



April 2024 Newsletter “Circuit Rider” for



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MOUNT VERNON

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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Pondering on the Paha: Waiting for Easter

Pastor's Letter

In Jerusalem, there would have been crowds everywhere. From lands far and near they would have come to the holy city to commemorate the Passover with food, song, scripture, and sacrifice. Passover had begun with more than the usual amount of revelry. Quite a stir was caused by a young traveling preacher and healer, one Jesus of Nazareth. Hearts were exuberant as this gracious man rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, in essence proclaiming himself to be the king prophesied in scripture. “Save us now” the crowds shouted. And there was much to be saved from in Jerusalem. Rome’s rule was crushing. The torture and death of anyone who visibly resisted their dominion left bodies of rebels hanging on crosses for all to see. Could this year in Jerusalem be the year that all was restored to God’s chosen people? Could this carpenter’s son from Nazareth be messiah in disguise? Could a people scattered and broken finally be brought home in glory?

By Friday afternoon, word has spread that things have gone horribly wrong. Jesus has been arrested and God allows it. The man who raised the dead and cleared the temple is silent. He was silent like a sheep going to slaughter. Jesus has let his followers down. All the hopes they placed on him flow away with each drop of blood he sheds. Someone cries out in mockery what his believers wish in their hearts, “Let him save himself.” But Jesus does not. God does not rend the sky. Angels do not appear with swords. Friday closes with a body cooling in a dark grave. His followers who seemed fearless in his presence now are hiding in locked homes. Do they light the Sabbath candles when the light of their lives has been taken away? Do they pray to a God who has disappointed them so bitterly? Do they curse Rome and the priests and plot revenge in their whispers? Do they make plans to slip out of Jerusalem to go back home? Are they angry at Jesus for choosing to come to Jerusalem, even when he knew it was to die? Thoughts are in turmoil until exhaustion quiets the questions with troubled sleep.

Saturday passes with the Sabbath rest heavily upon the city of Jerusalem. It passes like a day after a funeral with too much exhaustion and pain for much focused thought. When nightfall comes, the women set to work. They don’t care about the risk. They don’t care about the horror. They are gathering spices to anoint Jesus body one last time. They will awake early on Sunday thinking there’s one final gruesome mission ahead.

Waiting for Easter. It’s a time in our lives when we do what we have to do without any joy or hope. We go through the motions. We walk the road to the tombs of our hopes and dreams. We ask ‘why’ a hundred times a day. In the meantime, God sees every tear, hears every prayer, and watches our heavy steps. If we listen, we can hear the promise whispering under the chaos. ‘Resurrection,’ says the voice. ‘New life,’ breathes the Spirit. ‘Just hang on,’ echoes the empty tomb. By faith in Jesus Christ, we too will see the resurrection. We too will see dreams healed, joys fulfilled, hopes renewed. Some of us will get a glimpse of this new hope on earth. Some of us will come to the end of our tears only when we stand before our savior. But by faith in Jesus, the resurrected one, I tell you most assuredly, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Saved from a life without Easter Sunday. Saved from a meaningless death and a hopeless future.

He is risen! He is indeed! Blessings, Pastor Vicki

New Message Series Begins April 7:

Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People

What are some practical ways we can follow Jesus? How can we grow a deeper faith life? How can I experience God's grace? Beginning April 7, we will talk about tools for growing our faith as a church community. We will be using John Ortberg's book "The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People," as a resource. Limited copies will be available for \$17.



The Life You've
Always Wanted:
Spiritual Disciplines
for Ordinary People

4 /7 Communion Sunday Message: It's Morphing Time

Scriptures: Exodus 3:1-15, 4:1-16, Luke 17:20-21

Worship Focus: Why don't we long for more in our spiritual life? Why do we settle?

4/14 Message: Training or Trying

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 1 Timothy 4:7b- 16

Worship Focus: We can't simply show up and expect that we are good at spiritual things. How can we train ourselves to grow?

4/21 Confirmation Sunday

Message: The spiritual discipline of Celebration!

Scriptures: Philippians 4:1-7, John 15:9- 13

Worship Focus: Rejoicing, helps us tap into God's strength.

4/28 Message: The Spiritual Discipline of Prayer

Scriptures: James 5:13-20, Luke 5:12-16

Worship Focus: How can we grow into a life of prayer?

5/5 Jim Baty Preaches.

Did you miss worship? Check out our online worship at
<https://tinyurl.com/weloveUMCMV>



For all who worship with us... we are so blessed to have you
with us on Sunday mornings

In person at 8:30 am or 11 am

Online at 8:30 & 11 am

www.umcmv.com/online-worship

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: Building a healthier faith community with trust, love, and empowerment.

Our missional priorities (goals) for 2024:

- 1) Create and Install a Covenant for Leadership.
- 2) Increase opportunities for meaningful relationships.
- 3) Improve transparency of governance.



We, as the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, are here to say we are making spaces safe and affirming for all people to be themselves and that we are specifically in support of the LGBTQ+ community members. We affirm that those in the LGBTQ+ community are persons of sacred worth, full and whole members of the human family, and are beloved by God.

How to reach Pastor Vicki:

For emergencies, call her cell at 712-563-6094 and leave a message. Otherwise, leave a message at the church at 319-895-6286 or email vicki.fisher@iaumc.net. She will be taking Thursdays as her Sabbath, except in dire emergencies.





The Iowa Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action is having a spring gathering in our area!

When: April 6, 2024 10am-12pm

Where: Coralville UMC, 806 13th Ave, Coralville, IA

Who: Featuring Rev. Nora Boerner, Associate Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church

Topic: Christian Nationalism

Pastor Vicki is planning on going and has room for 2-3 others to ride along if you want to car-pool!

Thank YOU...

- To Clint for opening up the building and turning on the lights Sunday mornings!

- To our staff for your extra work during Lent and Holy Week!



Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far in 2024 we have raised over \$504 for the general operating expenses of the church!

We need your help to expand this fundraising opportunity. Please consider your upcoming purchases and identify what can be paid for with Scrip – daily living expenses, birthday or graduation gifts, upcoming travel plans. Take a look at the retailers list -- SEE LINK

<https://umcmv.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/BrandList2024.pdf>

and start building your next scrip order!

Please put your order form/check in the collection plate or drop them off in the church office.

ED WING RENOVATION LOAN UPDATE

Initial loan: \$56,650

Loan Renewal date: 4/10/2024

We are excited to say that we are within \$2,000 of paying off the loan. We are so thankful for all the support for this project, since the beginning and we will be celebrating in the next few weeks when this is taken care of!

-Adam Krapfl and the Finance Committee

Julian Johnston Scholarship Announced

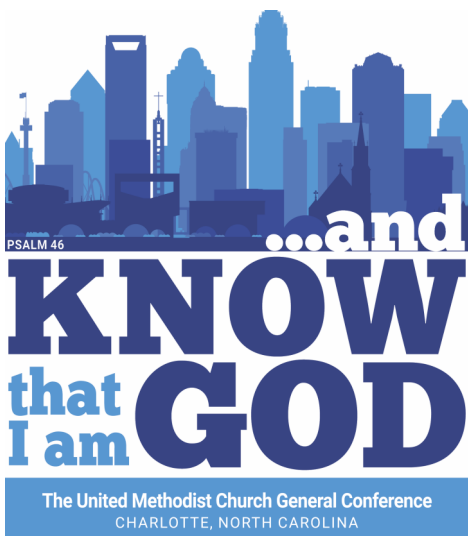
College students who are entering either their junior or senior year at an accredited 4-year institution for the 2024-25 academic year and who are members of the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon are eligible for the Julian Johnston Scholarship award administered by the church's memorial committee.

Julian Johnston, a former Mount Vernon businessman, provided for this scholarship in his will as appreciation for money he received from this church to enable him to finish his education at Cornell. Dividends from his Chevron stock given to the church provide the funding for this scholarship. Awards may be \$500 or \$1000 depending on the number of chosen applications and the actual funds available

Applicants need to 1) fill out demographic information, 2) write a one-page letter describing the financial need and their career goals, and 3) provide a letter of recommendation to be considered by the evaluation committee. Application letters were emailed to our church members who were high school graduates in 2021 or 2022. Other eligible members may request application information from the church office. There is no age limit. Completed applications must be received by the church office by Monday June 10, 2024. Awards will be announced by June 28th.

Pray for General Conference: General Conference is April 23-May 3, 2024

General Conference is the worldwide gathering of United Methodist delegates that occurs every four years. This will be the first General Conference since 2019 when the modified traditional plan was passed, increasing the penalties for officiating at same sex marriages and strengthening discriminatory language against gay people. Since General Conference 2019, several Annual Conferences, including Iowa, have refused to enforce these changes. The Iowa UMC is a safe place to be a married gay pastor and to officiate at same-sex weddings. Please pray for General Conference, that delegates might find a new direction for the UMC.





Lunch & Learn Book Study with Pastor Vicki

Tuesdays 11:30 am to 12:30 Common Ground Meeting Room starting April 9th

Tuesday lunch study of the book “The Life You’ve Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People” will begin Tuesday, April 9 from 11:30-12:30. Limited copies of the books are available for \$17. RSVP to save a copy

or buy your own!

Those who went through the last session let us know—“These lunch and learn groups have been a great way to connect with fellow church members and grow our understanding of the bible as well as way to further walk with Pastor Vicki on the topics we are currently unpacking!”

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[ONLINE GIVING LINK \(or QR code\)](#)

<https://bit.ly/UMCMVonlinegiving>



Town Hall meeting, April 7, 2024

9:45 to 10:45 am

Town Hall: General Conference and United Methodist Current Events

Join us Sunday, April 7 from 9:45 -10:45 in the fellowship hall. Jim Baty will share about hopes, dreams, and trends as General Conference grows closer.

Questions for thought: Will the UMC finally remove harmful language around “homosexuality” from our Book of Discipline? What about regionalization? What about another season for churches to disaffiliation?

Everyone is welcome!

Mount Vernon Community Preschool Update: April 2024

Preschool children have been busy **playing** - interacting with friends is the best, **cooking** - in March, each child made a pizza and enjoyed a tasty snack, and **creating** - painting, building and pretending is the best way to learn! The relationships the children have formed with the teachers and each other is a joy to be a part of.

A special THANK YOU to Terry Pisarik for finishing the construction project in our classrooms. Terry single handedly installed our countertops - which was the final piece of the project. We are so grateful for Terry and all the church members who contributed to this renovation. Our classrooms are beautiful and functional!

Registration continues for the 2024-2025 school year! We are accepting registration for the Tuesday/Thursday class. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday class is currently full.

Reach out to Ellen Mueller with questions! mvcommunitypreschool@gmail.com





Sunday School

What a great month March has been! Can't complain about the weather, that's for sure. We did not see each other much in March due to Spring Break, but it was a great time when we did! Our middle school Sunday School class met with our 1st through 3rd grade class to make pretzels 🍪 Thank you, Karen Stewart, for setting this up! It was truly heartwarming seeing the older kids interacting with the younger kids. We have such a great group of kids ❤️ I am so blessed to be part of this program with them. Our last classes this month will be on Palm Sunday and Easter, then next month we will start our new unit. Our new unit Faith Word will be **Share**, which means "To offer God's blessing to others". Our unit Bible Verse will be Acts 4:32a: "The community of believers was one in heart and mind".

Confirmation Sunday will be April 21st and you won't want to miss that!

We have one more month of Sunday School and our last day of class will be April 28th. After that we will have Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on May 5 to celebrate the end of the year!



Rooted Youth Group

Rooted didn't meet as much in March due to Spring break, but fun was still had! We met with the Cedar Amateur Astronomers at the Eastern Iowa Observatory & Learning Center and learned about their collection of telescopes, what you can see through them, and how to find constellations using Star Map (<https://www.skymaponline.net>). It was too cloudy to see anything, unfortunately, but that just means we'll have to go back again! After spring break, we had a bit of an adjustment with the schedule so instead of doing a service project this month, we broke out of jail like Paul and Silas, escape room style. We would like to send a special thanks to **Babs Moore** and **Mary Jane McWilliams** for providing and serving the meals this month!

THANK YOU!!!

For info on camps: please check out these links:

United Methodist camps - Wesley Woods (Indianola) and Okoboji (Spirit Lake)
Website: <https://iaumc.org/camps>

Presbyterian camp - Camp Bear Creek (Wyoming)
Website: <https://bearcreek.camp/>

Lutheran camp - Ewalu (Strawberry Point)
Website: <https://ewalu.org/>

There is financial assistance available as needed; financial situations will NEVER keep one of our kids from attending. Some camps may be affiliated with specific denominations but kids do not have to be part of that denomination to attend the camp they're interested in. We have multiple leaders/youth who have attended or worked at these camps and all recommend attending!

Please contact Veronica or Pastor Vicki to volunteer at 319-895-6286. Regular youth leaders and helpers are always welcome.

Thank you!

Also, did you know we are on social media? You can follow our pages at <https://www.facebook.com/UMCMVRooted/> for Facebook and <https://www.instagram.com/rootedumcmv/> for Instagram! These pages will include updates and pictures.

Get Rooted Youth Group text notifications by subscribing through Remind: <https://www.remind.com/join/hgk7he>





Mission Committee

April Update

Congratulations, generous congregation. Our Bulk Food donation to SE Linn Food pantry for March is \$2600 of essential food items, ordered through Gary's Foods at bulk rate.

In sharing this donation with SE Linn, their director, Nicole McAlexander shared that we have become an ESSENTIAL part of their service to the community, and that we are the only organization that contributes this level of support. She then shared that she wished the community was more aware of their services and the needs they meet through the food pantry.

With that motivation, we have organized a community HUNGER AWARENESS EVENT, to be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 28, from 1 to 2 PM. Speakers from SE Linn, HAACAP, and the Hunger Coalition will share their perspectives on the growing needs for the food-insecure in our area. Please come and bring your neighbors as we all attempt to be informed of this growing crisis.

Our RED BOX will be in the entry one more month as we continue to donate footwear to support national and international projects through our unneeded items.

As we look for ways to reach out to our larger community, we have been in contact with Matthew 25 in Cedar Rapids. They have an event called TRANSFORM WEEK during which they host volunteers to work on 30 Home and Community Projects from June 24 – 28 in Cedar Rapids. We can choose our day(s) to work and our projects, depending on our skills. This is a well-organized, worthwhile project right in our backyard. We'd love to send a volunteer group. Contact the office for more information.

Our Mission is to provide you with ways to extend the loving hands of Christ to our community and our world.

UMCMV Mission Committee

Ann Coe, Arlene and Vern Sand, Mary Jane McWilliams, Barb Shepley, Jen Hoffman, Alison Dix, Renee Nydegger, Karen Stewart

BLANKET MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING April 21

This group gathers as needed to cut and tie fleece blankets to be given to various groups providing those who are in need with a warm blanket. Sometimes this may be their only source of warmth on a cold, chilly day or night. These blankets are given in the hope that the recipient may be enfolded by its prayers. We need to restock the funds to keep this ministry going, so if you have ever enjoyed helping make blankets, we are collecting donations for this ministry to help us get ready for a blanket making event later this year. Thanks!

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon Calendar April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church offices closed 6:30pm Entre Nous Book Club, Common Ground Meeting Room 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship hall	2 6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 40, Fellowship Hall	3 5:30pm Bell Choir practice 6:00pm Praise team practice, Sanctuary 6:30pm Middle School & HS Youth Group, Seeds of Faith Lutheran Church, Lisbon Iowa 7:30pm Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary	4 5:30pm Bell Choir practice	5	6 8:00pm AA / Al-Anon Meetings
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Lift Up these Prayer Requests throughout the week...

Prayers for Healing:

- For Jon Hartzler's brother, Chris. He is dealing with a recent brain cancer diagnosis and is in the midst of treatment, while also exploring other options. Chris and his wife, Molly, have four young children
- For Barb Shepley, for a full and smooth recovery process following knee replacement surgery
- For Minor Dix (Alison's father) as he continues his recovery from hip replacement surgery
- For David Van Cleve and his eyesight, as he continues to recover from surgery
- For our friends and family members who are brave every day, facing their health battles

Prayers for Comfort and Strength and Safety:

- For Jim Baty's family, as they are facing end of life decisions for his dad.
- For the Govea family, who recently experienced a house fire and lost all material possessions. This family has two children who attend Mount Vernon Schools
- For Amy Conrad's college roommate, who is dealing with the sudden death of her husband. Prayers for Amy's friend and her two children as they are grieving
- For the Craig Arians family and friends of the family, as they deal with the sudden loss of Craig's son, John
- For those concerned with health issues
- For all who are struggling: emotionally, physically or spiritually

Prayers for Transition:

- For Cot & Kay Graber, as they both adjust to Kay residing at Hallmark Care Center.
- For all teachers, students and administrators, prayers for a safe and positive semester
- For all college students during their Spring semester
- For the leaders of UMCMV as they continue to work on behalf of our church
- For the United Methodist Church, the Iowa Conference & our Mount Vernon congregation

Prayers for our Nation and our World:

- For all who have had lives impacted by the trauma of gun violence
- For the people of Israel and Palestine; Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers
- For families and communities devastated by natural disasters
- For people caught in the tragedies of war in Ukraine and Russia; Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers
- Prayers for peace for all humanity

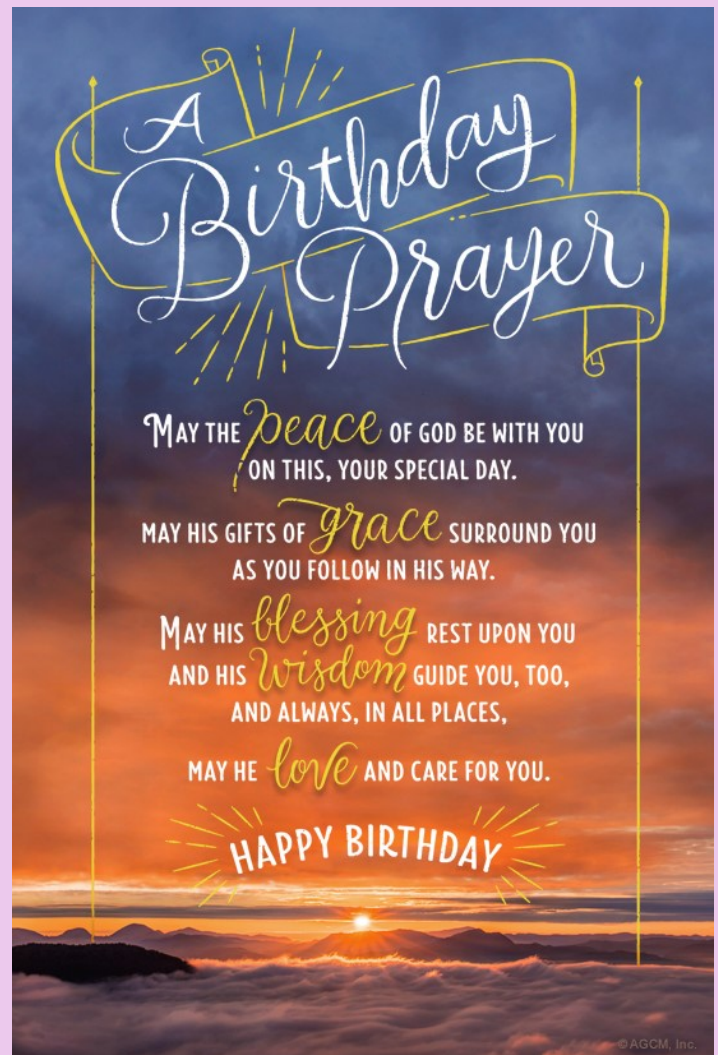
Lift Up these Prayer Requests throughout the week... (continued)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Kristi Keast 's family friend Randy Preston has fully recovered from his stroke
- For a meaningful and thoughtful Lenten season as we have learned more about forgiveness and how it can impact our lives
- Much thanks for all of our Trustee members and other volunteers who have helped recently with the needs of our beautiful church building. Your work and efforts are much appreciated
- With thankful hearts we praise God for the blessings in our lives, and also take comfort that He knows the yearnings of our hearts

April Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Marilyn Meyer	04/01
Scott Johanningmeier	04/02
Arlene Sand	04/03
Clare Nydegger	04/04
Jacob Pratt	04/06
Kim Stoner	04/07
Calvin Kragenbrink	04/08
Jack Kragenbrink	04/08
Mike Stewart	04/10
Courtney Micheel	04/11
Amy Conrad	04/12
Jean Lehman	04/14
Benjamin Nydegger	04/14
Stacey Barber	04/15
Kyle Jaspers	04/17
Gretchen Beckhelm	04/19
Devyn Hanson	04/19



Endowment Distribution

Our endowment funds earned a modest return in 2023. In accordance with our endowment policy, the Endowment Ministry Team requested, and the Church Council approved, a distribution of \$6,000 from the endowment. Endowment distributions must be used for special projects or ministries that are not part of the church's annual budget.

The Church Council will act to approve one or more specific uses of this year's distribution at its meeting in April. In order to be eligible to receive funds from the endowment, the Council agreed on the following procedures and asks everyone wishing to request funds to follow them:

1. All the UCMCMV program ministries (Missions, Education, Evangelism, Youth, Stewardship, Worship, Memorials, Membership Care, Peace/Justice) and administrative ministries (Trustees, Staff Parish, Finance, Lay Leadership) are eligible to request funds from the distribution.
2. If there is a request or idea for use of the funds from an individual in the congregation, it must first go through one of the program or administrative ministry teams above.
3. All requests must include the following:
 - a. name of the project/program/event, etc. to be funded with this distribution
 - b. name of the Council member or committee making the request
 - c. description of what outcome is expected
 - d. estimated cost
 - e. availability of other funding sources if full funding from endowment is not possible

All requests should be sent to Alison Dix in the church office by April 12. The requests will be presented to the Council at its April meeting for discussion and a vote for selection.

Scrip Inventory Available

If you need a last minute gift or are planning a trip to Gary's and forgot to put a card on your last Scrip order – just contact Alison in the church office. Many times there are gift cards on-hand and your request can be filled immediately. Cards currently in stock include: Gary's, Casey's, Arby's, KwikStar, Red Robin, Hardee's, Papa Murphy's, BWW, Panda Express, and iTunes. If there are additional cards you would like, just place your order on the next date (15th of the month). You will always receive your cards within a week of the order.



RAISE YOUR AWARENESS.

SPEND AN HOUR LEARNING
ABOUT THE ISSUES WE FACE
COMBATING HUNGER IN OUR
COMMUNITY

**APRIL 28,
2024
@ 1PM**

Hunger Awareness Event

Let's Talk About it.

Sunday April 28 1-2 pm

Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

304 1st St. SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Speakers to include:

Nicole McAlexander, Director of SE Linn Community Center

Kim Guardado, Director of HACAP Food Bank

Representative from Iowa Hunger Coalition

Cookies & Drinks Provided

Sponsored by Missions Committee, UMCMV

Questions? Please contact UMCMV Church office at 319-895-6286



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**Save the Date
 Confirmation
 Sunday
 April 21**

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.”
 Psalm 37:5