



February 2024 Newsletter “Circuit Rider” for



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MOUNT VERNON

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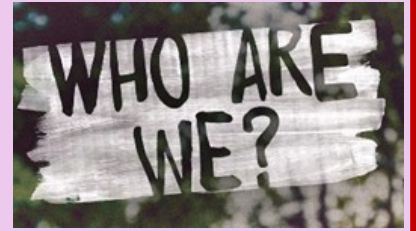
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Pondering on the Paha: Who are We?

A number of years ago, I went to a workshop about using our core values to guide challenging decisions. My colleague shared about using values to shape choices on a personal level and within the church. We then unpacked how to identify and nurture our core values personally and in the church community. We thrive in places where our values align, and struggle when our values don't quite fit.



Core values answer the questions: “Who are we? What defines us? What is important to us? What are the non-negotiables? What do we hope never changes?” Core values are more about how we actually live, than about the goals we have.

My core values are Family, Curiosity, Hospitality, and Faith. I thrive when I have space to play with my family, when I can ask questions and focus on learning, when outsiders are embraced, and when I can live my faith. I am most at home when I honor these values.

In the same way, churches have values that they are living out. Several months ago, I went through a process with our staff to lift up the core values they were noticing. More recently, our Church Council took time to identify our core values. The lists between these two groups were almost the same.

The core values of UMCMV identified by our Church Council:

1. Embrace everyone as who they are.
2. Quality worship with great music.
3. Involvement of all ages both inside and outside the church.
4. Generosity.

Pastor's Letter

Programs and activities that reflect the above values are more likely to be embraced by the congregation and succeed. I'm excited to see where our church leadership takes these values and how we live them out in 2024! If you'd like to learn more about identifying your personal values, Brene Brown has some great work here: <https://brenebrown.com/resources/living-into-our-values/>

You are loved, Pastor Vicki

February 2024



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

February Sunday Message Series:

2/4 “Jonah: When you’ve Betrayed your People Because God said to”

Communion Sunday - Jonah 4

2/11 Aaron Amundson will be our guest speaker. He will share about the ministry of Willis Dady. A special offering will be received.

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. – Lent Begins

Forgiveness Series

Beginning February 18, we will have a new message series called “**Total Forgiveness**”. If you’ve ever felt stuck in your spiritual life, as if you were meant to know more joy and be more faithful, a lack of total forgiveness might be part of the cause. We will explore the Bible’s understanding of forgiveness and why it is such a struggle, even for mature Christians.

Resources that you might find helpful:

Adam Hamilton’s “Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go”. Hamilton’s book focuses mainly on the importance of forgiveness in family relationships.

RT Kendall’s “Total Forgiveness”. Total Forgiveness is an depth look at the what forgiveness is and isn’t.

2/18

Forgiveness and Excuses

Psalm 51 & 2 Samuel 12:1-13

Matthew 6:9-15

2/25

Forgiveness and Denial

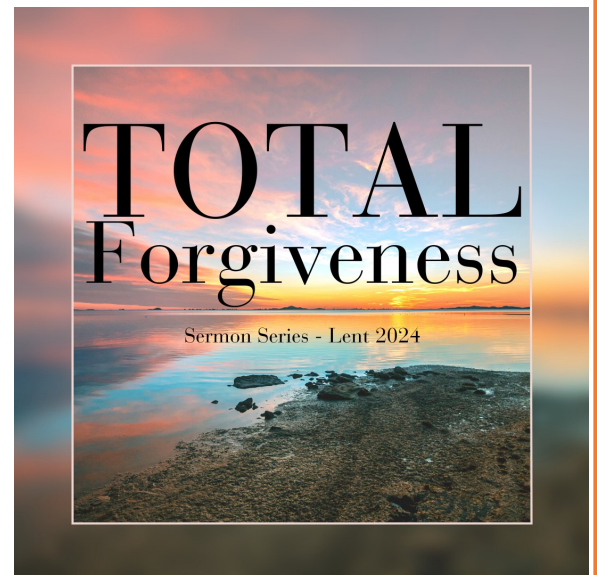
John 8 & Acts 7:54-60

Colossians 3:12-14

3/3 Communion Sunday

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Luke 23:32-34 & Psalm 103



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.



Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Worship Service— February 14, 6:30 p.m.

Lent is the 40 days before Easter that has traditionally been a season of reflection and self-examination. We will begin this season with a family friendly worship service at 6:30. The imposition of ashes on the forehead or hand will be offered for all who care to receive.



Lenten Study: Forgiveness

Brown Bag and Bibles with Pastor Vicki on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 in The Common Ground. Bring your lunch and join us on Tuesdays starting February 20th for a deeper look at forgiveness in the Bible. How can we choose forgiveness? How can we forgive ourselves? How do we forgive God? Please RSVP to the office or to 712-563-6094. Thanks!

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.



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



Happy Happy
Birthday to Fred Lehman!

Celebrating
Fred Lehman's
special birthday

Picture and Visit by
Julie Baty
Care Coordinator

Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far in 2024 we have raised over \$80 for the general operating expenses of the church! Orders are due on the 15th of each month. Put the order form/check in the collection plate or drop them off in the church office.

Thank YOU...

To everyone who helped with the Nost funeral.
To our Trustees for locking up the church! For Terry, Warren, Kevin, Brittany, and Denise for your work behind the scenes. For our Tech Team and the depth they add to our worship services. To everyone who led in our Townhall meeting!

To all of our Sunday School teachers and youth workers! You are a blessing!



Care Corner

Hello UMCMV church family,



Blessings to you as we begin this month of February. As the Care Coordinator at our church, my hope and heart's desire is that everyone at our church knows that they are loved. First, that you know God's unconditional love for you. Secondly, that you know your church family loves and cares for you. I want to help show you that love by providing care and support whenever I can.

Winter months can be hard, can't they? The days can sometimes feel isolating, the weather can be daunting, and it is tempting to lose the hope that we carry with us when the sun is shining and the days are simply brighter. If you are reading this and would enjoy a visit to break up your day, please let me know. I truly enjoy home visits and cherish the opportunity to know our members and attendees better and join in conversation. If you are reading this and know of someone who might enjoy a visit or you would like me to check in with, please let me know that as well.

February is the month we often give love an "extra nod". We decorate with hearts, and our surroundings take on a vision of pink and red. We celebrate Valentine's Day, which I always see as a special time to send a little extra love to both those we know well and not so well, and to anyone we think may need a little "pick me up". I believe the love that we celebrate in February isn't just for those "in love"but about spreading God's love to those around us. When we are actively loving others, we are bound to feel better and bring more light into our dark winter months. What act of love can you share with someone today? How can I help? Together, let's spread His love around this month.

Lovingly, Julie Baty, Care Coordinator 3tsmom@batys5.com 319-533-2349

You Always Have By Tanner Olson

Sometimes I forget You know me better than I will ever know myself.

**I forget Your compassion and loyalty and how when Jesus
told the parable of the lost son, He wasn't just telling a story but was talking about us.**

Telling us we are remembered and seen and loved.

We are.

Even when we think aren't.

When I lose my way, which happens most every day, I am

quick to ask why and slow to remember why.

It's because You love us. God, You always have.

It's because You see something more in us than we see in ourselves.

You always have.

You've broken down my walls and ways and welcomed me home.

Now let me embrace the goodness of Your mercy and grace.



Isn't It Something by Tanner Olson

**Isn't it something
that we are called
the one thing
we've always wanted
to be called?
Beloved.**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. — Colossians 3:12

Use Scrip for spring break travel! Gift cards can be used to pay for spring break travel. The following retailers offer scrip cards with the following rebate amounts:

- ◆ · Airbnb 5%
- ◆ · Marriott 6%
- ◆ · Delta Airlines 4%
- ◆ · Royal Caribbean 13%
- ◆ · Casey's 3%
- ◆ · Uber 2.5%
- ◆ · Disney 3%
- ◆ · Hilton 2%
- ◆ · American Airlines 6%
- ◆ · BP Gas 2.5%
- ◆ · Kwik Star 4%

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[ONLINE GIVING LINK \(or QR code\)](https://bit.ly/UMCMVonlinegiving)

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These boots are made for "GIVING" TO SOLES 4 SOULS!



Our Missions Committee is again encouraging you to clean your closets and find unneeded shoes and boots to donate to this worthy project. Soles 4 Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief around the world, empowering people to break the cycle of poverty by reselling the shoes to build businesses and support their families.

LOOK FOR THE LARGE RED BOX in the upper entry and send a message of support to others in need. This will be a mission focus for our church in February ,March, and April. - UMCMV Missions Committee



Mount Vernon Community Preschool Update: FEBRUARY 2023

February 2024 - February is friendship month! The preschool children are forming wonderful relationships with one another. It is so much fun watching them interact with each other throughout the morning. We continue to talk about what makes a good friend - calling them by name, using please, thank you and other kind words, sharing and taking turns. Take a look at what our friends have been up to at preschool.

Registration: Registration for the 2024-2025 preschool year has begun, with our class list for Monday/Wednesday/Friday already full. We are still accepting registration for our Tuesday/Thursday 3 year old program. Contact Ellen Mueller, mvcommunitypreschool@gmail.com, for more information.

All children must be three by September 15 and toilet trained



Missions Update: Super Bowl Sunday & Willis Dady Homeless Services

Matthew 25:40



Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Sunday, February 11 will be Super Bowl Sunday. The Missions Committee has arranged for a special guest, Aaron Amundson, to join us for services. He will be sharing a message about the ministry of Willis Dady Homeless Services at both services. He will also be available for discussion between services. Winter is an especially difficult time for those dealing with homelessness. There are 3 opportunities for us to help Willis Dady:

- 1) A special offering will be taken to support Willis Dady.**
- 2) A chili lunch will be served at noon with a free will offering that will be donated to Willis Dady. The two chilis served will both be from past MV Chili cook off winners ! Yum!**
- 3) Last but not least, we will be taking a collection of a) granola bars, b) trail mix and c) Travel Size personal care item (unused/no full size). Look for donation bins near the Narthex.**

Aaron will join the congregation for the chili lunch to answer any questions. Read more about the services that Willis Dady provides to the most vulnerable among us here: <https://www.willisdady.org/> Thank you for your continued support of Missions work.



Sunday School

Welcome to January in Iowa where we have to cancel meeting together because of the weather! Since we missed some days, we obviously didn't get to a couple lessons so we're already finishing up Unit 2! It's hard to believe that we have one unit, then Lent, then our last unit left. Where does the time go?? Next we will be starting Unit 3, the last unit of the winter quarter. Our unit 3 Faith Word is **Guide**, which means "Showing the way, like the light of Christ". Our unit Bible Verse will be Psalm 119:18: "Open my eyes so I can examine the wonders of Your instruction!" This unit includes some heavy hitters like the Lord's Prayer, Jesus calming the storm, and Zacchaeus.

Unit 3: Guide

2/4 - The Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:5-15*

2/11 - Jesus Calms the Storm *Mark 4:35-41*

2/18 - Mary and Martha *Luke 10:38-42*

2/25 - Zacchaeus *Luke 19:1-10*

We didn't get many pictures this month, but here are a couple from Confirmation!



Birthday-in-a-Bag Service Project [Sign up at: www.tinyurl.com/birthday-bags24](http://www.tinyurl.com/birthday-bags24)

Help us make the joy of birthday celebrations available to our neighbors in need! We are collecting supplies to make Birthday Bags. Each Birthday-in-a-Bag will contain everything you need to have a Happy Birthday celebration- from cake mix to balloons! Birthday Bags will be delivered to SE LINN Community Center and made available to individuals using the Food Pantry. We have been told that these are very appreciated and very popular so we are hoping to be able to provide 20 bags for them. Items can be brought to classrooms during Sunday school or left outside the church office. Birthday Bags will be assembled and delivered at the end of

Rooted Youth Group

January started off with a bang! Now it's being reported that we have ice coming ☹️ That brings back memories of dealing with the ice after youth group last year! It was heart warming to see people coming together to help everyone get out safely. Just like the snowstorm on our AirFX day this time last year (almost to the day), in true Iowa style the snow interfered with our bowling plans. Luckily, we were able to reschedule it. You may have noticed some other changes in our schedule. We've had to rework (and are still reworking) some of the schedule due to weather and sickness. Make sure to keep an eye on emails and social media to stay updated on the changes. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

We were able to meet for our Scavenger Hunt! Pastor Vicki took pictures of things around the church (UMC) and the kids had to find where they were located. I want the energy of these kids, most of them spent the time running from location to location! I don't think they had any fun at all 😏
Check out the pictures below to see the fun!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



January

1/31 Sledding/games

February

2/7 Bowling (rescheduled from 1/10)

1/14 NO MEETING (Ash Wednesday)

2/21 Intro to camp

2/28 Prayer

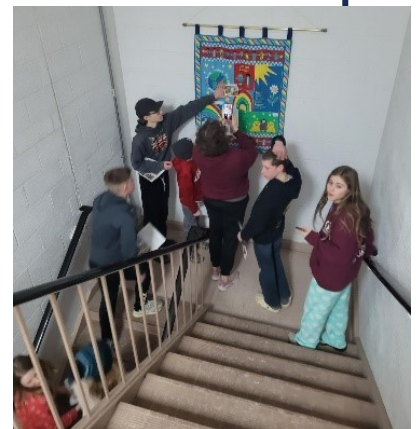
Please contact Veronica or Pastor Vicki to volunteer at 319-895-6286. Regular youth leaders and helpers are always welcome.

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 February 2024 Update

As February approaches, we have many opportunities to reach out to our community and extend a loving, helping hand. Please attend and support these projects as you are able.

Meals on Wheels – We are delivering this essential service during the month of February. All weeks are currently assigned, but substitutes are still occasionally needed. Feel free to call Arlene Sand 319-360-9985 if you would like to be involved in this outreach.

Mission of Hope lunch – We have agreed to serve a lunch at the Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids on Monday, February 26, with preparation of food the weekend before. We will prepare to serve 125 or more meals. Please watch for announcements on future ways you can help.

Soles 4 Souls – We will have our red box in the entry coat area to again collect unneeded shoes and boots for this project. This will be in place during the months of February, March, and April. Our donations are used to support needs both in the US and internationally; this project is organized in cooperation with the Mount Vernon Lions Club.

Willis Dady Homeless Services – Aaron Amundsen, a staff member at Willis Dady will speak at both the first and second services on Sunday, Feb. 11, explaining this organization, its goals, its service, and its needs. The needs are great throughout the year, but especially in winter when weather presents so many challenges. This group is really meeting an ongoing need in our community and will share many ways we can help them. Following the second service, Renee Nydegger and Mike Kraigenbrink will serve a “Best MV Chili lunch” and Aaron will offer a Q and A time. This will give us time to fellowship, enjoy delicious food, and take advantage of an opportunity to inform ourselves about this mission.

Transform with Matthew 25 – This Cedar Rapids outreach is again sponsoring a work week from June 24 to 28 that offers groups or individuals a chance to service others in the Cedar Rapids area. Pencil it in on your calendar (one day, or all five days) and watch for more details in March. Our congregation hopes to organize a work group for this event.

Our Mission Committee continues to plan and provide ways our church can be the hands and feet of Christ in our local community, country, and internationally. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM in the chapel. Please join us.

Your Mission Committee: Mary Jane McWilliams, Arlene and Vern Sand, Jen Hoffman, Renee Nydegger, Alison Dix, Pastor Vicki Fisher, Barb Shepley, Karen Stewart

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon Calendar February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30pm Financial Peace University Class, Balcony Classroom	2	3 8 pm AA / Al-Anon Meetings
4 8:30am Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	5 6:00pm Entre Nous Book Club, Common Ground Meeting Room 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship hall	6 1:00pm Staff Meeting, Common Ground Meeting Room 6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 40, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Worship meeting, Chapel Meeting Room	7 6:00pm Praise team practice, Sanctuary 6:30pm Middle School & HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary	8 6:30pm Financial Peace University Class, Balcony Classroom	9	10 8 pm AA – Al-Anon Meetings
11 Aaron Amundson Guest Speaker - from Willis Dady Shelter 8:30am Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary 12:00pm Chili Luncheon in support of Willis Dady, Fellowship Hall	12 Girl Scouts delivery site, Fellowship hall 7:45 am to 5:30 pm 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship hall	13 1:00pm Staff Meeting, Common Ground Meeting Room 6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 40, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm SPRC Meeting, Chapel Meeting Room	14 6:00pm Praise team practice, Sanctuary 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary	15 6:30pm Financial Peace University Class, Balcony Classroom	16	17 8 pm AA – Al-Anon Meetings
18 8:30am Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	19 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship hall 7:00pm Trustees Committee Meeting, Common Ground Meeting Room	20 1:00pm Staff Meeting, Common Ground Meeting Room 6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 40, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Cornell connections planning group, Common Ground Meeting Room 6:30pm Missions meeting, Chapel Meeting Room 7:30pm Church Council Meeting, Common Ground Meeting Room	21 6:00pm Praise team practice, Sanctuary 6:30pm Middle School & HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary	22 6:30pm Financial Peace University Class, Balcony Classroom	23 Cornell Choir - dress rehearsal	24 7 pm Cornell Choir - concert 8 pm AA – Al-Anon Meetings
25 8:30am Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45am Confirmation - Mentor meetings, Fellowship Hall 9:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary 6:30pm Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall	26 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship hall	27 Boiler inspection by Hartford Steam Boiler 1:00pm Staff Meeting, Common Ground Meeting Room 6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 40, Fellowship Hall	28 6:00pm Praise team practice, Sanctuary 6:30pm Middle School & HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary	29 6:30pm Financial Peace University Class, Balcony Classroom		

Lift Up these Prayer Requests throughout the week...



Prayers for Healing:

- For David Van Cleve as he recuperates from eye surgery
- Healing for Nicole's brain injury
- For our friends and family members who are fighting the battle against cancer or other health issues

Prayers for Comfort and Strength and Safety:

- For the family and friends of Sue Nost, as they grieve for her. Sue will be missed at our Praise Service on Sunday mornings
- For Kim Guardado's 99 year old grandmother, who is ready to go home to be Jesus. Prayers for Kim's grandmother and her family during this time of waiting
- For the family and friends of Gordon Reed (Angie Watson's father) as they continue to mourn their loss
- For the family and friends of Barb Thomsen Neal, as they continue to grieve her death
- For those concerned with health issues
- For all who are struggling: emotionally, physically or spiritually

Prayers for Transition:

- For the MVCSD school board as they interview final candidates for the School Superintendent position, prayers that they are guided to select the best leader for the school district
- For all teachers, students and administrators, prayers for a safe and positive semester for all
- For all college students as they begin 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 and our Mount Vernon congregation

Prayers for our Nation and our World:

- For the community of Perry, Iowa
- 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



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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Congratulations to Mike and Suzette Kragenbrink upon becoming grandparents. Cal and Kate Kragenbrink are the proud parents, having welcomed baby girl, Nora Margaret into their family on January 17th
- 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 joy we celebrate Fred Lehman's 101st birthday!!! What a gift he is to our congregation and community
- Ralph Jordan (friend of the Pisarik's) is now home, we celebrate that joy with the Jordan family and his friends
- We are thankful that Cathy Stoner's surgery went well and her recovery is progressing as planned
- With thankful hearts we praise God for the blessings in our lives, and also take comfort that He knows the yearnings of our hearts

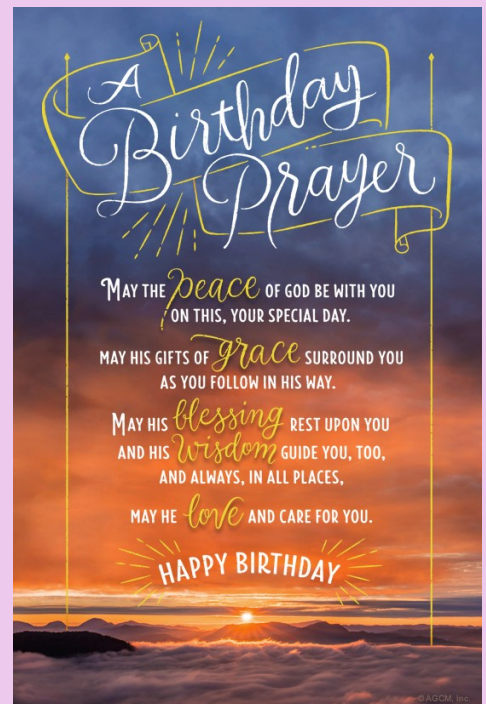


We, as the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, are here to say we are making spaces safe and affirming for all people to be themselves and that we are specifically in support of the LGBTQ+ community members. We affirm that those in the LGBTQ+ community are persons of sacred worth, full and whole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

Rob Hanson	02/02
Ethan Stanerson	02/02
David Van Cleve	02/06
Julie Baty	02/09
Betty Meeker (Hall)	02/10
Mike Kragenbrink	02/11
Carol Clark	02/12
Jennifer Hoffman	02/13
Kit Currie	02/14
Hannah Bradbury	02/16
Harrison Kraus	02/19
Tim Legore	02/19
Beckett Schaller	02/19
Jake Stanerson	02/19
Maxine Havill	02/20
Mel Steen	02/21
Karen Stoll	02/21
Natalie Ott	02/22
Jared Booth	02/24
Asher Eichhorn	02/25
Veronica Fisher	02/26

February Birthdays

**Happy
Happy
Birthday!**



Our church leadership for 2024 -Approved at Charge Conf. & Updated

Church Council

Chair	Jim Baty
Lay Leaders	Babs Moore & Ann Coe
Pastor	Pastor Vicki Fisher
SPRC Rep.	Matthew Stewart
Trustees Rep.	Susan Pisarik
Finance Rep.	Adam Krapfl
Treasurer	Mike Kragenbrink, Alison Dix
Lay reps. to Annual Conf. (2)	Kim Guardado, Renee Nydegger
Young Adult Rep.	_____

Vice Chair	<u>Pending</u>
Recording Secretary	Karen Stewart
Financial Secretary (2)	Jackie Morrical & Tim Legore
Endowment	Janet Griffith
Worship Chair	Karen Stoll
Congregational Care Coordinator	Julie Baty
Church Historian	Jamie Smith
Memorials Chair	Barb Shepley
Education Chair:	Teresa Stewart/Courtney Micheel
Missions/ Outreach Chair:	Karen Stewart

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair Matthew Stewart

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	2026
Loren Nydegger	Marilyn Schnittjer	Matthew Stewart
Al Shepley	Linda Kemp	Denise Havill
Diane Legore	Kim Guardado	___TBD___

Ex-officio: Pastor (no vote), Lay Leader, Lay member to annual conference.

Board of Trustees

Chair Susan Pisarik

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	2026
Susan Pisarik	Mary Jane McWilliams	Monte Marti
Kevin Woods	Mundo Guardado	Kristi Keast
Warren Havill	Jay Currie	Loren Hoffman

Ex-officio: Pastor (no vote), Church Council Chair

Nominations

Chair: Pastor

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	2026
Renee Nydegger	Jamie Smith	Julie Baty
	Ann Currie	Erin Krapfl

Ex-officio: Babs Moore, Lay Leader, Jim Baty Church Council Chair- may attend but doesn't have a vote.

Worship Committee will be meeting coming up February 6 @ 7 pm. We will be discussing lent, Easter and lots of fun ideas for worship! If you are interested, join in. Thanks!

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Finance

Class of 2024

Ron Coe

Class of 2025

Vince Geis

Adam Krapfl

Chair Adam Krapfl

2026

Truman Jordan

____TBD_

Ex-officio: Pastor, Church Council Chair, Trustee Representative, SPRC Representative, Dick Jacob & Jackie Morrical & Tim Legore, Financial Secretaries, Mike Kragenbrink & Alison Dix Church Treasurers, Babs Moore, Lay Leader, Renee Nydegger & Kim Guardado, Lay members to annual conference

Endowment Committee

Class of 2024

Clint Stanerson

Truman Jordan

Class of 2025

Janet Griffith

Mike Stewart

Chair Janet Griffith

2026

Jan White

Jackie Wallace

Ex-officio: Pastor, Memorials Representative, Finance Rep, Church Council Rep

Other Ministry Teams and Committees that are not filled by Nominations:

Memorials - Barb Shepley Chair

Missions—Karen Stewart, Chair

Worship Committee—Karen Stoll, Chair

2024 Finance Committee UPDATE

What are the current balances of the General Fund and the Renovation Loan as of January 15, 2024?

\$36,412 remains on the Education Wing Renovation Loan – down from the \$56,650 borrowed on 10/10/23 (including principle and interest).

\$43,354.76 is the balance of the General Fund – down from **\$55,370.81** on 1/1/23.

The Church Council passed a balanced budget for 2024 with confidence that contributions will cover all expenses. However, the congregation should prayerfully consider making an additional gift above their 2024 pledge to help eliminate the Education Wing Renovation Loan (\$36,412 outstanding). As you recall we 'borrowed' the money from the church Endowment to cover the cost of the Ed Wing project. The 6 month note comes due on April 10, 2024. Rather than renew the note, we would love to pay the balance in full!

Maybe a portion of your tax refund could be donated or a special offering given which would allow us to pay off the Education Wing Renovation Loan and continue the good works of the church!

Thanks for your support! Adam Krapfl & Finance Committee



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***United Methodist
 Church
 of Mount Vernon
 Staff***

Senior Pastor	Pastor Vicki Fisher
Praise Team Director-....	Clint Stanerson
Christian Education Director & Director of Youth Ministries...	Veronica Fisher
Congregational Care Coordinator	Julie Baty
Office Manager/Newsletter	Alison Dix
Nursery Care	Melissa McNeese
Director, Adult Handbell Choir . . .	Kristi Keast
Organist	Karen Stoll
Chancel Choir Director	Kit Currie
Choir Accompanist	Denae McGrath
Custodian	Night Shift
Maintenance & Repair Director	Trustees
Wedding Coordinator.....	Barb Shepley
Financial Secretaries	Richard Jacob, Tim Legore & Jackie Morrical
Treasurers	Mike Kragenbrink Alison Dix



Mark your calendars...

**Lent Begins Wednesday
 February 14**

**You are invited to our
 Ash Wednesday 6:30 PM worship**