



Annual Conference 2023

The 241st session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held in Roanoke, VA, on June 15 through 17. It will focus on the theme “United as One in Mission.”

The theme is based on Acts 1:8b:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (NIV).

Jae Cho and Ann Hurt (Lay Member for Annual Conference and SPRC Chair) will attend the Conference this year.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Summertime and the Givin’ Is Easy

Here in the church office, we continually look for ways to make it easier for YOU, our faithful donors, to give your tithes and other special offerings to the church.

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– Don Haymore



Leadership Consecration Sunday

June 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.

As we have noted before, our new, streamlined Church Council will take effect on July 1. It is structured to operate more efficiently and effectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the service of all committee chairs and leaders. Thank you so much for your labor of love in the ministry of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

I invite all of our current leaders – both those who are stepping down from committees and those leaders who are coming on – to come to the worship service on Sunday, June 25, Leadership Consecration Sunday.

Serving on a committee requires individuals to put aside their own interests in order to spiritually discern what is right, best, and God's true calling for the church – as well as investing their time and energy.

Please try to attend this special Sunday worship service to recognize the service of our current leaders and welcome our new leaders. Most importantly, a part of the service will be dedicated to consecrating our new Church Council for the ministry of our church.

I hope you will come and join this service to share our joy and celebrate together!

– Jae Cho

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Mount Vernon Youth

Our middle and high school youth groups enjoyed a cookout in May at Wildwood with lots of fellowship and recreation.

Next up...

June 9–11: Kaleidoscope Camp

At the Hungry Mother Lutheran Camp in Marion, VA
Our youth and adult leaders (Tobias and Rebecca Lutz, Thomas Underwood, Liza Abercrombie, and Beth Bauman) are looking forward to our weekend retreat. Our theme is “Blessed Are the Peacemakers.” We will enjoy getting to know each other better, hiking, riding bikes on the Virginia Creeper Trail, devotional time, and much more! Please keep us in your prayers.



July 16–22: Appalachia Service Project

In Nicholas County, West Virginia

Home repair project for our high school youth and adults.



May was a very busy month at Children's House!

We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by showering our teachers with gifts (all connections from our families, supporting local businesses – like new shoes from The Brick!). Mother's Day extended into a whole week with special art projects and parent-child activities! Later in May we celebrated our oldest PreK students who are off to Kindergarten in the fall, and we ended the month showing our thanks to our director, Mrs. Cassandra, who is celebrating her one-year anniversary at Children's House!

Thank you to the families, church volunteers, and supportive staff who all help Children's House flourish.

June is sure to be exciting, too, as we have some great projects planned for the summer!





ReShawn Woodson, Assistant Principal at Park Avenue School, helped Mount Vernon volunteers set up snacks for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks to all of our Mount Vernon family who contributed.

Easter Offering for New Hope Hospital:
Final Total \$5,849.04!
 Our goal was \$5,000.00.

Of that amount, \$391.00 was from the Children's Note Card sale.

Recognize anyone? Ms. Dabney Ragland Moloney, of Tallahassee, FL, sent this large print to Mount Vernon for our archives. She wrote: "This picture was in my Aunt Elsie's effects when she passed away. ... It must have been taken in the early to mid 1930s. Aren't they a grand looking group of young ladies!" She said she thinks her aunts Elsie Haga Hundley and Mary Haga Bacon and her mother, Thelma Haga Ragland, are in the picture. The Hagas and the Raglands were long-time members.



Who We Are: Connected People of God

**At our best, we are the spirit-filled, resilient, connected,
missional, faithful, diverse, deeply rooted, committed,
disciple-making, Jesus-seeking, generous, justice-seeking,
world-changing people of God called
The United Methodist Church.**

**In the Virginia Conference, we are:
1,000+ churches • 308,490 members • 1,895 clergy
Our domestic and international mission reaches
more than 1,400,000 people.**



If you are past the age of 70 and you have an individual retirement account, your required minimum distribution (or some part of it) can be made directly to the church, tax-free. This is a tax break which you may want to discuss with your tax adviser.

In Our Prayers

*Phillip Blackmon, Don Cairns,
Helen Cheyney, Pat Giles,
Peggy Handy, Bill Hardy,
Rev. Joyce Johnson,
Dorothy Stephens,
Donald Turner, Betty Yates*

Our Deepest Sympathy

*To Lude Labieville and her family in
the death of her aunt, Bernadette
Jasmin, on April 29, 2023.*

*To the family of Mary Ellen Dean,
who died on May 5, 2023.*

*To Jane O'Neill and her family. Her mother,
Dorothy McFarland, died on May 14, 2023.*



*A gift in memory of
Mary Ellen Dean
has been received from
Darrell and Ann Williamson.*

*A gift in memory of
Randolph Alderson
has been received from
Jennie Otersen.*

Birthdays

June

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| <p>1 Carol Majors
Emily Whittle</p> <p>4 Max Brande</p> <p>5 Adam Lester</p> <p>6 Jeanne Marie Belanger</p> <p>8 Berkley Furgurson
Max Glass, Sr.</p> <p>9 Ellen Beville
Newton Ray, III</p> <p>10 Alan Adkins
Catherine Bauman
Bruggeman</p> <p>11 Coraline Lutz</p> <p>12 Rusty Moore
Karen Blachura</p> <p>13 Brook McFarland</p> <p>14 Pattie Cairns</p> | <p>17 Cami Rudder</p> <p>18 Richard Dunn
Pat Giles</p> <p>19 Andrew Fitch
Emma Trent</p> <p>21 Melissa Herke
Rebecca Lutz</p> <p>22 Donald Turner</p> <p>24 Asher Bennett
Sawyer Bennett</p> <p>25 Cooper Charles
Michelle Francis</p> <p>27 Isaiah Woodson
Noah Woodson</p> <p>28 Robert Sule
Miles Knox Milligan</p> |
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July

- 1 Ellie Gould
- 3 Earle Garrett, III
- 4 John Ranson
Edgar Love
- 5 Jenna Rudder
- 6 Tommie Blackmon
Beth deAristizabal
Dana Glass
David Parrish
- 7 Thomas Farley
Nick Fowler
- 9 Jim Daniel
- 10 Amy Eller
- 11 Jerrye Mayhew
Mary Wilkes
- 13 Libby Spainhour
- 14 Jae Cho
Beth Daniels

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