MOUNT VERNON UMC NOVEMBER 2026

CROSSROADS



A Letter From The Pastor

Mathew 25:1-13

Dearly loved Sisters and Brothers: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Our gospel lesson is another of Jesus' teachings on what the kingdom of heaven is like. The parable of the ten virgins illustrates the importance of being prepared for our Lord's return!

If we knew — not just guessed or speculated but really knew — that God was going to wind everything up tomorrow, should we just continue to do our ordinary jobs today? Yes, that's exactly what we should be doing! An essay by C.S. Lewis titled The World's Last Night makes that point. If we knew for sure that this coming night would be the world's last, we should spend it doing the things we're called to do in the world.

Firefighters should be at the fire station and ready to go, because fires may break out even in the world's last night. Parents ought to take care of their children even in the world's last night. You can go outside and look for signs in the heavens if you wish, but make sure that the kids are okay first. Soup kitchens need to stay open even if the world will end tomorrow because there are homeless people who are hungry today. Christians need to be about the business of making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world for there are many still searching for the road home. Whenever the Lord Comes, may he find us prepared and faithful!

Seeking to Stay Awake,
Pastor David
Great love and many blessings to you all!

November Volunteer Schedule

November 1 – Chuck Sampson (Head Usher), Beth Bauman, Butch Dalton
Children's Moment- None
Scripture Reader- Laura Daniel
Acolyte- Caroline Thomas

November 8– Hudson Dunn(Head Usher), Frank Davis, Butch Dalton
Children's Moment- Rachel Holden
Scripture Reader- Butch Dalton

November 15- Darrell Williamson (Head Usher), Howard Lester, Butch Dalton
Children's Moment- Megan Gould
Scripture Reader- Stephen Gould

November 22– J.G. Hurt(Head Usher), David Fuquay, Butch Dalton
Children's Moment- Jennifer Underwood
Scripture Reader- Catherine Bendall

November 29- Thomas Underwood(Head Usher), Youth, Butch Dalton
Children's Moment- Beth Bauman
Scripture Reader- Megan Gould

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, and caring in the death of John's brother, Bill. Also, thanks for the care shown during Beth's recent bout of pneumonia.

Beth & John Ranson

Thanks to all who helped with the visitation of Sandra Morale's husband Sam Helton!





Dec 6th!!



The Christmas Parade will be Dec 6th that evening. We will open the church, serve hot chocolate. Our organist, Sam, will be playing that evening as well. Lots to look forward to!



Happy Birthday

October

1 Patrick Clifton
Jason Payne
4 Julian Gould
6 Alana Mitchell
8 Bobbye Ray Womack
12 Betty Ann Smith
Zachary Smith
14 Greyson Bennett
Susie Mitchell
Ben Parrish
Emily Potts
Piper Potts
17 Jesse Mayhew
18 Kristin Fuquay
19 Jennifer DeSanto
Hayward Majors
20 Carolyn Smith
26 Caden Payne
30 Abby deAristizabal

Christmas Eve Service will be at 5pm









Church Potluck Lunch

Immediately following service November 1st!

Chicken Tenders provided! See Melissa Herke or the office for items to bring. Please bring a favorite dish or two to share with those staying for lunch.





Children's House Wish List:
snacks, cleaning supplies, or shelf stable foods. Thanksgiving is coming up!!

The staff lounge is low on coffee pods and snacks if anyone is interested in donating.

Also, there is a need for Size 5 diapers. These would go directly to help a single mom experiencing some hardship.

Children's House
Since 1976
Mount Vernon
United Methodist Church



2026 Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk

$11,542.62 was raised. Thanks to all supporters!



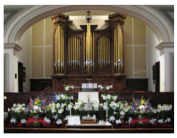
Our Annual Faith Promise (Pledge) Campaign is beginning, November 1st. This commitment is a hope of what you would like and expect to give for 2027. The above QR Code links directly to Realm. You can complete your promise/pledge online or on the card located at the front of the sanctuary. Complete and place in envelope provided This can be dropped off in the offering plate or outside the office. If you need a card mailed to your home, please email or call Stacy in the office.

October giving: $15,828.54
October Expenses:
November Projected Expenses: $30,000

Ways To Give



PRAY.



GIVE.



REPAIR.

2027 RESTORATION CAMPAIGN

Your Board of Trustees and Church Council are pleased to announce the initiation of a capital improvement fund drive that, with God's grace, will accomplish long-overdue repairs to our beautiful old church building. We realize that there are many, many areas that need attention. However, for purposes of this campaign, we will concentrate on these four areas: plaster repair and painting of the sanctuary, repair and painting of the wooden louvers in the steeple, restoration of the mahogany sanctuary entrance doors, and replacement of the flat roofs over the "new" parts of the church. At present we are gathering quotes and estimates from qualified contractors and exploring funding possibilities.

Obviously, this is a very ambitious project, and we cannot do this without your financial support. In the end, we believe we can extend the life of the church and perhaps attract new members by restoring this architectural gem. I personally believe Mt. Vernon was conceived, designed, named, located, and constructed so as to be the centerpiece of Danville's religious community, and I pray you share my desire to preserve it.

There is, of course, a need for a committee to oversee the project, so there will be an organizational meeting to be held Wednesday, November 4 at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, whether you wish to be a member of the committee or are simply curious and have questions or comments.

Donations are more than welcome. Please make checks payable to Mt. Vernon UMC with "2027 Restoration Fund" in the memo.

Thank you and God Bless,
Butch Dalton

27 Restoration Campaign QR Code

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