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With teachings rooted in love for others, the Gospel can be a powerful tool for social change.

# PUTTING YOUR BELIEFS IN ACTION

*A Message from  
Pastor Penny*

FEBRUARY 2026

## THE TRIANGLE

*Mount Vernon UMC Newsletter*

### **Mt Vernon UMC “Roots to Fruits” Stewardship Campaign ~ 2026**

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for your generous partnership in the mission and ministry of Mt Vernon United Methodist Church. Your gifts of time, talents, and resources have an impact on our church and community. This year, we have implemented major changes to our financial practices – from bookkeeping to budgeting – all focused on strengthening your trust and confidence in how we manage your gifts. I thank the Finance Team for putting together our budget and presenting it to Administrative Council. Stacy Nunley, our Office Administrator, has been busy creating our weekly bulletins, multiple communication efforts, and is reworking our general record keeping. She is helping to install our new church administration software called Realm. This allows us to monitor and record all financial contributions and pay the bills necessary to run a church like ours.

The exciting thing about this is we will now have a way to accurately maintain and report on the financial status of the church, as well as membership and attendance for all ages. Why is this important? We want to be able to accurately record all our efforts in Making Disciples and Being Disciples through our various education, mission, and outreach activities. As part of the VA Annual Conference, and the Mountain View District, our connection celebrates with us the work done here, through you. I am excited about the future of Mount Vernon UMC. We sit atop of the Hill in a triangle of influence. I pray that we will reflect the hope of Christ to our neighbors.

I challenge you to continue to grow your roots of faith so that together we will produce fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). We love to see you in Worship, in Bible Study, and in Sunday School. This is for your edification and for the strengthening of our connection with each other and with God.

Please prayerfully consider your commitment to Mount Vernon UMC. I would never tell you how much to pledge that is really between you and the Lord. I do ask that you consider how God has blessed you, and if you could increase. Stewardship for us will be a year-long consideration. Our Church leadership covets your prayers as we seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in joyful obedience.

Grace and peace to each of you,  
Pastor Penny





## Lay Servant Training

Saturday, February 28, 2006 (snow date 3/14/26)  
at St Luke's UMC, 3090 N Main St, Danville, VA 24540

Who should come attend Lay Servant Training?

All three of these courses are required for those persons who desire to become a Certified Lay Speaker and they're helpful for any lay person who is in leadership in the local church.

It's DS Sarah's goal to have at least one lay person from every church in our district in attendance at either of our 2026 Lay Servant Ministry Training Events on Feb 28 and August 22 (In the Lynchburg area).

To learn more about becoming a Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, and Certified Lay Minister visit <https://vaumc.org/districtlayservant/>

Participants will order their own copy of the text and read it before attending the one day class. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Leigh Anne Taylor at 434-439-0443 or [leighannetaylor@vaumc.org](mailto:leighannetaylor@vaumc.org).

Three courses will be offered:

**Spiritual Gifts**, taught by MVD Co-Lay Leader, Tammy Burdick using the text *For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts*

\*This class is especially helpful for Lay Leaders and those who serve on Nominations Committee.

**Polity**, taught by Rev. Clyde DeLoach using the text *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church*

\*This class is especially helpful for Church Council chairs and those who tend to administrative tasks for the church.

**Leading Public Prayer**, taught by Rev. Timothy Barth using the text *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession*

\*This class is especially helpful for those who lead in worship and teach Sunday School.

Register here:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MountainViewDistrict/MountainViewDistrictLayServantMinistryTraining>

## Mountain View Mission Day!

**Saturday, April 11**

**One Day, One District, Three Locations**

Serve Globally and Locally at Each Location!



**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

Mountain View Mission Day

Saturday, April 11, 2026

10:00 AM 5:30 PM

This year, the District is uniting churches of all sizes in a shared mission—**both global and local**. Together, we'll host Rise Against Hunger events in three locations to help feed people around the world, while each local community group of churches partner with local nonprofits to meet needs much more locally.

More details to come!

Locations:

Peaks View Region will gather at

**Heritage UMC, Lynchburg**

Ridge View Region will gather at

**Redwood UMC, Rocky Mount**

River View Region will gather at

**First UMC Martinsville**



## **GOD'S STOREHOUSE ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, February 9, 2026**

**7:00pm**

We will reflect on 2025 and look forward to the exciting plans for 2026!

Everyone is welcome

We will vote on Board Members, the 2026 Budget and review accomplishments for 2025

We need your participation and support

The meeting will be in-person at

God's Storehouse

750 Memorial Drive

If you have questions,  
call us at (434) 793-3663



*The Youth theme for the spring is serving others. We plan to do monthly community service. Our goal as a group is to complete 100 hours of community service. Planning on having our first community service event on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Danville Humane Society. Please see Thomas Underwood or contact him at [tunderwood@averett.edu](mailto:tunderwood@averett.edu)*

## Committee Meetings:

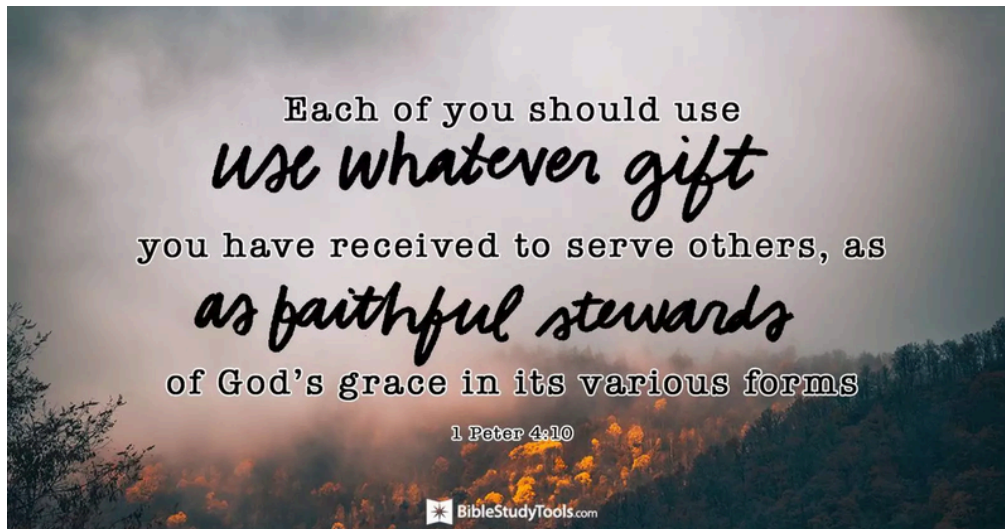
Finance Committee will meet February 11<sup>th</sup> at 4PM

SPRC will meet January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

*Communion with Mount Vernon UMC  
at Stratford House*

*Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30PM*





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