



As we near the end of 2021, we once again find ourselves together, planning the upcoming year in the middle of ongoing uncertainty and change. It is a testament to the strength of this congregation, how we have continued to thrive and evolve over the past nearly two years. The joy we have felt being able to worship in person again is another small win as we move forward together with God!

It is not lost on me that stewardship means different things to each of us, and as you can imagine, your financial support means more now than in a normal year, so I ask that you spend the next couple of weeks in thought and prayer for the direction of Mount Vernon. We still do not know what our new normal will look like and when that will take place, but through the support of your prayers, presence, gifts, and witness, I know we can look forward to a great 2022, keeping the creativity, flexibility, and faithfulness alive and thriving.

Jesus said to his disciples, “I have said these things to you so that my Joy may be in you, and that your Joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Joy is God’s gift and our response to a faithful living as his people.

For all that we have already accomplished together during this challenging season, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God, and thank YOU !!

Let us be together for joy!

Melissa Herke ~ Finance Committee Chair

“Sing to God a new song, for God has done
marvelous things. Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy.”

Psalm 98

NOVEMBER 14 | Commitment Sunday



Children's Fall Celebration

Sunday, November 7
3 – 5 p.m.

House at Wildwood Lake
(422 Lake Road, Pelham, NC)

With help from our Mount Vernon Youth, our children will hear the story of God's Creation and have an art project, recreation, and a snack, and possibly visit the beaver dam.



UMCOR Offerings

Mount Vernon donations for UMCOR assistance to Haiti after the recent earthquake (\$600.00) and the Gulf Coast (\$600.00) have been sent. To date, the Virginia Conference has sent \$34,866.20 to Haiti.

When a disaster overwhelms a U.S. community's ability to recover, UMCOR provides training and relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding. When disaster strikes outside the United States, UMCOR provides immediate funds to its partners to distribute food, hygiene supplies, and other necessities.

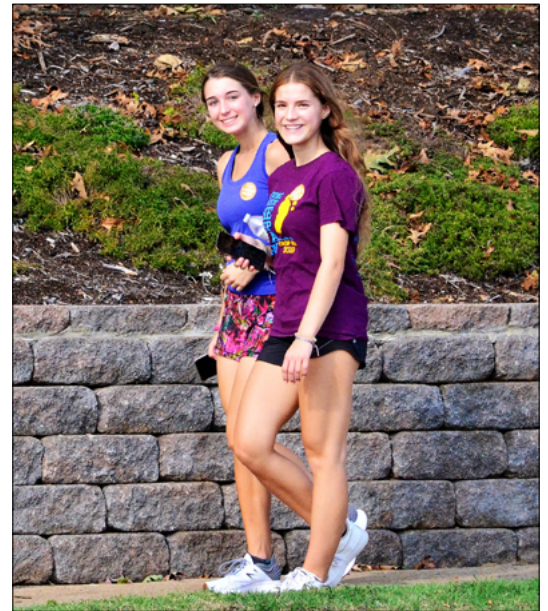


2021 Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk

Many thanks to all from our Mount Vernon Church family who participated in the CROP Walk as walkers, donors, volunteers, and Planning Team members!

Mount Vernon donors (including our youth) raised \$4,017.50 this year! Mount Vernon sponsors donated \$3,450.00, making our Mount Vernon total for the CROP Walk \$7,467.50.

***The total raised for the 2021 CROP Walk to date is \$22,711.16!
(It's not too late to donate and push that total over \$23,000.)***



Thanks to the Waters family, who volunteer to assist each year!

Mount Vernon's Veterans to Be Honored



On Sunday, November 14, veterans will be recognized before our worship service. In past years we have honored Mount Vernon's veterans at a Wednesday supper and program, but the pandemic prevents that again this year.



We hope that veterans will attend the November 14 service, to receive our thanks for your service.



J. Gary Benefield
Staff Sergeant
U.S. Air Force

Wright Garrett
Airman 2nd Class
U.S. Air Force

Sheryl "DeDe" Moyer
1st Lieutenant
U.S. Army Nurse Corp

Donald G. Cairns
Commander
U.S. Navy (Ret.)

E. Budge Kent
Sergeant
U.S. Army National Guard

Jason Payne
E-4, U.S. Army

James Cheyney
Petty Officer 3rd Class
U.S. Navy

Charles Majors
Captain
U.S. Army Reserve

William J. Smith
Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army

Guy Cooter
Corporal
U.S. Marine Corps

Jesse Mayhew, Jr.
Major, U.S. Army Reserve

Pierce Turbiville, Jr.
Lt. Colonel
U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Frank Davis
Sergeant, U.S. Army

Harry D. Milam
Specialist 3rd Class
U.S. Army

Lewis Williamson
Petty Officer 2nd Class
U.S. Navy

Mary Ellen Dean
Corporal
U.S. Army WAC Corps

Joseph B. Miller
Colonel, U.S. Army

John Wilt,
Colonel
U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Earle Garrett III
Lieutenant
U.S. Navy

Eddie Mitchell
Sergeant, U.S. Army

James R. Moyer
1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army



Do You Have Furniture to Donate?

Schedule a pickup by the
Danville Habitat ReStore.

(434) 793-3630

Hours: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Friday/Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed: Sundays & Mondays



Honor or Remember Someone with a Poinsettia

It's time to order poinsettias for decorating the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Each plant is given in memory or in honor of someone who is in your heart during the holiday season.

Order forms are available in the church office, or you may use the form below. Bring or mail it with the payment to the church office, as explained on the form.

Please note the early deadline for placing your order this year.

You may take your plant(s) away after the December 19 worship service or the Christmas Eve service.



Poinsettias: \$12.00 per plant

Make checks payable to Mount Vernon UMC.
Write "poinsettia" on the memo line.

Plants will be in the worship services on Dec. 19 and 24, and yours may be taken after either service. This year the poinsettias will be white.

YOUR ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 24. Put your check or cash with the order form in the box in the church office, or mail to the church at 107 W. Main St., Danville VA 24541.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

AND / OR

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Total amount: _____



**Youth Group
on the
Ropes Course**

Beth challenged our Mount Vernon Youth to raise more money than she did for the CROP Walk. If they did, they could dye her hair a color of their choice. They did it, raising \$1,602.00 for the Walk!



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Taylor and Patterson Wilhelm
on the birth of their son,
Bruce Andrews Wilhelm,
on August 13, 2021. He is the grandson
of Steve and Beth Daniels.



At home: Bill Hardy,
Van Keck, Dorothy Stephens,
Joyce Johnson

Our deepest sympathy



*To the family of
Richard Turner,
who died on October 11.*

*To the family of Jesse Wall,
who died on October 11.*

*To Lauren James in the death of
Brian Scott James
on September 9 (son-in-law
of Jerry and Ely Foster).*

- 2 Kelly Brande
- Mark Turbillville
- Steve Weber
- 3 Joyce Lewis
- 4 Bill Hardy
- 6 Tommy Hodges
- 7 Elizabeth Leggett
- Olivia Wilkes
- Margaret Wooding
- 8 Ian Cho
- Van Keck
- 9 Anne Stephens
- 10 Steve Daniels
- J. G. Hurt
- 11 Spencer Harris
- Elizabeth Jefferies
- Nicholas White
- 12 Helen Cheyney
- Jay Spainhour
- 13 Ellen Dey

November Birthdays

- 14 Joanna Miller
- 15 Douglass Dey
- Rebecca Dey
- 16 Martha Jo Hodges
- 17 Rebecca Jones
- 19 Becky Jones
- Peggy O'Sheel
- 20 Skylar Payne
- Slade Potts
- 21 Charles Majors
- Bill Smith
- Maira Smith
- 22 Alan Pearce
- 23 Linzy Dunn
- Hannah Hawkins
- 24 Donald Ethington
- Delma Pierre
- Linda Sampson
- 25 John Wilt
- 26 Thomas Fuquay

- 28 Nelson Rich
- 29 Ian Brande
- Susan Daniel
- Carr Slayton



December Birthdays

- 1 Emma Tatum Rich
- 2 Betty Ann Berry
- Bill Fuller
- 3 Brad Hodges
- 4 Caroline Hylton
- 5 Kate Newell
- 6 June Thomas
- 8 Suzanne Fisher
- Sam Swanson, Jr.
- 9 Stephen Daniel



Children's House Halloween



*Gifts in memory of **Glenn Giles**
have been received from
Mrs. & Mrs. Harry Milam,
Barbara Rowland, Jim & Susan Daniel,
Ken & Suzanne Miller,
Dan & Tammy Waters, Clara Fountain,
John & Beth Ranson, Budge & Carolyn Kent.*

*A gift in memory of **Tom Darkis**
has been received from
Thomas & Martha Jo Hodges.*

*Gifts in memory of **Kathryn Wyatt**,
mother of Margaret Scott,
have been received from
Ken & Suzanne Miller, John & Beth Ranson,
Thomas & Martha Jo Hodges.*

*Gifts in memory of **Jesse Wall**
have been received from
Dan & Tammy Waters,
John & Beth Ranson.*

*Gifts in memory of **Richard Turner**
have been received from
Lewis & Carol Williamson,
Dan & Tammy Waters,
John & Beth Ranson.*

*Gifts in memory of **Linwood Wright**
have been received from
Ken & Suzanne Miller,
Thomas & Martha Jo Hodges,
Laura Beasley, Wright L. Garrett,
Harold F. Brinkley, Harry G. Lea,
Richard & Carolyn Smith,
Claude & Lamar Owen,
J.G. & Ann Hurt, Jim & Susan Daniel,
Jim & Helen Cheyney, Fran Ashby,
the Ruffin High School Class of 1952,
David A. Lyon & Judy B. Lyon,
John & Beth Ranson,
Budge & Carolyn Kent,
Dan & Tammy Waters.*

Dr. Jesse Reis Wall passed away on October 11, 2021, at the age of 76. He was born in Danville, VA, on September 21, 1945. He was predeceased by his parents, Edna and Paul Wall of Danville.

Jesse is survived by his wife of 54 years, Verla Henderson Wall (Greenville, NC); daughter, Elizabeth Morgan Wall (Burbank, CA.); a sister and brother-in-law, Wayne and Betty Hanks (Greenville, NC); and many nieces and nephews.

Jesse served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 through 1970 before attending Fairmont State College, where he earned a degree in Biology, and West Virginia University, where he earned his DDS degree. He owned his own dental practice in Danville for more than 40 years before deciding to relocate to Cypress Glen Retirement Community in Greenville.

In his free time, Jesse enjoyed outdoor sports including fishing, hunting, boating and equestrian sports. He also raced sports cars with the SCCA and NASA.

Richard Lester Turner passed away at Sovah Health-Danville on October 11, 2021, after a brief illness. He was born in Roanoke, VA, on September 25, 1941, raised in Rocky Mount, VA, and later moved to Danville, where he met his bride, Elizabeth (Betty) Turner. They shared 56 years together.



Richard received an Associate Degree in accounting from National Business College in Roanoke, VA, and upon graduation in 1962, was employed as a public accountant. He served in the Army National Guard from 1963 to 1969. In 1973, he became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Danville, a post he faithfully embraced for 25 years, including two terms as Interim City Manager. Later, he served Danville as the Interim City Treasurer.

Richard continued to serve city as a volunteer on boards including the Utility Commission, the Multi-Year Financial Planning Advisory Committee, and the Industrial Development Authority, where he was the former chairman. He held leadership positions for the Danville City Employees Federal Credit Union and was an active member of the City of Danville Retiree Group.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Danville Life Saving Crew and Danville Area Training Center, and as a financial advisor. He was made a Lifetime Honorary Board Member by the Danville Life Saving Crew, the highest honor a non-crew member can receive. Other honors included being selected as the Danville Sertoma Sertoman of the Year on two occasions, 2007 Dan River Center for Volunteerism Volunteer of the Year, and 2007 Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year.

Richard was an active member of Mount Vernon UMC. Over the years, he served on its Church Council, the Mount Vernon UMC Foundation Board, and other church committees.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; their daughters, Beth deAristizabal (Ashley) and Karen Blachura (Eddie); and grandchildren, Abby deAristizabal Via (Josh), Brendan deAristizabal, and Katie Blachura.

