



A  
MUSICAL CELEBRATION  
OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19  
10:00 A.M.

The service will include music performed by our Children's Choir, Aldersgate Choir, and Aldersgate Ringers, as well as by Megan Gould, Carolyn Smith, John Wilt, Skylar Payne (cello), and David and Sophie Parrish.



CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT  
COMMUNION  
SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24  
5:30 P.M.

As always at Mount Vernon, this service will include singing beloved carols and receiving Holy Communion, and will conclude with singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

**Children's Fall Celebration**



*Our children enjoyed a chilly Fall Celebration at Wildwood, sponsored by our Mount Vernon Youth. Among other activities, they went on a nature hike with a nature scavenger hunt, and they recorded a song that will be shared at the December 19 Christmas music service.*

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## Join Our Ushering Ministry

Ushers are the hosts for every Mount Vernon worship service, serving as our front-line ministers of welcome. Ushers help visitors find a seat and assist anyone who needs help. They offer to escort people to the restrooms, and provide hearing devices, as needed. Before the service begins, ushers at each of the three entries into the sanctuary greet everyone and give them a bulletin. They help to insure the security of parishioners. During the service, they collect the offering.

Ushers are asked to be at the church 30 minutes before a service begins. Women as well as men are encouraged to volunteer. If couples volunteer, they can be scheduled to serve together.

We have lost several faithful ushers over the past few years. Please prayerfully consider whether this is a ministry in which you could serve.



Contact Butch Dalton, 434.251.5346, to be added to the roster of ushers and for more information about how often you would be scheduled to serve, and so on.

## Habitat Sheetrock Project Coming in January

Volunteers from Mount Vernon will install sheetrock in the latest Habitat for Humanity house in early January (possibly Jan. 7 weekend). Coleman Hylton is coordinating the project, and both skilled and unskilled volunteers are welcome.

If you would like to donate snacks for the volunteers, please leave them at the church, marked "for Habitat project."



## Many Thanks to Lindsay Payne!

Lindsay has faithfully served as chair of our Children's House Board of Directors for ten years. She oversaw our transition from part-time preschool to full-time day care and has worked tirelessly to ensure that our program maintains excellent quality in every way.

Elizabeth Ware has also served our program faithfully, and both are rotating off the Board. Megan Gould has agreed to chair the Board.

Thank you, Lindsay and Elizabeth!

*Thank you to everyone for prayers, calls, and cards during Susan's illness. She is out of the hospital and home.*

*Frank and Susan Davis*



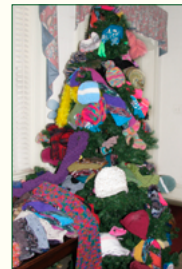
## December Missions Emphasis

Our Advent offering will go to the Habitat for Humanity Village Project and to Boys & Girls Club for swimming lessons for children.

Collection boxes are located near the fellowship hall for two projects:

### • The Mitten Tree

Donations of hats and gloves will be sent to the United Methodist Church of Cherokee, N.



• **The Henry Fork Center.** This is a United Methodist mission project that serves needy families near Rocky Mount, Virginia. Items needed:

- postage stamps
- white copy paper
- mailing labels
- envelopes
- paper towels, toilet paper
- paper plates, napkins, spoons
- birthday gifts for all ages, especially the elderly



## Christmas Greetings

*Thank you to Mount Vernon Church for helping us make a huge difference in the lives of Haitian people! It is such a blessing to be in partnership together. Your help is greatly appreciated. We are grateful for you, as it is by your continued support we can together make a difference. I hope we keep working together for the well-being of the Haitian people.*

*Many blessings,  
Dr. Eugene Maklin*



November 14: John Wilt and Bill Smith present a plaque "Honoring our members who served and are serving to defend our beloved nation" to the church.



December 2021

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Advent Offering, which will show love and care for our neighbors in Danville, will go to Boys & Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity. Both organizations serve the Danville area. A brief description of each organization and its mission is as follows.

**Habitat for Humanity, The Habitat Village Project.** The Habitat Village Project will provide 30 homes, in one neighborhood, for families looking for better living conditions. One quarter of the land will be dedicated as community space for all the residents. This will allow families to focus on things like work, school, and well being.



*Mount Vernon team installs sheetrock in a Habitat house*

The project started about ten years ago when St. Luke's United Methodist Church donated the land to Habitat for Humanity for a safe-housing neighborhood. Habitat has steadily worked toward its ultimate goal, and most recently the property was zoned for 30 homes. This is the largest project our local chapter has ever undertaken.

Usually one home is built at a time, but the goal for this project is to build three or four homes a year. Ground was broken on November 30 for the Village.

The housing is for low- and middle-income families who are able to pay for the home and help build it. Payment is made through a 30-year no-interest loan, which Habitat helps provide. The family works on construction and landscaping, and provides other labor.

**The Boys & Girls Club** will use a portion of our Advent offering to provide swimming lessons at the Danville YMCA. This will give the children a valuable life-saving skill not available to all Danville residents, especially if access to a pool is not available either because of cost or lack of transportation – and it will be fun.

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs is to inspire young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Areas of focus are: academic success, good character, leadership, healthy lifestyles, and the arts. This is accomplished by providing a safe, positive environment, positive relationships, and opportunities to succeed and excel.



Pick up an Advent offering envelope in the sanctuary or outside the church office, or simply write "Advent Offering" on your check in the memo line.

May you find God in your heart, and joy in this Advent season, and most of all, stay well. And may peace and grace be with you all,

Chuck Sampson  
Missions Committee Chair



*Mount Vernon's children enjoyed a Fall Celebration at Wildwood, sponsored by our Mount Vernon Youth. They heard the Godly Play story of creation on the dock with God's glorious fall creation all around them. They went on a nature hike to see a beaver dam, with a*

*nature scavenger hunt along the way, and they played games: badminton, soccer, and spud.*

*Many thanks to our youth for this great experience for our children.*



*Our Mount Vernon youth continue to meet outdoors for Covid safety.*

*This month we sponsored the Children's Fall Celebration and learned to play pickleball.*





At home: Van Keck, Dorothy Stephens,  
Joyce Johnson, Bill Hardy

A gift in memory of **Herb Setliff**  
has been received from Beth & Lester Payne.

Gifts in memory of **Jesse Wall**  
have been received from  
John & Gayle Morris, Jan Sutherland,  
and Carey Wilkes.

Gifts in memory of **Richard Turner**  
have been received from  
Fred & Shirley Duncan, Joseph Miller,  
Darrell & Ann Williamson, Carolyn Hegnauer,  
Jim & Susan Daniel, Wright Garrett,  
B.G. & Joyce Lewis, J.G. & Ann Hurt,  
Eddie Mitchell & Ellen Beville, Pat Maurakis,  
John & Gayle Morris, Terry Deane Ley Harris,  
Fran Ashby, Ann & Ed Olive,  
Bill & Betty Ann Smith, Jim & Helen Cheyney,  
Jesse & Jerrye Mayhew, Jan Sutherland,  
Catherine Bendall, and Janet McGregor.

Gifts in memory of **Linwood Wright**  
have been received from  
Jim & Donna Woody, Carey Wilkes,  
Jeff & Kristi Gilliam, Audrey Bliss,  
Guy & Leah Cooter, John & Gayle Morris,  
Larry, Richard & Diane Brannock,  
John & Wendy Dameron, B.G. & Joyce Lewis,  
Lewis & Carol Williamson, Frances McMillan,  
Brent & Beverly Morehead, Jan Sutherland,  
Catherine Bendall, Bill & Betty Ann Smith,  
and Geraldine & Walter Sherman.

A gift in honor of  
**Juliet Cho, Carolyn Smith, and Robert Sutter**  
has been received from  
Peggy Wright & Family.

Gifts in memory of **Kenneth Miller**  
have been received from  
Budge & Carolyn Kent, Frances McMillan,  
and Jim & Susan Daniel.

Gifts in memory of **Glenn Giles**  
have been received from  
Carey Wilkes, Fran Ashby, Catherine Bendall,  
John & Gayle Morris, Jan Sutherland,  
Lewis & Carol Williamson, and  
Bill & Betty Ann Smith.

A gift in memory of **Brian James**  
has been received from Catherine Bendall.

A gift in memory of **Tom Darkis**  
has been received from Jan Sutherland.

### Our deepest sympathy

To Suzanne Miller and the family of **Ken Miller**,  
who died on November 7.

and

To Shirley Duncan and the family of **Fred Duncan**,  
who died on November 24. The funeral service will be at  
Mount Vernon on December 11 at 2:00 P.M.



**Kenneth McGlaughon Miller** died on November 7,  
2021, at the age of 87. The son of the Rev. James  
Herbert Miller and Elsie McGlaughon Miller, he  
was born in Whiteville, N.C., on October 19, 1934.  
He was a vital member of the Danville community  
for more than 60 years.

Like his father and brothers, Ken attended Duke University,  
where he received his AB in English in 1956 and MAT in 1958. He  
settled in Danville and began a long career in education, first as an  
English instructor at George Washington H.S. and eventually as an  
administrator, rising to become Director of Instruction, Assistant  
Superintendent, and Interim Superintendent before his 1994  
retirement.

Shortly after arriving in Danville, he met Evelyn Ellison of Anderson  
County, S.C. They were married in 1960, and she predeceased him  
in 2001. In 2005, he married Suzanne Jones, also an educator. This  
happy union brought into his life stepson Brian Jones (Trisha) of  
Clayton, N.C., and two beloved grandsons, Nolan and Cole.

Ken was a faithful congregant at Mount Vernon, where his dis-  
tinctive bass graced the choir for many years.

He is survived by his wife; his stepson, Brian Jones (Trisha); his  
grandsons, Nolan and Cole Jones; his brother, Rev. James Herbert  
Miller, Jr., of Kinston, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

### December Birthdays

1 Emma Tatum Rich	16 Jan Sutherland	Ann Stuart Ray
2 Betty Ann Berry Bill Fuller	17 Michael Chandler Emily Hylton	31 Emily Bennett
3 Brad Hodges	20 Margaret Scott	
4 Caroline Hylton	21 Lois MacFadden	
5 Kate Newell	22 Christian Clifton	
6 June Thomas	23 Howard Lester	
8 Suzanne Fisher Sam Swanson, Jr.	24 Sue Lea Ashley Marley Ann Williamson	
9 Stephen Daniel	25 Mary Hawkins Catharine Meador Whit Williamson	
13 Robin Crews Kathy Fowler Jim Moyer	27 John Cornett	
14 Eric Bucklew Christine Ethington Clinton Wickers	28 Fran Ashby	
Joe Cornett Robin Woodson	29 Neil Allen Thomas Booker Mark Milam	



### January Birthdays

2 Catherine Adkins
4 Paige Johnson
5 Lee Searcey
6 Kathryn Baer Dent Holden Remmus Milligan Cheryl Sule Amy Echols
7 Bonnie Griffith Andrew Long
8 Karen Miller
10 Ann Hurt