



To members of Mount Vernon Church and others who gave to the Easter Offering for New Hope Hospital in Haiti and the UMCOR offering for Ukrainian refugees: **thank you!** Your generous gifts will make a positive difference in the lives of people in these places.

As of April 26, **\$4,854.40** has been given for **New Hope Hospital**, close to reaching our goal of \$5,000!

And **\$3,675.00** has been given for **Ukrainian refugees**, to be distributed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

### May 14: "Stamp Out Hunger"

After a two-year hiatus, the community-wide food drive for God's Storehouse has returned. Leave a bag of non-perishables by your mailbox on Saturday morning, May 14. Volunteers or letter carriers will pick it up and deliver it to God's Storehouse. Fill a bag; help needy families.



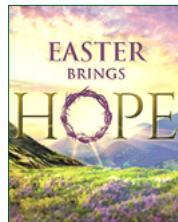
God's Storehouse needs lots of volunteers at the post office to receive and sort food and to go to neighborhoods to pick up food. If you can volunteer, contact Rachel McKinney, 434.793.3663 ext. 307.

### Danville Area Choral Arts Society (DACAS) to Celebrate 35 Years of Choral Music

Saturday, May 14 at 5 p.m. • St. Luke's UMC

Dr. Christopher Swanson, Music Director  
Robert Sutter, Accompanist

Music from performances over past years will include such sacred pieces as "Have Ye Not Known?/Ye Shall Have a Song" from Randall Thompson's The Peaceable Kingdom; "Praise to the Lord," arr. F. Melius Christian- sen; John Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth"; and "A Ukrainian Prayer." Admission is free.



### A Wonderful Lent and Easter Season

As the old song says, many have found renewed "faith, hope, and charity" at Mount Vernon since Lent season began on March 2. Enjoy the photos taken during Lent and Easter, throughout this newsletter.



May 1: Great food and fellowship at the Reconnection brunch.



Thank you to Nikki Parrish and Wendy Sampson for planning and preparing the food for our May 1 **Reconnection Brunch**; to Libby Spainhour and Peggy Wright for flowers and decorating tables; to Nikki and David Parrish for preparing the slide show; and to our committee members who planned this event. It was fun to sample so many delicious muffins! And so good to enjoy time with our church family before worshipping together on May 1. God is good!

Mount Vernon's three confirmands this year – **Caden Payne, Isaiah Woodson, and Noah Woodson** – are also on the George Washington middle school soccer team together. On April 28, their team won the district championship game. What exciting times for our confirmands and their families! Your Mount Vernon family is proud of you and your success this season.

– Joyce Underwood, Evangelism Chair

### Mark Your Calendar for Summer Activities for Children and Youth!



**Vacation Bible School** • June 26–29 • 6–8 p.m. at Wildwood Lake  
Children age 4 through 5th grade will learn about being followers of Jesus through Bible stories, art projects, recreation, music, and more. Plan to bring a friend!

**Appalachia Service Project** • July 24–30

Our high school youth and adult leaders will travel to West Virginia to assist low-income families with home repairs.





Children's  
Easter Celebration  
Sunday, April 3





*Palm  
Sunday*

*April 10*

*Children's Choir*



*Maundy Thursday*

*April 14*

All hear a "wilderness"  
Godly Play story,  
followed by Communion  
in the sanctuary.



*Good Friday*

*April 15*

After the service in the sanctuary, we carry the cross  
outside and sing a hymn.



*Easter  
morning*

*April 17*



*Prelude: "Low in the Grave He Lay."  
Aldersgate Ringers, with Joe Northen (timpani), Kurt Phelps (trumpet), and Robert Sutter (organ).*



*Aldersgate Choir anthem, "Risen Indeed!"  
With Juliet Cho, Joe Northen, Kurt Phelps,  
and Robert Sutter*



*Baptism of children of Taylor and Patterson Wilhelm (grandchildren of Steve and Beth Daniels)*

**Easter Day**  
*Baptisms,  
confirmations,  
new members,  
special music,  
lovely lilies—a day  
of hope and  
rejoicing  
indeed!*



*Confirmation of sons of Jason and Lindsay Payne and Robin and Brian Woodson*



*Reception of new members John Hungarland, transferring from Mount Bethel UMC, and Susie Mitchell, transferring from Leaksville UMC.*





# SUNDAY BRUNCH

May 1

A time of fellowship  
and reconnecting





## Court of Honor Ceremony

Boy Scout Troop 300 held its Court of Honor on April 12, 2022, in the sanctuary. The ceremony was attended by troop members, uniformed adult leaders, and parents and friends. Also present were the Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, and Rev. Jae Cho.

Sixty-two merit badges were given out and 19 rank advancements. Scoutmaster Randy McDaniel gave his Scoutmaster's Minute. Senior Patrol Leader Luke Mills reported on the Troop past, present, and future. Ice cream and a video showing the troop's activities in the past year and a half followed the ceremony.

Randy McDaniel has been Scoutmaster of Troop 300 for 10 years, and during that time they have had 17 Eagle Scouts. Assisting Randy are Assistant Scoutmasters Charles Crumpler and Chris Wiles, Troop Committee Chairman Mark Mills, and Chartered Organization Representative Ashley DeAristizabal. Troop 300 was started at Mount Vernon in 1975, so this year will mark their 47th anniversary. In that time, Troop 300 has produced 62 Eagle Scouts.  
— Bill Smith, Asst. District Commissioner



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Pat Giles, Dorothy Stephens, Donald Turner  
The Rev. Joyce Johnson, Shirley Duncan  
Mary Ellen Dean, Bill Hardy

## Birthdays in May

2 Harper Mitchell Meredith Ashby Ramsden	16 Laura Daniel Steven Libby	29 Thomas Barker	
3 Jessica Austin	17 David Bray Keith Bray	30 Peggy Fowler Megan Gould	
4 Phillip Wright	Frank Davis	<b>— And Early June —</b>	
5 Tom Darkis	Newton Ray, Jr. Joyce Underwood	1 Carol Majors Emily Whittle	
6 Frances McMillan Anne Thomas	18 Coleman Hylton	5 Adam Lester	
7 Rita Doggett Bill Fuller Beth Ranson	19 Larry Mann Anne Wood	6 Jeanne Marie Belanger	
9 Shirley Bray	20 Carolyn Waterbury	8 Berkley Furgurson Max Glass, Sr.	
11 Fran Ramsay	21 David Sule	9 Ellen Beville Newton Ray, III	
12 Emily Runyon	22 Clara Fountain	10 Alan Adkins Catherine Bauman Bruggeman	
13 Ann Jeffries Tommy Stephens	24 Steven Gould	11 Coraline Lutz	
14 Jennifer Parker Liz Pyszka	25 Charlie Williamson	12 Rusty Moore Karen Blachura	
15 Margaret Milam Lynn Slayton	27 Mary Franks Kerry O'Neill		
	28 Ely Foster Rachel Holden Cara Mills		

## Happy 90th Birthday

to Frances McMillan (May 6)

and a belated

## Happy 90th Birthday

to Mary Ellen Dean (April 9)



You may pick up a copy of the scripture readings for each day in May on the table outside the church office. Or go online to the Virginia Conference (<https://vaumc.org>) and scroll down the page until you see the "2022 Bible Challenge" image. Click that image for a page with links to the readings for May and any month in 2022.

## 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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