

The Triangle

MOUNT VERNON UMC News

March 2023



Lenten Prayer in the Chapel

Prayer is one of the central spiritual practices for the Lenten journey. For this Lent season, Mount Vernon invites you to pray in the chapel at any time during office hours (9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday–Thursday). A book called “Lent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections” is in the chapel. You are welcome to read, reflect, and pray with it.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 2, 10:00 A.M.
Children's Palm Processional

Good Friday

April 7, 12:30 P.M.
Service of the Cross

Easter

April 9, 10:00 A.M.

The Lord Is Risen!



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February—what a month at Mount Vernon! Lots of photos inside ...

Exciting News for Children!

Beginning Sunday, March 5, our new Children's Fellowship Group will meet on Sunday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for dinner, a Godly Play story, art, and music. This group is for Kindergarteners through 5th graders. Many thanks to the leaders: Shelly Barber, Sandra Morales, and Juliet Cho.

Sunday, April 2 – Children's Easter Celebration

Children ages 4 and up are invited to Wildwood for a special event led by our youth. We'll have art, snacks, recreation, and an Easter Egg Hunt!

Godly Play lessons continue on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., and Children's Choir rehearsal with art will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m., whenever there is a Wednesday dinner.

Youth News

Please make sure the following dates are on your calendar:

Kaleidoscope Camp: June 9–11

Hungry Mother Lutheran Camp, Marion, Virginia
For rising 6th graders and up

Appalachia Service Project: July 16–22

For rising 9th graders and up



Wednesday Dinners and Programs

March 8: Baked chicken meal.
Lenten Bible study continues.

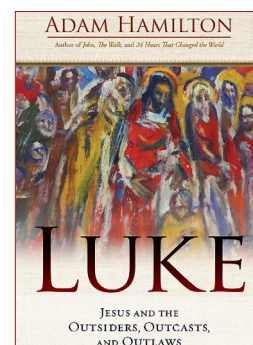
*March 15: No dinner or program
(spring break, city schools)*

March 22: Orange chicken meal.
Lenten Bible study continues.

March 29: Meal to be announced.
Lenten Bible study concludes.

**Cost – \$8 adults; \$5 children;
\$24 max per family**

Our Lenten Bible study is based on:



Giving Is Now Easier Than Ever!

Mount Vernon partners with Vanco to make it easier than ever to give to the church, donate to UMCOR, support New Hope Hospital in Haiti by way of the Easter Offering, and more.

There are several ways to donate online. On the church website (<https://mtvernonumc.org>), clicking the "ONLINE GIVING" button takes you to the Vanco Giving Page for our church, where you can select what your donation will support.

Or the Vanco website, https://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/Vanco_login.htm, allows you to create an account, and then you can log in there.



If you prefer using your smartphone, we have you covered! If your phone has a QR code reader, simply use that to read the QR code here or in the Sunday bulletin, and it will take you right to our Giving Page! It really is that simple.

You can also download the Vanco app from the Google Play Store or the App Store and create your account on your phone.

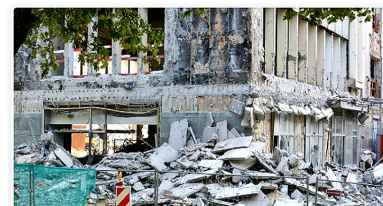
If all else fails, call the church office and Jessica (secretary) or Don (bookkeeper) will be happy to help

you. Better yet, bring your phone by the church during office hours, and we'll help you set it up (or find a nearby five year old, who could probably do it!).

And to get you excited about using these online and mobile ways to give, there are opportunities *right now* on the site to:

1. Purchase Easter lilies
2. Donate to UMCOR to help victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake
3. Give to the Easter Offering (to support New Hope Hospital in Haiti)
4. And, of course, make your regular offering or tithe to our church.

We hope you will embrace these new and exciting ways that can make it convenient for you to give – so that the mission of the church can reach those in need, both locally and around the world, in His name! — Don Haymore



UMCOR

Donate now to help the earthquake victims of Syria and Turkey.

Donate now



Dear Friends:

We are in the third year of our three-year commitment as partners with New Hope Hospital and Partners 4 New Hope, Inc. Our Easter offering goal is \$5,000 of which \$4,000 will be designated for the work of New Hope Hospital and \$1,000 is for Partners 4

New Hope, Inc., a nonprofit that manages the finances, multiple partnerships Dr. Eugene coordinates, and administration tasks for Dr. Eugene, freeing him up to focus on his work as a doctor serving hundreds of patients a day.

Friends, the situation in Haiti is very dire at this time. People are suffering from malnutrition, cholera is spreading through the country, political unrest threatens the safety and security of all, and soaring prices affect every aspect of people's lives.

- Food insecurity continues to get worse. At \$40/gallon for gasoline, the food chain is severely impacted at every level.
- The region around Cap-Haitien has no electricity. New Hope Hospital has been dark since October. With the high cost of fuel, generators at the hospital are run only for emergency surgeries.
- Cholera is on the rise in the Cap-Haitien area. More wells are needed!
- Schools have not opened this current school year.

In spite of tremendous challenges, the work continues:

- Through our partnership with New Hope, life-saving medical care continues at New Hope. Praise God!
- An isolation area for cholera treatment has been set up at New Hope Hospital.
- A group of retired engineers in Charlottesville is working tirelessly to get solar panels up and running at New Hope. Once this is accomplished, they will be monitored 24/7 by these partners and New Hope will not be reliant on expensive fuel.
- The only way to effectively combat cholera is by digging wells, and these are urgently needed. Our New Hope Partners are digging wells. One well will serve 30,000–50,000 people and costs \$3,000. (Contact Beth Bauman for more information.)
- A feeding program at the local prison has served 900 prisoners (mainly political prisoners who have not been tried). These prisoners often go days without food. Feeding programs for children and families are also conducted.

God is still moving in Haiti despite all that is happening there. Through our support and the support of many other partners, those who are working tirelessly to serve sick, hungry people have the resources they need to survive the current crisis. Please continue to hold Dr. Maklin Eugene and his team in your prayers.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your offering for this season and respond by Easter Sunday, April 9. Please make checks to Mount Vernon UMC and indicate "Easter Offering." Or use the QR code (see page 2) to give online.



Above: Dr. Maklin Eugene



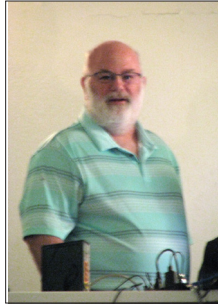
Right: Cholera isolation area at New Hope Hospital

Sincerely yours,
 Chuck Sampson, Missions Chair

What Would We Do Without Dan?

One of the first to greet in-person worshippers on Sunday mornings is often Dan Waters. Why? Because each Sunday he is in the sanctuary very early, preparing to live-stream the 10 a.m. worship service for those who cannot attend.

Not only does Dan bring our Sunday services into homes across Danville and surrounding areas, the live stream makes Sundays special for those on vacation or family members who live outside the Danville area. And the way he focuses on Juliet's hands on the piano keys, or the beautiful stained-glass windows, or the wonder on the children's faces at Children's Time makes the services just as special (through the projected close-ups) for those who



are sitting in the sanctuary. And when possible, Dan is there to live-stream funerals and weddings, too. To top it off, he is a great Christian fellow (and Brunswick stewardmaster), and we are so blessed to have him at Mount Vernon!



Feb. 12: Lunch after church, with love songs and fun!



Good food and a lot of laughing...



and even some dancing



Children's House enjoyed making handmade Valentines for 25 members of our church family, including our special Mount Vernon members who are homebound or in a retirement home. It was both a terrific arts and crafts project and a beautiful lesson in showing love and care to people of all ages. Thank you to all who made it possible!



EASTER LILY ORDER



\$16 per lily. Orders must be received by Wednesday, March 29.
Lilies will be in the sanctuary on Easter and may be taken after the service.

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

(And/Or) In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Total: _____

**Payment is due with this order. Make checks payable to Mt Vernon UMC with "Lily" on the memo line.
Place this order form with check in the office, or mail to: 107 W Main St, Danville VA 24541.**



Or order lilies online! (See page 2: "Giving Is Now Easier.")



March Birthdays

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| 1 Parson Jacob Lutz | 14 Rosalind Morton
Zara Zickefoose | 24 Christopher
Waters
Patrick Adkins |
| 2 Anne Hatton Mitchell
Sam Newell
Lauren Tatum Harless | 15 Susan Swicegood | 26 Jean Wilt |
| 3 B.G. Lewis, III | 16 Bill Hood
Angela Longerbeam
Berkley Keck, Jr. | 27 Harriett Cook
Sara Garrett |
| 4 Fran Darkis | 17 Henry Thomson | 28 Faith Newell |
| 5 Frankie Jean Thomas
Anne Wayne
Patterson | 18 James Feldmann
Linda Saunders | 29 Allison Miller |
| 6 Sandy Burch
Margaret Harden | 19 Don Cairns
James Gauldin
Curt Harden
Gary Miller | 31 Vera Stephens |
| 7 Lauren Miller | | |
| 8 Jan Lester | | |
| 10 Louise Anderson
Michael Compton
Todd Fowler
Elizabeth Payne | 20 Valerie Booker
Patti Clifton
Tafton Trent | |
| 11 Ashley Acker
Weber Harris
Matt Parrish | 21 Guy Cooter
Bill Cornett
"T" Leggett
Ashley Strader | |
| 13 Lin Benefield
Lauren Foster James
Bill Hickson | 20 James L.
Thompson | |
| | 22 Ella Weber | |

April

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| 2 Von Cannon
John Gibbs, III |
| 3 Katie Blachura
Harry Lea |
| 5 Ken Larking |
| 6 Lee Shreve
Jack Spainhour
Morgan Wall |
| 7 Rebecca Daniel
Beth Payne |
| 9 Mary Ellen Dean |



*Our thoughts and prayers
are with you:
Philip Blackmon, Bill Hardy,
Betty Yates, Dorothy Stephens,
Peggy Handy, Pat Giles,
Mary Ellen Dean,
The Rev. Joyce Johnson*

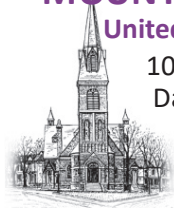
*Gifts in memory of
Frances McMillan
have been received from
Bill & Betty Ann Smith,
Jack & Libby Spainhour, and
Carol & Lewis Williamson.*



*Our deepest sympathy
To David and Joyce Fuquay
and their family
in the death of
David's sister-in-law,
Vickie Fuquay.*



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Thank You, Volunteers!

Mount Vernon's **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging event was a complete success, with 10,368 meals packaged, boxed, and made ready for shipment (our goal was 10,152 meals).

Many thanks to Mount Vernon children, youth, and adult volunteers, and to the GWHS football team.

Rise Against Hunger is a national organization with the goal of ending world hunger by providing meals to communities in need, and the ultimate goal of making communities self-sufficient. It is a 25-year-old non-profit organization based in Raleigh, NC.



This was our 7th **Rise Against Hunger** event. Altogether, we have donated more than 80,000 meals, packed by people ages 4 to 92!



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