne Miller Anne Powell Judie Turbiville	28 Kevin Miller	7 Rita Doggett Bill Fuller Beth Ranson	
		9 Shirley Bray	

### Happy 90th Birthday

to Pat Maurakis!

(Her birthday was on February 20, but it's not too late to wish her a great year.)

### Mount Vernon UMC Brochures Available

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

The brochures are on the tables inside each entrance to the sanctuary.

You may pick up a copy of the scripture readings for each day in April on the table outside the church office. Or go online to the Virginia Conference (<https://vaumc.org>) and scroll down the page until you see the "2022 Bible Challenge" image. Click that image for a page with links to readings for any month in 2022.



*Gifts in memory of*

***Eleanor Cuthrell***

*have been received from  
Margaret Harden, Suzanne Miller,  
the Landis Sunday School Class,  
Carol & Lewis Williamson,  
Catherine Bendall, Jan Lester,  
Beth & Briggs Bauman, and  
Tom & Joyce Underwood.*

*A gift in memory of **Fred Duncan***

*has been received from  
Joanne Bucklew.*

*A gift in memory of **Sue Wickers***

*has been received from  
Margaret Harden.*

*A gift in memory of **Richard Turner***

*has been received from  
Joanne Bucklew.*



ASP '22  
July 24-30

**Preparing for Our Summer Mission Trip**  
At our ASP preparation sessions, our youth are preparing to travel to the Appalachian mountains in July to assist low-income homeowners with home repairs. They learn about sensitivity to the needs of the homeowners, safety on the job site, and stewardship of the resources we will be entrusted with. Many thanks to Gary Benefield, Chuck Sampson, Sophie Parrish, and Frank Cuthrell for their leadership in these sessions. We anticipate having 18 people on our team. We will learn our destination in May.



You are invited to bring cut flowers when you come to church on Easter and put them on the cross outside the main door to the sanctuary.



  
United Methodist Committee On Relief  
**Be There. Be Hope.**

Appreciation is expressed to all who contributed to the UMCOR offering for Ukraine.  
**Total received: \$2,625.00**