



I am taking this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the service of our committee chairs and leaders. We all owe them a sincere “thank you” for their labors of love with the ministry of Mount Vernon Church.

I would like to recognize the leaders who stepped down at the end of 2021: John Ranson (Lay Leader), Beth Ranson (Chair, Evangelism), and Lindsay Payne (Chair, Children’s House Board). Their willingness to use their gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of this church.

We welcome the new leaders who are coming on: Megan Gould, Ann Hurt, and Joyce Underwood (see the full 2022 Leadership list, below, page 4). Thank you for your willingness to step in and serve as a committee chair during this difficult time.

To lead a committee requires one to put aside one’s own interests in order to spiritually discern what is right and best and God’s true calling for the church. These leaders, past and present, are truly a blessing to this congregation!

– Jae W. Cho



Dec. 2

Advent/ Christmas season at Mount Vernon

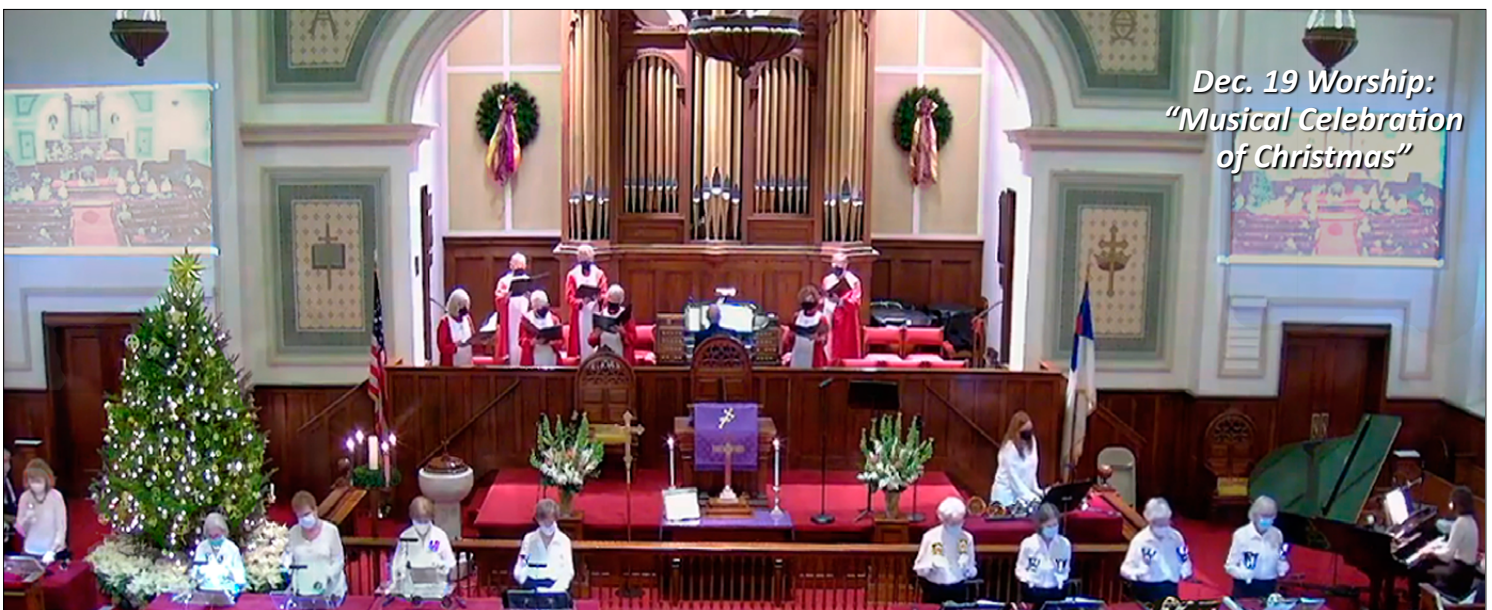
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Dec. 12



Dec. 19: Our Youth group
Christmas caroling



Dec. 19 Worship:
“Musical Celebration
of Christmas”



The 2021 Advent Offering

will be used to show love and care for neighbors here in Danville. It will be divided between the Habitat Village Project and Boys & Girls Club.

**So far, we have raised \$3,635.00.
Our goal is \$5,000.00.**

If you have not had a chance to contribute, it's not too late!



Mount Vernon UMC Foundation 2022/2023 Scholarship Applications Available

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Foundation distributes all of its net income annually. A limited amount of scholarship funds for students in the Danville – Pittsylvania County – Caswell County area pursuing undergraduate degrees will be awarded. Awards will be made based on a combination of financial need, academic merit, and community involvement. Other distributions are made to worthy causes, some as directed by our donors, while others are approved requests for various ministries.



The deadline for submitting completed applications is Monday, February 28, 2022. Download applications from the church website at mtvernonumc.org .

Happy New Year, Church Family!

We would like to express our thanks for the prayers, calls, and cards during our son-in-law's illness during the fall. Robert continues to improve and is looking forward to the new year!



*Blessings,
Tom & Joyce
Underwood*



In-person Godly Play classes have resumed on Sundays at 9 a.m. upstairs in our Godly Play classroom.
Zoom Godly Play lessons continue on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.



Mitten Tree Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Henry Fork project this holiday season. The toys and supplies plus hats and gloves from the mitten tree will be so appreciated. Our knitting group contributed 81 hats and 91 scarves! Others contributed many gloves, socks, and so on. What a blessing from all of you!

Several boxes have been packed for mailing to the Cherokees in North Carolina and to be delivered to the Henry Fork Center, near Rocky Mount, Va.



Advent/Christmas Season



Dec. 19: Worship service, with Mount Vernon's musicians and readers — of all ages



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



MOUNT VERNON UMC LEADERSHIP 2022

CHURCH COUNCIL

Jan Sutherland, Chair
Ann Hurt, Lay Leader
Budge Kent, Trustees Chair
Budge Kent, Treasurer
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Sonny Morton, Staff-Parish Relations Chair
Margaret Scott, Worship Chair
Tom Underwood, Gary Benefield, Property Co-Chairs
Joyce Underwood, Evangelism Chair
Chuck Sampson, Missions Chair
Catherine Bendall, Caring Ministry Chair
Butch Dalton, Safety
Megan Gould, Children's House Board Chair
Fran Ashby, Memorials Chair
Ken Larking, Foundation Chair
To be named, Children's Council Chair
Bill Smith, At-Large
Lin Benefield, At-Large
Rosalind Morton, UMWomen President
Juliet Cho, Music Director
Beth Bauman, Children & Youth Director
Jae Cho, Minister

TRUSTEES

Budge Kent, Chair
Terms ending 2022: Fran Ashby, Budge Kent, Libby Spainhour
Terms ending 2023: Ellen Beville, Tommy Hodges, Sonny Morton
Terms ending 2024: Gary Benefield, Gary Miller, John Ranson

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Jae Cho, Chair
Terms ending 2023: Skylar Payne, Libby Spainhour,
Joyce Underwood, Leah Cooter

FINANCE

Melissa Herke, Chair
Budge Kent, Treasurer; Fran Ashby, Memorials; Jim Daniel,
Frank Davis, Ellen Joyce, Ken Larking, Charles Majors,
Joyce Obstler

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Sonny Morton, Chair
Ann Hurt, Lay Leader
Sonny Morton, Betty Ann Smith, Kathryn Waters,
Frank Wickers

PROPERTY

Tom Underwood, Gary Benefield, Co-Chairs
Butch Dalton, Frank Davis, Howard Lester, Sonny Morton,
John Ranson, Chuck Sampson, Darrell Williamson

WORSHIP

Margaret Scott, Chair
Butch Dalton, Usher Coordinator; Tammy Waters,
Acolyte/Crucifer Coordinator; Margaret Scott, Flowers
Coordinator; Jan Sutherland, Altar Guild Coordinator;
John Ranson, Libby Spainhour, Lewis Williamson

MISSIONS

Chuck Sampson, Chair
Beth Bauman, *Staff*
Frank Davis, Frances McMillan, Margaret Milam,
John Ranson, Betty Ann Smith, Jan Sutherland,
Carol Williamson, Lewis Williamson, Robert Wooding

EVANGELISM

Joyce Underwood, Chair
Mary Lou Dunn, Suzanne Fisher, Lois McFadden,
Margaret Milam, Rosalind Morton, Lindsay Payne,
Beth Ranson, Linda Saunders, Gene Saunders,
Betty Ann Smith, Kathryn Waters, Tammy Waters,
Vida Wilkes, Ann Williamson

CARING MINISTRY

Catherine Bendall, Chair
Suzanne Fisher, Frances McMillan, Margaret Milam,
Rosalind Morton, Vera Stephens, Joyce Underwood,
Ann Williamson

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL. *To be named*, Chair

Beth Bennett, Laura Daniel, Beth deAristizabal,
Sandra Morales. Beth Bauman, *staff*

MEMORIALS. Fran Ashby, Chair

Mary Franks, Joyce Fuquay, Betty Turner

CHILDREN'S HOUSE BOARD. Megan Gould, Chair

Rachel Holden, Aliea Lewis, Julette Rowe, Matthew
Switick; Lindsey Fehl, Director. Beth Bauman, *staff*

MOUNT VERNON FOUNDATION BOARD

Ken Larking, Chair
2020: Mary Franks, Margaret Scott, Steven Gould,
Karen Miller
2021: Fran Ashby, Bonnie Griffith, Martha Jo Hodges,
Ken Larking, Jane O'Neill, Libby Spainhour
2022: Steve Daniel



Our youth are resuming in-person meetings in January. In December we enjoyed several outdoor activities including Christmas caroling and a Christmas party at Wildwood.



Join Bishop Lewis Reading the Bible in 2022

[HTTPS://VAUMC.ORG/2022BIBLECHALLENGE/](https://vaumc.org/2022BIBLECHALLENGE/)



Since 2017, Virginia Conference Bishop Sharma Lewis has encouraged clergy and laity to read the entire Bible in a year. Each year she has featured a different way to proceed. This year, the challenge is to read the Bible straight through, from Genesis through Revelation. On the Virginia Conference website (<https://vaumc.org/>) you'll find suggested readings for each month, day by day.

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	Genesis 1:1-2:25	Matthew 1:1-2:12	Psalms 1:1-6	Proverbs 1:1-6
□ 02	Genesis 3:1-4:26	Matthew 2:13-3:6	Psalms 2:1-12	Proverbs 1:7-9
□ 03	Genesis 5:1-7:24	Matthew 3:7-4:11	Psalms 3:1-8	Proverbs 1:10-19
□ 04	Genesis 8:1-10:32	Matthew 4:12-25	Psalms 4:1-8	Proverbs 1:20-23
□ 05	Genesis 11:1-13:4	Matthew 5:1-26	Psalms 5:1-12	Proverbs 1:24-28
□ 06	Genesis 13:5-15:21	Matthew 5:27-48	Psalms 6:1-10	Proverbs 1:29-33
□ 07	Genesis 16:1-18:15	Matthew 6:1-24	Psalms 7:1-17	Proverbs 2:1-5
□ 08	Genesis 18:16-19:38	Matthew 6:25-7:14	Psalms 8:1-9	Proverbs 2:6-15
□ 09	Genesis 20:1-22:24	Matthew 7:15-29	Psalms 9:1-12	Proverbs 2:16-22
□ 10	Genesis 23:1-24:51	Matthew 8:1-17	Psalms 9:13-20	Proverbs 3:1-6
□ 11	Genesis 24:52-26:16	Matthew 8:18-34	Psalms 10:1-15	Proverbs 3:7-8
□ 12	Genesis 26:17-27:46	Matthew 9:1-17	Psalms 10:16-18	Proverbs 3:9-10
□ 13	Genesis 28:1-29:35	Matthew 9:18-38	Psalms 11:1-7	Proverbs 3:11-12
□ 14	Genesis 30:1-31:16	Matthew 10:1-23	Psalms 12:1-8	Proverbs 3:13-15
□ 15	Genesis 31:17-32:12	Matthew 10:24-11:6	Psalms 13:1-6	Proverbs 3:16-18
□ 16	Genesis 32:13-34:31	Matthew 11:7-30	Psalms 14:1-7	Proverbs 3:19-20
□ 17	Genesis 35:1-36:43	Matthew 12:1-21	Psalms 15:1-5	Proverbs 3:21-26
□ 18	Genesis 37:1-38:30	Matthew 12:22-45	Psalms 16:1-11	Proverbs 3:27-32
□ 19	Genesis 39:1-41:16	Matthew 12:46-13:23	Psalms 17:1-15	Proverbs 3:33-35
□ 20	Genesis 41:17-42:17	Matthew 13:24-46	Psalms 18:1-15	Proverbs 4:1-6
□ 21	Genesis 42:18-43:34	Matthew 13:47-14:12	Psalms 18:16-36	Proverbs 4:7-10
□ 22	Genesis 44:1-45:28	Matthew 14:13-36	Psalms 18:37-50	Proverbs 4:11-13
□ 23	Genesis 46:1-47:31	Matthew 15:1-28	Psalms 19:1-14	Proverbs 4:14-19
□ 24	Genesis 48:1-49:33	Matthew 15:29-16:12	Psalms 20:1-9	Proverbs 4:20-27
□ 25	Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10	Matthew 16:13-17:9	Psalms 21:1-13	Proverbs 5:1-6
□ 26	Exodus 2:11-3:22	Matthew 17:10-27	Psalms 22:1-18	Proverbs 5:7-14
□ 27	Exodus 4:1-5:21	Matthew 18:1-20	Psalms 22:19-31	Proverbs 5:15-21
□ 28	Exodus 5:22-7:25	Matthew 18:21-19:12	Psalms 23:1-6	Proverbs 5:22-23
□ 29	Exodus 8:1-9:35	Matthew 19:13-30	Psalms 24:1-10	Proverbs 6:1-5
□ 30	Exodus 10:1-12:13	Matthew 20:1-28	Psalms 25:1-15	Proverbs 6:6-11
□ 31	Exodus 12:14-13:16	Matthew 20:29-21:22	Psalms 25:16-22	Proverbs 6:12-15



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

Our thoughts
and prayers
are with you.



To
Margaret Scott and her family
in the death of her father,
Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr.,
on December 22, 2021.

January Birthdays

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| 1 Bernard Thomas | John Hiltzheimer |
| 2 Catherine Adkins | Brady Woodson |
| 4 Paige Johnson | 17 Tom Grogan |
| 5 Lee Searcey | 20 Trae Meder |
| 6 Kathryn Baer | 21 Robert McFar- |
| Dent Holden | land, II |
| Remmus Milligan | 22 Sandra Keck |
| Cheryl Sule | 23 Kelly Long |
| Amy Echols | 24 Carolyn Kent |
| 7 Bonnie Griffith | Darrell Williamson |
| Andrew Long | 25 Jeff Ashby |
| 8 Karen Miller | Beth Bauman |
| 10 Ann Hurt | 26 Patrick Eller |
| 11 Katherine Daniel | Bill Gammon |
| 13 Leah Cooter | 27 Marlyn Sigmon |
| 14 Patsi Compton | Carey Wilkes |
| Joyce Fuquay | 28 Hugh Stoneburner |
| Stephanie Keck | 29 Gordon Brooks |
| 15 Terry Deane Harris | Powell, IV |
| 16 Anna Blackmon Baer | 31 Martha Ray |
| Joanne Bucklew | Peggy Wright |



February Birthdays

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| 3 Matt Charles |
| Kaleigh Long- |
| beam |
| 6 Courtney Bailey |
| 7 Jean Gauldin |
| Elizabeth Hylton |
| Pierce Turbiville |
| Susan Turner |
| 8 Barbara Brande |
| 9 Cayla Barker |
| Jay Barker |
| Amanda Foster |
| Steve Huff |
| Jane McMillan |
| Nik Tiver Belanger |
| Lewis Williamson |
| 11 Beth Eller |
| 12 Wright Garrett |
| 14 Anna Cho |
| Martha Sule |