



Visioning Process to Bring a Streamlined Church Council

This month’s newsletter features the roster of Mount Vernon’s leaders for 2023 (on page 3), a list approved by Church Council at its meeting on April 17. In reviewing this roster, you will note the transition occurring for our Church Council at the beginning of July. This represents the next step in our church’s visioning process that has been discussed previously in these pages.

More specifically, as of July 1, we will have a streamlined Church Council that is smaller in number but structured to operate more efficiently and effectively as we move forward. In particular, our ministries will be led by the chairs of the “Making Disciples” and “Being Disciples” teams; the former will focus on worship, music, Bible studies, and programming for children and youth, while the latter will focus on outreach beyond the doors of Mount Vernon. The chairs will work in the coming

months to organize and prioritize our various ministry efforts, with the goal of determining – by the end of this calendar year – how the committees that support this work should be structured. We hope that our entire congregation will lift up their process of discernment in prayer.

As a key component of this period of transition, Ann Hurt concluded her service as Lay Leader at the end of April, taking the reins of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. We are fortunate that John Ranson will resume his former role as Lay Leader for the balance of the year.

We will continue to provide updates as the implementation of Mount Vernon’s visioning process continues. We remain grateful for your support and encouragement of the congregation.

– Steven Gould

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Mount Vernon is providing snacks and drinks to the teachers at Park Avenue Elementary School as part of Teachers’ Appreciation Week. The snacks and drinks will be delivered to the school by the Missions Committee.

Please bring donated items to the church starting Monday, May 1, and ending Sunday, May 7 (but not on Saturday). Place donations in the fellowship hall entrance between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Donate individually wrapped cookies, salty snacks, breakfast bars, etc. And water, soda, sports drinks, etc. in individual serving sizes.

– Chuck Sampson, Missions Chair

The Easter Offering for New Hope Hospital

\$4,937.50 raised
as of April 25!

\$5,000.00 is our goal.



Our children recently made a collaborative mural that has been turned into note cards benefitting our Easter offering for New Hope Hospital. At \$10 for a package of 10 cards and envelopes, these cards make great gifts!

The children are thrilled to have already raised \$261 with this project! Cards are for sale on the table outside the church office.

Mount Vernon Receives New Members on Palm Sunday



Welcome, to **Dent and Carla Holden** (above) and to **Chip and Jill Hayes** (below).



After the wonderful Palm Sunday service, all enjoyed refreshments and time to greet our new members.



Thank you to **Beth Payne** and all who helped with food and flowers.



Receiving their Bibles on Palm Sunday.



MOUNT VERNON UMC LEADERSHIP 2023

We give thanks for all those in our community who volunteer tirelessly toward making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This year, our Council structure changes mid-year while our many groups continue their good work!

CHURCH COUNCIL (through June 2023)

Jan Sutherland, Co-Chair & Worship
Steven Gould, Co-Chair
John Ranson, Lay Leader
To be named, Trustees Chair
Don Haymore, Treasurer
Melissa Herke, Finance Chair & Foundation Chair
Ann Hurt, Staff-Parish Relations Chair
Joyce Underwood, Evangelism Chair
Chuck Sampson, Missions Chair
Catherine Bendall, Caring Ministry Chair
Butch Dalton, Safety
Megan Gould, Children's House & Stewardship
Fran Ashby, Memorials Chair
Bill Smith, At-large
Lin Benefield, At-large
Juliet Cho, Music Director
Beth Bauman, Children & Youth Director
Jae Cho, Minister

TRUSTEES

To be named, Chair
Terms ending 2023: Ellen Beville, Tommy Hodges, Sonny Morton
Terms ending 2024: Gary Benefield, Gary Miller, John Ranson
Terms ending 2025: Fran Ashby, Libby Spainhour, Elizabeth Hylton

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Jae Cho, Chair
John Ranson, *Lay Leader*
Skylar Payne, Libby Spainhour, Leah Cooter,
Joyce Underwood, Wendy Sampson

FINANCE

Melissa Herke, Chair
Don Haymore, *Treasurer*; Ann Hurt, *SPRC Chair*;
Jae Cho, *Minister*; Fran Ashby, *Memorials*; Jim Daniel,
Ellen Joyce, Charles Majors, Joyce Obstler; Megan Gould

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Ann Hurt, Chair
John Ranson, *Lay Leader*; Melissa Herke, *Finance Chair*;
Sonny Morton, Betty Ann Smith, Frank Wickers,
Tommy Hodges, Dent Holden

PROPERTY

To be named, Chair
Gary Benefield, Butch Dalton, Frank Davis, Howard Lester,
John Ranson, Chuck Sampson, Tom Underwood, Darrell Williamson

CHURCH COUNCIL (beginning July 2023)

Council Co-Chair(s)
Lay Leader
Finance Chair
Staff-Parish Relations Chair
Trustees Chair
Making Disciples Chair
Being Disciples Chair
Pastor
Children & Youth Director

WORSHIP

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

MISSIONS

Chuck Sampson, Chair
Beth Bauman, *Staff*
Frank Davis, Margaret Milam, John Ranson, Jan Sutherland,
Carol Williamson, Lewis Williamson

EVANGELISM

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

CARING MINISTRY

Catherine Bendall, Chair
Suzanne Fisher, Rosalind Morton, Vera Stephens,
Joyce Underwood, Ann Williamson

MEMORIALS

Fran Ashby, Chair
Mary Franks, Joyce Fuquay, Betty Turner

CHILDREN'S HOUSE BOARD

Megan Gould, Chair
Rachel Holden, Aliea Lewis, Jouette Rowe;
Cassandra Roome, *Director*; Beth Bauman, *Staff*

MOUNT VERNON FOUNDATION BOARD

Melissa Herke, Chair
To be updated...



Children's House celebrated National Week of the Young Child April 3–7, which culminated in a special family breakfast on Friday. The fellowship hall was full of happy sounds – what a joy it is to be in ministry with these beautiful young families and wonderful teachers!



*For several years, our Mount Vernon volunteers have installed the sheetrock in each **Habitat for Humanity** house. Our volunteers spent four days in April and completed the project on a three-bedroom house on Seminole Trail in the new Habitat Village.*

*Many thanks to all who assisted:
 Gary Benefield, Frank Cuthrell, Butch Dalton,
 Frank Davis, Tim Gendron, Coleman Hylton, Emily Hylton,
 Charlie Hungarland, Lily Hungarland,
 Howard Lester, John Ranson, Chuck Sampson,
 Tom Underwood, and Darrell Williamson.*





Children's Easter Celebration

Mount Vernon children prepared for Easter at an event at Wildwood Lake, sponsored by our youth. There were art projects, snacks, games, and an Easter Egg Hunt.



Our high school youth had fun celebrating the upcoming birth of Leslie Mantiply's first baby with a shower in her honor. Congratulations, Leslie and Sam!

**children &
youth ministry**



**Parents, please mark
your calendars:**

**Kaleidoscope Camp
June 9–11**

Hungry Mother Lutheran Camp,
Marion, Va.

For rising 6th–12th graders

**Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip
July 16–22**

For rising 9th–12th graders

*For more information, contact
Beth Bauman.*

 Birthdays 

May

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

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| 1 Carol Majors Emily Whittle 4 Max Brande | 13 Brook McFarland 14 Pattie Cairns |
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In Our Prayers

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

*A gift in memory of
Frances McMillan
has been received
from Joseph Cornett.*



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LETTER CARRIERS**

**Stamp
Out
Hunger**

FOOD DRIVE

**Mark Your Calendar!
Saturday, May 13, 2023**

Place your non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox to be delivered to God's Storehouse!

For more information, call 434.793.3663 or visit www.godsstorehouse.org

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