



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Followers Of Christ Since 1902

The Grapevine

I am the vine; You are the branches.
John 15:5

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Fall Programs Begin at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

For Children grades K-5 - Godly Play begins with a Story, Reflection and Prayer.

For Middle School and High School Youth - Seekers (MS) & Explorers (HS) meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Youth Group (MS & HS) after Worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Youth Movie Nights on the 4th Friday of the month at the
home of our Youth Ministries Director

Turn to the Children and Youth Pages for more details!

Chancel Choir - Practice Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Bell Choir - Practices Mondays from 7:00—8:00 pm

Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 9:00 am

Women's Fellowship - 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Men's Breakfast - 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Small Groups - Call the church office 360-424-7675 to get connected with a small group

****Come find out about this year's children and youth ministry programs at 9:30 am in the Great Room on September 8th (plus coffee and donuts!)****

Come celebrate the kick off of the program year with our annual Salmon BBQ after worship on September 8

Advent is Coming!

Our play director, Gail LaFleur, needs volunteers of all ages for original plays centering on the themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by October 1st for one or more weeks. There will be two practices the week prior to each Sunday and opportunities for speaking and non-speaking parts.



September 2019 Children and Family Ministries



Church Nursery

Sundays 9 am to Noon

Drop Off & Pick Up

Play - Story - Craft

Children, Youth, and Family Info Meeting (and Donuts!)

Sun Sept 8th at 9:30 am

Families are invited to enjoy coffee and donuts while they hear about the exciting programs and events coming during the 2019-2020 program year.

Godly Play

Begin in Worship

Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Story - Reflection - Prayer



9/1 - Back to School Blessings

9/8 - Creation

9/15 - The Falling Apart

9/22 - The Ark and the Flood

9/29 - *In Worship for 5th Sunday*

Be sure to welcome our new Nursery Worker Courtney Hazelwood! She will be working with an adult volunteer every Sunday to keep the little ones safe and happy in the nursery.

Children and Family Ministries 2019-2020 Special Events

Save the Dates!

9/1 - Back to School Blessings

9/8 - Program Kick Off and BBQ

10/30 - Intergenerational Pumpkin Party

12/1 - Kids Christmas Afternoon

12/30 to 1/1 - Family Winter Retreat

1/26 to 2/9 - Secret Valentines

March TBD - Picnic at the Farm

4/11 - Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

5/17 - Spring Intergenerational Tea

5/22 to 5/25 - Family Work Weekend

6/7 - Appreciation Sunday

6/14 - Graduation & Bible Sunday

MVPC Family Small Group

The Family Small Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of most months to enjoy dinner together followed by a family-friendly time of sharing and prayer.



New families are always welcome! Talk to Rebecca to find out the next Family Small Group location.

Questions? Contact Rebecca Holland, Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Youth & Family Ministries

September 2019



Welcome to the 2019/20 Program Year!

With the start of the new school year, we are returning to regularly scheduled classes and activities! Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for growth, fellowship and fun!

Regularly Scheduled Programs

- **Seekers (MS) & Explorers (HS) classes**—Youth Bible study classes during the worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Next classes: Sept. 8 & 22.
- **Youth Group**—Fun, Faith and Fellowship for all middle and high school students, held after worship, noon-1:30 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Next meetings: Sept. 8 & 22.
- **Youth Movie Nights**—Held at the home of our youth ministries director on the 4th Friday of the month. Next movie night: Sept. 27, *Mama Mia*

Youth Movie Nights

Movie Nights are Held at the home of our youth ministries director on the 4th Friday of the month.



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| Sept. 27 | Mama Mia! |
| Oct. 25 | tbd |
| Nov. 29 | tbd |

All middle school and high school students are welcome. Friends welcome too!



Youth Mission

Once a quarter our youth group assemble hygiene kits for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program's Gifts of the Heart. We are always accepting donations of the following items for the donation box in the office. Our next assembly day is September 22. Thank you!



- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Wide tooth combs
- Nail clippers
- Full sized bars of soap (in wrapper)
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Adhesive bandage strips (bandaids)
- 1-gallon bags with zipper closures

3rd Annual Youth Retreat Day

August 24, 2019

Our youth retreat this summer focused on relationships with God. Thank you to Chris Hoke, Louise Cheney, Paul Coalwell, and Megan Nash for sharing their stories; to the parents who made time for youth to attend, and to our youth for their everlasting joy and energy!



MVPC Church Leadership 2019-2020



| Elders | | | Class Year | Ministry Area | Deacons | | Class Year |
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| Patti | Allen | 2020 | Hospitality | Brian | Anderson | 2020 | |
| Becky | Goodell | 2020 | Hospitality | Sarah | Catton | 2020 | |
| Bob | Rauch | 2020 | Discipleship | Colleen | Higbee | 2020 | |
| Bob | Higbee | 2020 | Ministry Support | Toni | Hulbert | 2020 | |
| Lou | Cheney | 2021 | Worship | Danya | Wolf | 2021 | |
| Chris | Hoke | 2021 | Discipleship | Ruth | Neal | 2021 | |
| Bruce | Lavers | 2021 | Ministry Support | Connie | Bowser | 2021 | |
| Anne | Long | 2021 | Membership/ Evangelism | Tracy | Hall | 2021 | |
| MaryEllen | Byerly | 2022 | Capital Campaign Chair | Tom | Howard | 2022 | |
| Bill | DeHon | 2022 | Mission | Chris | Johnson | 2022 | |
| Gail | LaFleur | 2022 | Worship | Sandi | Seabott | 2022 | |
| | | 2022 | | Sumiko | Shinozaki | 2022 | |

Notes from August 20th Session meeting

The meeting was opened with prayer and led through Lectio divina passage from Luke.

- Prioritizing projects to fix with Capital Campaign funds was the focus. A list was presented by Bob Higbee. We have two Rough Order of Magnitude estimates, both projecting cost to exceed projected Capital Campaign funds.
- Session concluded that a construction bridge loan, and or mortgage type loan may be needed and authorized a committee to explore finance options and Presbytery requirements.
- A volunteer team was also authorized to look at “outside the box” ways to further our mission.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Ward Ernst.

Thank you to:

- ◆ Bruce Lavers, Bob Higbee and Bill DeHon for the parking lot renewal.
- ◆ Contributors to the youth retreat: Lou Cheney, Chris Hoke, Megan Nash, Gail LaFleur, Paul & Laurel Coalwell.
- ◆ Continuing as teachers in youth group and youth classes: Aaron Kiessel, Gary Jones, David Reamer, Colleen Higbee, Mim Ambrose
- ◆ 2019-2020 Nursery volunteers: Ruth and David Neal, Sarah Maas, Barbara Hazelwood, and staff Courtney Hazelwood.
- ◆ 2019-2020 Godly Play Team: Mim Ambrose, Becky Goodell, Margo Wortham, Liz Cooksey, Gary Jones, Laurie Parker, Rebecca Holland, Lou Cheney, Darcy Olsen

(Talk to Rebecca Holland and/or Jodi Kercheval if you would like to help with the children and youth programs)



If you would like to acknowledge your gratitude for someone’s role in the church in next month’s newsletter please email Barbara in the church office. Office.mvpc@gmail.com

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

3-Anne Long

Mike & Katie Weeks

4-Micah Hall

5-Megan Nash

7-Joe & Sandra Seabott

8-Liz Rogers

9-Pete Papadopoulos

13-Eden Cooksey

14-Vicki McCarty

John and Connie Shultz

15-Phanice Olwete

17-Ron Haworth

20-Dan & Anne Long

21-Chris Yerigan

Gary & Vicki Jones

Betty Rogers



22-Val Smith

23-Michaela Holland

Dee Jobe

25-Larry Cole

29-Claire Coalwell

30-Dan Holland

Women's Fellowship

Meets the fourth Saturday,
September 28th at 9:00 am
in the Fireside Room.

The women have a message for
you. God will give you a cool glass
of water whenever you want one.

Men's Breakfast meets the
fourth Saturday, September
28th for breakfast at 9:00 am
in Good Shepherd Hall.
Come experience fellowship
and a great home-cooked
breakfast.

Are we missing your special date?

Please contact the church office at

mvpvc@mountvernonpres.org

or call or text

360-424-7675 so we can celebrate
with you!

Congratulations and blessings to
Mackenzie and Brian (and big
sister Jill) who welcomed baby
Ross into the world on August
24th. There's a box in Rebecca's
office if your family would like to
contribute any gifts or gift cards
(especially Amazon or Green
Mountain diaper
gift cards) to the
gifts from church
folks to the
growing family.



September 28th, 2019 7-9 pm
A free choral concert
At North Creek Presbyterian Church
To benefit Tall Timber Camp



Breath of Aire is not just a choir, it's an Experience! During this benefit
concert hear from Executive Director, Dave Saugen, about camp news
and from special guests about the impact of Tall Timber on their lives!
It will be an evening of fellowship, camp spirit, music, and community!

Prayer

Would You like to join a prayer group?

PEOPLE OF PRAYER

A few years ago, members of MVPC gathered to clarify how prayer is used in our church. Our vision for prayer at MVPC at that time was to pray with love in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, that one day the entire church body will be involved in this ministry without fear, as it belongs to all of us.

The experience of prayer in our church is that our congregation trusts in the power of prayer, we share our burdens and we care for each other. And we celebrate as we see the many ways God answers our prayers.



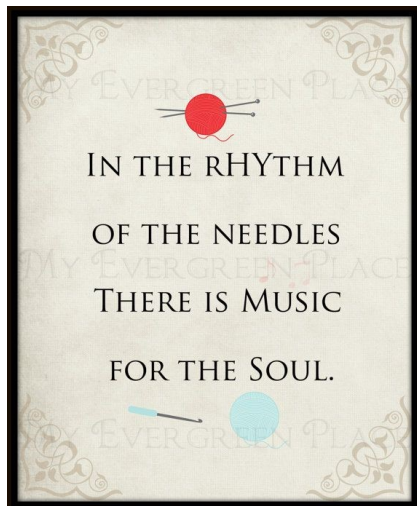
We have many venues to present prayer requests.

- On Sunday, we have the Prayers of the People, during the service.
- Please feel free to write a prayer request on the Friendship Register form during worship. These requests are given to the deacons and Tuesday prayer gathering.
- Tuesday Intercessory Prayer Gathering - this takes place each Tuesday, at 10:30 in the library. Anyone who wishes to participate in group prayer is encouraged to come. It is a warm and caring experience, with huge rewards as we recognize all of the ways God has blessed us with answered prayer.
- Small Group Gatherings - sharing and praying together in our activities, requesting interaction with the rest of the church, as desired.
- Do you know about the EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY? This is a place we can receive prayer during the week. There are two ways you can participate. 1) Sign up to be on the email Prayer Contact List (use the following email address) to receive prayer requests 2) Send in a prayer request to this same email address: prayers.mvpc@gmail.com. When you send in a request it will be reviewed by an individual for permission and confidentiality, and then sent out to those on the Prayer Contact List for immediate prayer. At this time about 30 people are participating in this ministry. Please sign up if you are interested. And if you have a friend that does not have email, sign up and then call that friend so they can pray along with you.

"Peace to you, and may we all become people of prayer".

MVPC Knitting/ Crafts

Bring your craft project and enjoy fellowship with other MVPC knitter, crocheters, and more on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of every month from Noon to 1pm in the Great Room. Questions? Talk with Patti Allen



Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Growing followers of Christ

Our Vision Statement

*E*ncounter The Hope
of the living God through Jesus Christ

*E*ngage One Another
in authentic friendship

*E*mbbrace The World
with the heart and hands of Jesus

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS @ MVPC:

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| Centering Prayer: | Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Pastor Dan's office |
| Intercessory Prayer Group: | Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Library |
| Small Groups: | Call the church to get connected to a small group! |
| Friendship House: | First Thursday and second Tuesday @ Friendship House |
| Family Small Group: | 2nd & 4th Sundays at 5 pm starting 9/22. Please RSVP |
| Youth Movie Night: | 4th Fridays @ 5:30 pm |
| Chancel Choir: | Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 pm |
| Bell Choir practice: | Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. |
| Tea @ 2: | Last Thurs at 2 p.m. in Fireside Room (March through Sept) |
| Women's Fellowship: | Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. |
| Men's Breakfast: | Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. |
| Deacons Meeting: | 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. |
| Personnel Committee: | 3rd Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. |
| Session Meeting: | 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. |
| Worship Team Meeting: | 1st Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. |
| Finance Committee: | 2nd Tuesday at 5 p.m. in library |
| Mission Team Meeting: | 4th Sunday (Stay tuned for meeting time) |
| Children & Family Team: | 3rd week of Oct, Jan, April & July |

THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT MVPC ...

9:00 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

The Bible Class

An in-depth exploration of the Bible through discussion-based study for adults in the Conference Room.

10:30 WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

GODLY PLAY (K through 5th) Begin in Worship and will be returned to parents at 11:45

SEEKERS & EXPLORERS Youth (MS & HS) Begin in Worship; dismissed on 2nd & 4th Sundays to classes.

Youth are always welcome to stay in Worship.

11:45 FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please stay to enjoy treats and good conversation!

Noon - 1:30 YOUTH GROUP 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Great Room for Fun, Faith and Fellowship.

***Nursery Care Available 9 am to Noon.**

