

The Triangle

MOUNT VERNON UMC News

July 2022



Vacation Bible School



Our children, youth, and adult leaders gathered at Wildwood Lake to learn about Jesus and the disciples at the lakeshore, his encounter with Zaccheus, and Jesus' story about including all people at the Welcoming Table. We had a wonderful time together with dramatic presentations by our youth, along with music, art projects, and recreation.

Many thanks to those who provided leadership for our adventure! Youth leaders – Katie Blachura, Skylar Payne, Caden Payne, Emily Hylton, and Caroline Hylton – and Pastor Jae and Sophie Parrish provided excellent leadership as actors; as art, music, and recreation leaders; and as mentors for the children. We enjoyed singing and playing instruments in music time led by Juliet Cho. Skits written by Beth deAristizabal and coordinated by Sophie Parrish brought the stories to life. Thanks to Laura Daniel and Briggs Bauman for their assistance.

In grateful appreciation, Beth Bauman



Children's House Welcomes New Director

Greetings, Mount Vernon Church!

My name is Cassandra Jones (soon to be Mrs. Roome), and I am so excited to be the director at Children's House! I have been in the early childhood education field for ten years, and within those ten years have had two years of experience working with preschool aged children with special needs.



It's been a busy month getting connected to all of our Children's House families and learning the lay of the land. We can't wait to continue to see what God has in store for this important ministry of Mount

Vernon! Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and involvement as we ready these little hearts and minds to reflect love, kindness, and grace.

~Cassandra



Congratulations
to
Megan and
Steven Gould, whose daughter,
Elizabeth Carter Gould,
was born on July 1, 2022.

Best Wishes! To Katie Nelson
and Christian Clifton,
who were married at Mount Vernon on June 6.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Kevin and Sara Miller, whose son,
Matthew Carrington Miller,
was born on June 13. Gary and Karen Miller
are the proud grandparents.



Dear Church:

On behalf of Partners 4 New Hope, Inc., we thank you for your generous donation. Your contribution will provide much needed support for Dr. Maklin Eugene and the ongoing ministries in the Northern Region of Haiti.

Sincerely,

Wanda Musgrave, Partners 4 New Hope

*New Hope Hospital received \$4,404.00 and
Cap Haitien Ministry Center received \$1,000.00
from Mount Vernon's Lent/Easter Offering. -Ed.*



On June 5, the Evangelism Committee, with the help of Libby Spainhour, honored Lin Benefield for her service and dedication to the congregation of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. Lin retired in March 2020 as our communications manager/church secretary. As we all know, Lin continues to faithfully serve our church as newsletter editor and by maintaining our church website.

Thank you, Lin, for all of your help and hard work! You are appreciated!

—Joyce Underwood, Evangelism Chair

Our group of youth and adults will travel to Lafayette County, West Virginia, to assist low-income homeowners with home repairs July 24–30. The team has been preparing for several months with sessions on sensitivity to the needs of those whom we will be serving, stewardship of resources, and safety.



Please keep our Appalachia Service Project team in your prayers as they travel and serve.



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*Our thoughts and prayers
are with you.*

Philip Blackmon, Pat Giles, Bill Hardy,
Dorothy Stephens, The Rev. Joyce Johnson,
Mary Ellen Dean, Betty Yates,
Peggy Handy (Piney Forest Rehab, Room 30),
Donald Turner



You may pick up a copy of VA Conference Bishop Sharma Lewis's suggested scripture readings for each day in July, on the table outside the church office.

MOUNT VERNON UMC BROCHURES AVAILABLE

If you know someone who might be interested in our church, please pick up a brochure with information 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.

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*Gifts in memory of **Eleanor Cuthrell**
have been received from:
Frank Wickers and Gary & Lin Benefield.*

*Gifts in memory of **Shirley Duncan**
have been received from:*

*Charles & Betty Young, Christina & James Mallard,
Ron & Barb Garrett, Dana & Neal Obstler,
Gayle & John Morris, Gwen & John McCullough,
Don & Harriet Cook, Cynthia & Bruce Pasch,
Margaret & John Hurt, Dr. & Mrs. Max Glass,
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Darrell & Ann Williamson, Catherine Bendall,
Andrew & Peyton Hart, Doreen Bocoock,
Joyce Wahsum, Tom & Joyce Underwood,
Pat Maurakis, Budge & Carolyn Kent,
Deborah Crusan, Howard & Jan Lester, Millie Hatcher,
Joseph & Julia Brown, and Robin & Andrew Hasty.*

*A gift in memory of **Fred and Shirley Duncan**
has been received from Page and Bobbie Wilkerson.*



July

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| 1 Elizabeth (Ellie) Gould | 9 Jim Daniel | 17 Andy Pickeral | Will Booker |
| 3 Earle Garrett, III | 10 Amy Eller | 21 Jerry Foster | Michelle Larking |
| 4 John Ranson
Edgar Love | 11 Jerrye Mayhew
Mary Wilkes | Marge Peters
Brooks Powell | Heather Slayton
Ashley Yates |
| 5 Jenna Rudder | 13 Libby Spainhour | 22 Barclay Coleman
Dan Newell | 27 Susan Dibrell
Jimmy Jefferson |
| 6 Tommie Blackmon
Beth deAristizabal
Dana Glass
David Parrish | 14 Jae Cho
Beth Daniels | 23 Page Harris
Kate Milam | 28 Frank Cuthrell
Charlotte Parrish |
| 7 Thomas Farley
Nick Fowler | 16 Lisa Blackmon
Christy Robertson
Baxter Jennings
Stephen Milam | 24 Melanie Thomson
Vida Wilkes | 29 Nicola Parrish |
| | | 25 Ron Allen | 30 Knox Milligan
Matthew Payne |

August

- 1 Casey Fowler
Rhonda Yates
- 2 Neill McMillan, Jr.
Sonia Williamson
- 3 John Morris
Zoey Zickefoose
- 4 Tobias Lutz
- 5 Edward Long
- 6 Carter Bauman
Hudson Dunn
Sophie Parrish
- 7 Catherine Bendall
Dick Patterson