

Recommendations from Mount Vernon's Post-COVID Re-Entry Group

As positive cases of COVID-19 declined earlier this summer, Mount Vernon's Post-COVID Re-Entry Group (PRG)* shared an update on how our congregation would move forward. We were excited about taking the first steps that might allow us to return to normal. Unfortunately, just a few months later, the delta variant has spread quickly, and it is important that we revisit our restrictions so that we keep our friends, neighbors, and fellow church members as safe as possible.

In its meeting on August 20, the PRG recommended that we take the following steps, which aim to strike a balance between allowing certain in-person activities but remaining appropriately cautious:

- Weekly worship services will continue at 10 a.m. Masks are required for attendees.
- Adult Sunday school classes may meet in person at the church, but masks and social distancing are

required. No more than twelve individuals may meet together at one time.

- There will be no indoor, small-group gatherings for children and youth at this time. Children's House will continue to operate.
- The annual church picnic will be postponed until at least October. Wednesday night suppers will not resume for the time being.
- Eating indoors at the church is prohibited except for members of the Knitting Group provided that they (1) bring their own lunches and (2) maintain social distancing.
- No meals will be served in conjunction with funerals.

The PRG will share updates with the congregation through future newsletters and email communications, and we remain grateful for your patience and understanding as we work through such an evolving set of challenges.

** The PRG members are: Beth Bauman, Steven Gould, Budge Kent, Gary Miller, David Parrish, John Ranson, Jan Sutherland, and Jae Cho.*

How You Can Help Victims of the Recent Earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Ida

As always, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) will be in Haiti and the areas affected by Hurricane Ida for the long haul. Make your check payable to "Mount Vernon UMC" and indicate "UMCOR: Haiti" or "UMCOR: Ida" in the memo line, and 100% of your donation will aid in the recovery efforts.

How Mount Vernon Contributions Are ALREADY Assisting in Haiti:

Our Lenten offering this year was for New Hope Hospital, near Cap-Haitien, which is in northern Haiti. Your contributions totaling \$3,000 were divided in this way:

- **\$2,000 for New Hope Hospital.** Although the earthquake struck in southern Haiti, because of the magnitude of the disaster, some of the estimated 12,000 wounded have been flown to New Hope Hospital.

- **\$1,000 to be a PARTNER CHURCH with Partners for New Hope.** Partner churches contribute \$1,000 per year and decide together how to best use these funds for human needs and emergency response in Haiti. A \$3,000 contribution from the partner churches is now funding an emergency team led by Dr. Maklin Eugene. The team left for the affected area on August 27. Here is his message:

"Our emergency team at New Hope Hospital and I are heading South this morning in order to help the earthquake victims there. We bring as many things as we can to distribute to the people. Also, we will do mobile clinics there.

"Sad to tell you that people from the South don't stop calling us asking for our support. Our surgery team on site mobilizes to provide free care to all those who need health care/surgery. Please uphold us in prayer!"

– See photos below, page 4 –





Our Aldersgate Choir needs more singers! Fully vaccinated people can join us, and we are wearing masks and doing social distancing for safety. We rehearse at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and briefly before the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

– Juliet Cho

*“Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!”*



Our Prayer Chain

Fred and Nancy Evans established the Prayer Chain at Mount Vernon on August 3, 2000. This ministry has been a strength and encouragement to our church members and friends for 21 years.

Those serving have become good friends through the connection with their prayer partner. It is one of the most rewarding and least time-consuming committees in our church.

This is the way our Prayer Chain works. Each person on the Prayer Chain has a prayer partner. The prayer partner assigned to you calls you with the prayer request. Then you call your prayer partner. When you are going out of town for more than a day, you notify the person calling you. She will call your prayer partner while you are away.

Due to sickness, death, and people moving away, the Prayer Chain has lost members. If you are interested in serving on this worthwhile committee, contact Catherine Bendall, (434) 793-3333, or Jan Lester, (336) 388-2264.

– Catherine Bendall

Youth Kickoff at Wildwood

Sunday, September 12
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Our youth will meet outdoors each Sunday night until it is safe to resume in-person meetings.

Children’s Ministry

Until it is safe to resume our in-person Godly Play classes, I would like to have a Zoom Sunday school class for our children as we did last spring. Feedback from parents about the best time for this meeting is much appreciated!



August 15, 2021, was a joyful day at Mount Vernon, as Claire, the daughter of Dent and Rachel Holden was baptized.

We welcome her to membership in the family of Christ.



2021 Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 3* Starting at 3:00 p.m.



Our 2021 CROP Walk will be in person, starting from Ballou Park.

Participants will walk with their teams, and each team's start will be staggered. Those not walking with a team will also be given a start time to walk by themselves or with family, friends, or group. We will have designated areas on the lawn for teams and non-team participants to gather.

*** Because the pandemic continues, all are welcome to participate in the Walk virtually, as many did in last year's very successful Walk.**

In a virtual walk, participants commit to walking alone or in small groups, anywhere you choose, at a time that best suits you or your group.

Since 2008, the Danville CROP Walk has donated more than \$65,000.00 to God's Storehouse. And we have raised \$200,231.00 for hunger-fighting efforts in Danville and around the world!



- Register to participate in the Walk, whether you will walk in person or virtually! To sign up, go to the website by scanning the QR code at left, or go to:
crophungerwalk.org/danvilleva

If you would like to pick up a collection envelope and sign up at the church, the materials will be in the glass enclosure by the fellowship hall doors, and you may pick them up at your convenience.

- Make a donation. Make checks to Mount Vernon UMC and indicate CROP Walk in the memo line. Or donate online, using the QR code or the web address above.
- And please pray for our CROP Walk. The needs are so great:

"I have never seen it as bad globally as it is right now," Amer Daoudi, senior director of operations of the World Food Program, said, describing the food security situation.

"Usually you have two, three, four crises — like conflicts, famine — at one time.

But now we're talking about quite a number of significant of crises happening simultaneously across the globe."

Questions? Please contact Jouette Rowe at jouetteg@hotmail.com or Beth Bauman, (434) 489-6514.



"Virtual"
Walkers:
2020
CROP Walk





Dr. Maklin Eugene and the New Hope Hospital Emergency Team load medical supplies and equipment and travel to southern Haiti to provide care to victims of the recent earthquake.



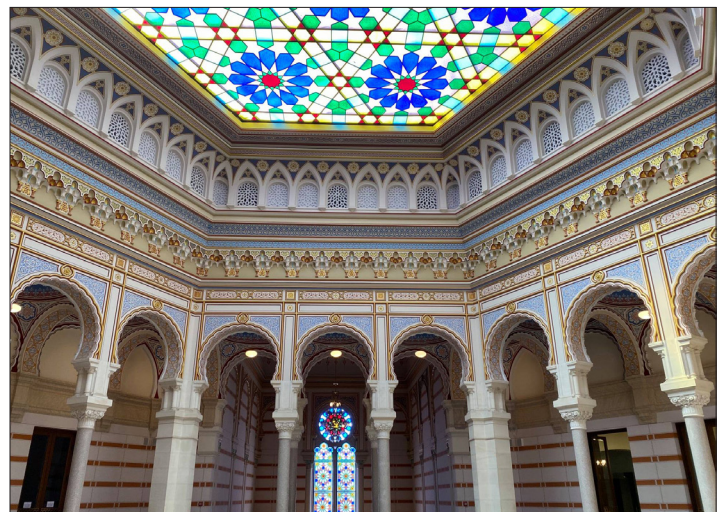
A Message from Beth Bauman

In late spring, our daughter asked if I could assist our almost two-year-old granddaughter in transitioning from their home in Zambia (southern Africa) to Bosnia and Herzegovina (eastern Europe) as Catherine continued her work in child protection with UNICEF. There's no way this long-distance grandmother could turn down such a wonderful opportunity! I deeply appreciate the church's willingness to let me combine vacation time and work remotely so that I could be part of this challenging experience in our young granddaughter's life.

What an experience it was! Sarajevo is called the "Jerusalem of Europe" because Muslims, Orthodox Christians, and Catholics live and worship in close proximity. It has beautiful historic architecture from two very different periods of their history: the Ottoman and the Austro-Hungarian eras. Bosnia and Herzegovina has a very tragic history with many periods of foreign occupation and most recently the Bosnian War (1992-1996). Sarajevo was under siege for four years, and I was privileged to get to know several people who have shared with me their childhood experiences during the war. I learned about resilience, fortitude, transformation. The church bells ringing on the hour and the Muslim call to prayer five times daily reminded me that there are many beautiful people around the world praying and working for peace.



*Top: Beth and granddaughter exploring
At left: "Dervish House," built in the Middle Ages
Right center: View from Catherine's apartment
Bottom left: Sarajevo City Hall (and Briggs)
Bottom right: Interior of City Hall*



Boy Scout Troop 300's Eagle Scouts

Our Boy Scout Troop has had five Scouts earn their Eagle Scout Award so far this year. These Scouts were:

Brendan deAristizabal	Garrett Jones
Jackson Wiles	Nicolas West
Cooper Bebeau	



The Eagle Scout Award is the highest achievement award a Boy Scout can receive, and only about 5 percent of Scouts earn this award.

Congratulations to these fine young men in achieving this high honor.

Our thanks to Scoutmaster Randy McDaniel and Assistant Scoutmasters Chris Wiles and Charles Crumpler for their hard work and dedication in helping develop our youth into better citizens for tomorrow. Ashley deAristizabal and Mark Mills are also very involved.

Eat Out to Help Out!

Tuesday, September 7

These restaurants will donate 10% of their total sales to God's Storehouse.



Chuck's Meats & Deli
Crema & Vine
Danview Restaurant
Dell'Anno's Pizza Kitchen (Martinsville Hwy & Main St)
El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant
Frank's Italian Restaurant (*On Thursday, 9/9*)
Golden Skillet (Danville: *on Wed, 9/8*, & Chatham)
Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant
KFC (Piney Forest & Memorial Dr)
La Nostra Cucina (*on Wednesday, 9/8*)
Little Caesar's (Southwick)
Los Tres Magueyes
Mary's Diner
Me's Burgers & Brew
Nana Karen's
San Marcos Mexican Restaurant (Danville & Chatham)
Seafood and More
Stateline Diner
Village's Pizza
Western Sizzlin



Sunday, September 19

3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary

PRESENTED BY

THE DANVILLE CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY ASSOCIATION

Music Director, Christopher Swanson

Harpichord, Bob Sutter

Strings - Greensboro String Quintet

Trumpet - Kurt Phelps (UNC-G and Music Academy
of North Carolina)

Singers will include Mount Vernon's
Melissa Herke, Lin Benefield, and Carolyn Smith

Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity® COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

2805 Riverside Drive

Brunswick Stew (Pre-Sold – Get tickets at the ReStore)

Paper Shredding (with a Donation)

Raffle Items

Activities for Kids

SOVAH
Blood Mobile On-Site

FOOD TRUCKS



9AM-11AM



11AM-2PM

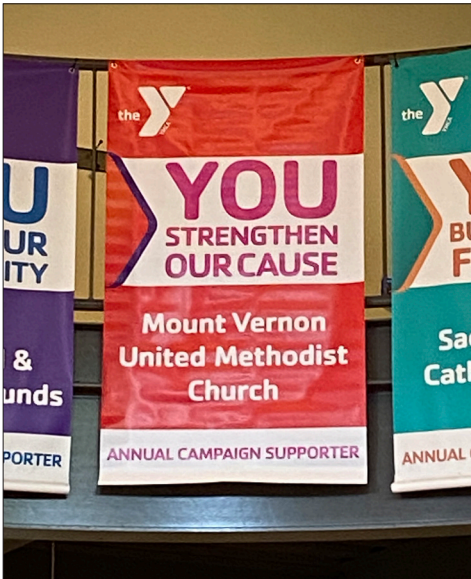


At home: **Dorothy Stephens, Bill Hardy, Joyce Johnson, and Berkeley & Van Keck**

At Roman Eagle: **Marian Adkins, Tom Darkis**



Our deepest sympathy to Suzanne Fisher and her family, in the death of her grandson, Kevin Fisher, on August 28.



As part of our Advent offering last year, we contributed \$2,500.00 to the scholarship fund at the YMCA. This banner recognized our partnership with the Danville YMCA.

*Gifts in memory of **Kathryn Wyatt**, mother of Margaret Scott, have been received from Patricia Maurakis, Carol & Lewis Williamson, and Carey Wilkes.*

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September Birthdays

- 1 Jesse Mayhew, III
Charles Sampson
- 2 Phyllis Acker
Thomas Underwood, Jr.
- 3 Chris Griffith
DeDe Moyer
- 4 Jeff Clifton
- 5 Cathy Grogan
Thomas O'Neill, III
- 6 Lauren Slayton
- 8 Glenn Milam
Matkins Milligan
Kelly Grogan Jordan
- 9 Cathy Darkis
Joan Marley
- 10 Saunders Milligan
Gene Saunders
- 11 Berkley Keck, Sr.
Jeff Rudder
Dorothy Stephens
Betty Yates
- 13 Adam Caldwell
- 15 Lester Payne



- 16 Taylor Wilhelm
Briggs Bauman
- 17 Sidney Harris
- 18 Brendan deAristizabal
Jerry Franks
Wayne Wall
- 19 Mark Leggett
- 21 Jennifer Caldwell
Lyn Joyce
Lindsay Payne
Jesse Wall
- 22 Rebecca Daniels
- 23 Joanna Caldwell
Nancy Ingram
- 24 Suzanne Thompson
- 25 Eddie Mitchell
Richard Turner
Carol Williamson
- 26 Madi Barker
- 27 Pat Farley
- 28 Mary Alice Anglea

- Dawn Davis
Jean Vernon
- 29 Linda Burton
Linbeth Pierre
 - 30 Dorothy Adkins
David Caldwell
Tammy Waters

October Birthdays

- 1 Patrick Clifton
Rob Coleman
Nell Frederickson
Jason Payne
- 2 Fred Duncan
- 3 Jimmy Anglea
Scott Pearce
- 4 Juliet Cho
Julian Gould
- 5 Eric Keck
Katherine Milam
- 6 Alana Mitchell
- 7 Ali Stephens-Pickeral
- 8 Melissa Charles
Bobbie Ray Womack
- 10 Wyatt Scott



Glenn and Pat Giles, 149 Executive Court - Room 36, Danville VA 24541
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Property Committee Holds Workdays

Prepping and painting of the hallways on the main floor started on August 13.

On our next workday, scheduled for September 17, we will continue with painting the hallway from the South Main Street door to the West Main door, and we will clean outside those doors to prepare for painting there.

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